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To Brian Ferneyhough on the occasion of his 60th birthday.

Duration: 2 dense minutes.

The tape part consists exclusively of sonically transformed samples from a recording of Brian Ferneyhough's percussion solo *Bone Alphabet*.

The tape is a 2-channel recording available on CD.

A rehearsal CD consisting of 75 tracks, each corresponding to various measures and groups of measures—always repeated eight times—is also available.

The Tape and Its Notation

The tape should be presented in stereo, preferably through speakers located behind or to the sides of the players. The volume level should be considerable, balanced with the players, and in relation to the given hall acoustic. It is suggested that a technician start the playback in coordination with the players' downbeat.

A monophonic distillation of the tape part is represented graphically in the score.

The division of the tape part into measures was undertaken in order to give the performers a compass with which to navigate the coordination between live sound and tape. Sensible meters were associated with each measure and the resulting tempo (rounded to the closest integer) appears in the score. An *approximate* rhythmic description of the tape part also appears. The players should play in unison with the tape sound in passages where the tape and percussion rhythms are described in the same manner (i.e. mm 17-42). Measure numbers appear just above the graphic waveforms.

Within each measure the passing of real time corresponds to the measure's graphic width. However, the rate of time passage sometimes changes *between* measures. For example, measure 41 appears to be the same graphic width as measure 40; however, the duration of measure 41 is approximately half that of measure 40. A list of real start times for each measure appears in appendix A.

Each measure may be heard individually on the rehearsal CD, repeated eight times in immediate succession. Because the graphic and rhythmic description of the music is approximate, the players may find it instructive to familiarize themselves first with each measure by listening to the rehearsal CD. A detailed listing of the rehearsal CD contents appears in appendix B.

Percussion Instrumentation and Notation

Percussion 1
2 Crotales: C5 & B5 (written pitch, sounding 2 octaves higher)
C Harmonica (10-hole, diatonic; i.e. Hohner Marine Band)†

Bass drum

Bass druin
Bongos (low, high)
Tambourine (frame drum; with jingles, mounted)
Low, massive gong (i.e. 30" Balinese gong); ossia: large tam-tam

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Maraca or shaker

Pendulum metronome††

3 glass bottles

Paper for tearing (attached to the bottom of a music stand tray, the paper may be torn downwards with one hand)
Plastic bag (i.e. grocery freezer bag; this may be hung from a stand and played with a stick)

Hard sticks

Large gong beater Superball mallet

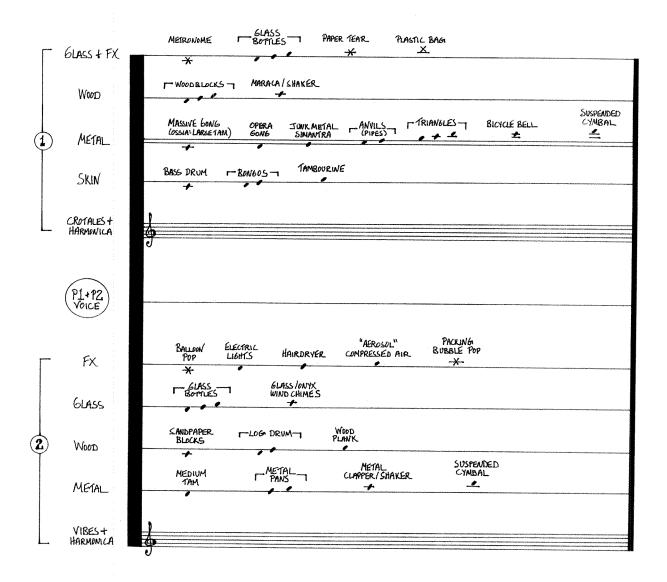
Note: Percussion 1 will take care to choose a set-up that best accommodates measures 29 & 30.

Percussion 2

Vibraphone, motor off (plus bow) Db Harmonica (10-hole, diatonic; i.e. Hohner Marine Band)† Medium tam-tam 2 metal pans (medium or thin; i.e. cake pans or pie plates) Metal clapper or shaker Suspended cymbal (dark) Sandpaper blocks Log drum (low & high pitches) Wood plank (medium or high) 3 glass bottles Glass or onyx wind chimes 3 balloons for popping (3 balloons appear onstage; only 2 are actually popped)
Decorative electric lights (1 or more strings of white or colored lights draped fancifully among both percussion set-ups)†††
Hairdryer (used on low setting); ossia: low revving electric appliance††† Can of "aerosol" compressed air††† Packing bubble wrap for popping (only one bubble needed) 4 medium or hard yarn mallets Vibraphone bow Balloon popping prick (may be attached to a mallet)

Instrumentation Notes

- † If C & Db harmonicas are not available, others may be substituted provided that they are a semitone apart.
- †† The pendulum metronome may be pre-set with a wedge of foam rubber or other material which, when removed, allows the pendulum to swing freely; when replaced, the pendulum ceases. The metronome's tempo should be set to 102 and the first click should sound on the downbeat of measure 49.
- ††† The player may find it helpful to attach the electrical devices (hairdryer, decorative lights) to electric switches and thereby activate them.
- †††† "Aerosol" cans of compressed air may be purchased at electronic supply stores. (They are intended to blow particles and dust out of electronic components.) It is preferred that aerosol products which engender a scent not be substituted. Compressed air should not be transported on the airplane.



