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Kolme sanaa

Tribute to Kalevala
for string quartet

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KOLME SANAA (Three Words) - Tribute to Kalevala
for string quartet and ambient CD



INSTRUCTIONS for the musicians:

Musicians sit around a loudspeaker (MONO sound) in following order:

VI.1	VI.2
loudspeaker	
Vle.	Vc.
(audience)	

Sounds on the ambient CD are kind of "original" sounds from Kalevalaic time and are strongly connected with Mother Nature. The string quartet part brings out the human element, and those connected with boat, boat building and boat movement.

Kolme sanaa (Three Words) is commissioned by The Kalevala Society and created on given text. In this project I was cooperating with the sculptor Martti Aiha. In our cooperation process parts of Kalevala, poems 16 to 18, were translated and transformed into music and sculpture.

In the concert situation, since the setting is kind of ritualistic, I would like to continue this ritualistic thought visually too. Loudspeaker could be covered with azure or ice glittering white or black shiny cloth. This is free for musicians to decide about, depending how they experience the music and how they use their imagination. Azure color could represent water, white color ice and black color a cosmic element (kind of a black box - Pandora's box - a black hole). I see the cloth being rather big, reaching and covering the floor around, theatrical, kind of antique.

(Runot 16 - 18, tärkeät kohdat:

16. runo : laivapuita etsimään, veistää niistä venettä ja kaipaa kolmea sanaa

17. runo : pitkästä unestansa maan alla

18. runo : purjehtii uudella veneellänsä Pohjan ja rientää hänki, hevosella rantaa myöten, Pohjolaan)

INSTRUCTIONS for the sound technician:

On the provided CD (MONO sound), the ambient sound part exists in two different formats:

No. 1. - as one continuous part, from the beginning to the end or

No. 2.- 7. - as divided in 6 sections.

This gives an option to play the ambient part either as one continuous whole, or control its progress in time. In the concert situation musicians are much free and the timing much more accurate if the sound sections of the ambient part are placed together with quartet in real time. Speak with the musicians and choose the method which is the most convenient.

No. 8. on the CD is ambient sound together with Finale version (computer notation program) of the string quartet part. This version is for practising purpose and enable to you and the musicians to get the timing idea of both parts. This version is not meant for performing.

The ambient sounds, although always in the background, should be heard clearly. Musicians perform acoustically, so very delicate ear is needed to balance these two elements into one world.

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a tempo
 ♩ = 50
 pitkää unestansa maan alla

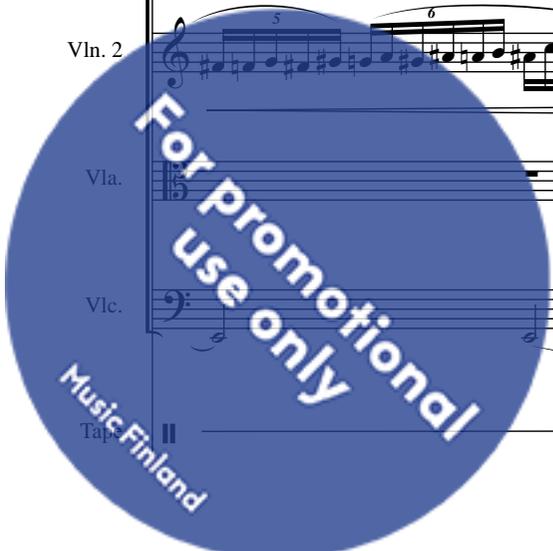
Vln. 1
 Vln. 2
 Vla.
 Vlc.
 Tape

WIND STOPS
 SILENCE
 WATER UNDER ICE
 (Section 2.)

p
gliss.
mf
p

Vln. 1
 Vln. 2
 Vla.
 Vlc.
 Tape

f
p



.... purjehtii uudella veneellänsä Pohjan

57

Vln. 1 *pp* *pp* *pp* *p* *p*

Vln. 2 *pp* *pp* *pp* *p* *pp*

Vla. *pp* *pp* *pp* *p* *pp*

Vlc. *mp* *f* *mf*

Tape || → SILENCE

ICE SOUNDS 2.
(Section 3.)

67

Vln. 1 *mp* *f* *p* *sim.* *mp* *sf* *mp* *mp* *sim.*

Vln. 2 *mp* *mf* *p* *sim.* *mp* *sf* *mp* *mp* *sim.*

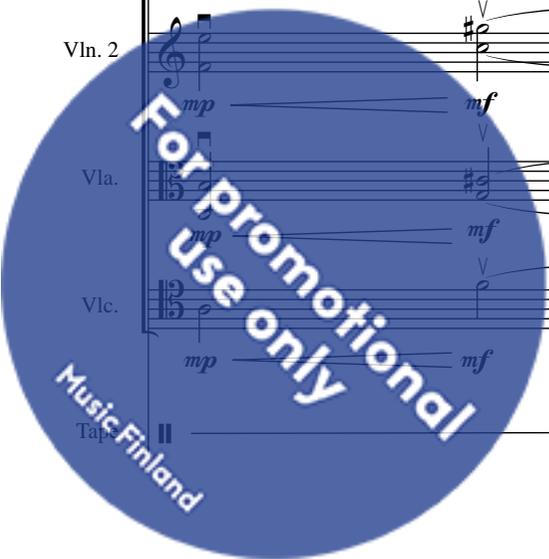
Vla. *mp* *mf* *p* *sim.* *mp* *sf* *mp* *mp* *sim.*