Vocalized Sounds

Vocalized sounds are to be articulated by both players in unison.

The adopted notational convention is the international phonetic alphabet which is widely referenced, including appendix 11 of Alfred Blatter's Instrumentation and Orchestration, second edition. The exception is the vocalization in measures 67-68—the English word sixty—to be whispered 3-5 times per player during the given duration; the players need not coordinate these articulations, and the word should not be clearly comprehended by the audience.

The vocal articulation in measures 5-6 sounds like the English word near and is very nasal.

The vocal articulation in measure 9 sounds like the English word knee.

The vocal articulations in measures 55, 59, & 62 sound like the English word hay.

The vocal articulation in measure 57 sounds like the English word hoe. The vocal articulation in measure 60 sounds like the English word high.

The vocal articulation in measure 65 sounds like laughter—hah.

Harmonicas

Common, 10-hole, diatonic harmonicas are to be used, such as the Hohner brand Marine Band model. If C & Db harmonicas are not available, others may be substituted provided that they are a semitone apart. Note: they should not be a major 7th or minor 9th apart.

The first five holes (1-5) are to be played together thereby producing the given 5-note chord. It is also acceptable to omit the top note of the chord by playing only the first four holes (1-4).

Blow is indicated by an upward arrow:

Draw is indicated by a downward arrow:



Trills are made to the notes given in parentheses.



Rapid, unmeasured tremolo.



Glissandi occur over the entire duration given. Stems are provided to depict duration and do not suggest moments of re-articulation or emphasis—unless accompanied by an accent mark.

A grace note figure to be played as fast as possible.



Repetition of the note.

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Niente.



The temporal location of bracketed notes are left to the performer's discretion; the notes are to be played in the given chronology and may not fall outside the brackets' scope. The commencement of the four events in mm. 67-68 is initiated by percussion 1.



Choked, muted.

Accidental Policy

Accidentals apply only to the notes to which they immediately adhere. Additional "courtesy" natural signs are often supplied.

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Appendix A: Measure Start Times (minutes: seconds . milliseconds)

1. 0.000 18. 44.321 2. 1.487 19. 44.785 3. 2.676 20. 45.249 4. 4.012 21. 45.925 5. 6.580 22. 46.751 6. 10.523 23. 47.578 7. 12.366 24. 48.680 8. 14.214 25. 49.782 9. 16.657 26. 51.187 10. 19.402 27. 52.592 11. 21.598 28. 54.530 12. 24.343 29. 56.467 13. 27.138 30. 58.666 14. 29.933 31. 1:00.864 15. 32.530 32. 1:02.612 16. 34.974 33. 1:04.360 17. 43.857 34. 1:05.668	35. 1:06.727 36. 1:07.785 37. 1:08.625 38. 1:09.465 39. 1:10.024 40. 1:10.584 41. 1:11.143 42. 1:11.404 43. 1:12.447 44. 1:20.952 45. 1:23.165 46. 1:25.594 47. 1:28.022 48. 1:30.450 49. 1:32.805 50. 1:35.150 51. 1:36.052	52. 1:37.125 53. 1:38.197 54. 1:39.269 55. 1:40.342 56. 1:41.414 57. 1:42.486 58. 1:43.559 59. 1:44.631 60. 1:45.703 61. 1:46.776 62. 1:47.848 63. 1:48.920 64. 1:49.993 65. 1:51.065 66. 1:52.137 67. 1:53.210 68. 1:57.089
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Appendix B: Rehearsal CD Track Contents (given in measures; the selection is repeated 8 times on each track)

1. 1	21. 15	41.30	61. 45-46
2. 3	22. 12-15◊	42. 29-30	62. 45-48
3. 1-3	23. 16	43. 17-30	63. 49
4. 4	24. 9-16◊	44. 31	64. 50
5, 5	25. 17-19	45. 32	
6. 4-5	26. 20		65, 49-50
7. 1-5◊	27. 21	46. 31-32	66. 44-50
8. 6		47. 33	67. 41-50◊
9. 7	28. 22	48. 34-35	68. 51
	29. 21-22	49. 33-35	69. 51-57
10. 8	30. 17-22	50. 29-35	70. 58-66◊
11.6-8	31. 23	51.36	71. 51-66◊
12.1-80	32. 24	52.37	72. 67-68
13.9	33, 23-24	53. 36-37	
14. 10	34. 25	54. 38-40	73. 51-680
15. 11	35. 26		74. 44-68◊
16. 9-110	36. 25-26	55. 36-40	75. 1-68 (the complete tape
17. 1-110		56. 41-42	part; one time only—no
18. 12	37. 23-26	57. 29-42	repetitions)
	38. 17-26	58. 43	
19.13	39. 27-28	. 59. 41-43	
20. 14	40, 29	60. 17-43	

[◊] a brief pause appears between repetitions