Vlc. *mp* *mf* *mf* *sim.* *mp* *sf* *mp* *mp* *sim.*

Tape || → SILENCE

piu mosso ♩ = 55

piu mosso ♩ = 60



75 *poco a poco rit.* *a tempo* ♩ = 60

Vln. 1 *poco a poco rit.* *mp* *p*

Vln. 2 *poco a poco rit.* *mp* *mf* *f* *p*

Vla. *poco a poco rit.* *mp* *mf* *f* *mf* *p*

Vlc. *poco a poco rit.* *mp* *mf* *f* *mf* *p*

Tape || ICE SOUNDS 3. SILENCE

(Section 4.)

83 *meno mosso* ♩ = 55 *a tempo* ♩ = 60

Vln. 1 *ppp* *p* *mp*

Vln. 2 *ppp* *p* *mp* *sul pont.* *mp*

Vla. *p* *mf* *ppp* *sul pont.* *mp* *f* *mp*

Vlc. *p* *mf* *ppp* *sul pont.* *poco accel.* *ord.* *sub. p* *mp*



92

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Tape

ICE SOUNDS 4.
(Section 5.)

SILENCE

102

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

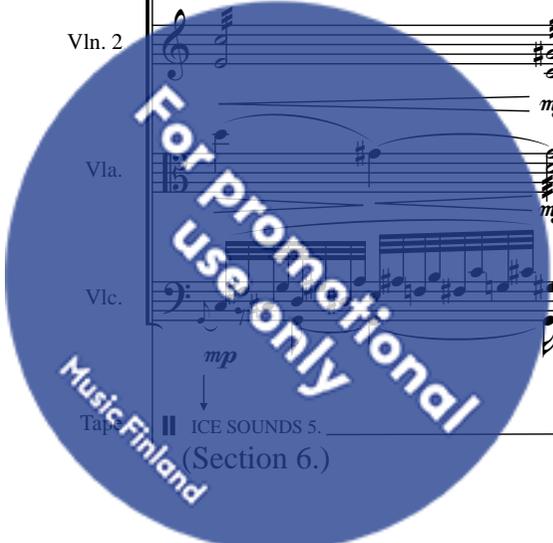
Vla.

Vlc.

Tape

ICE SOUNDS 5.
(Section 6.)

(ICE)



108

Vln. 1 *p* *pp* *mp* *p* *mp* *p*

Vln. 2 *mp* *pp* *mp* *p* *mp* *p* *mp*

Vla. *mf* *p*

Vlc. *pp* *ppp* *mp*

Tape || + NORDIC WIND → ICE SOUNDS STOPs

con sordino (wooden sordino)

con sordino (wooden sordino)

118

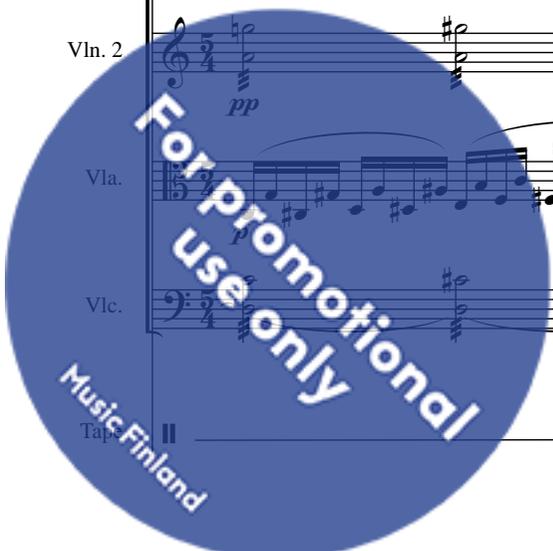
Vln. 1 *mp* *sf* *mf* pizz. arco pizz. arco *secco*

Vln. 2 *pp* *mf* pizz. arco *secco*

Vla. *mf* 3 3

Vlc. 5 5 3 3

Tape || + ROPE SOUND (Nordic wind and Rope continues all the way to the end of the piece)



.... ja rientää hänki, hevosella rantaa myöten, Pohjolaan

122

Vln. 1 *mf* *sim.*

Vln. 2 *mf* *sim.*

Vla. *mf* *sul pont.* *pp*

Vlc. *f* *pp* *p* *f*

Tape ||

127

Vln. 1 *f* *mf* *sim.*

Vln. 2 *p* *ord.* *pizz.* *arco*

Vla. *ord.* *mf* *sul pont.* *pp*

Vlc. *p* *f* *f*

Tape || + HORSE GALLOP (Doubles effect) sound 1.



130

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Tape

meno mosso $\text{♩} = 55$

pizz. *arco* *poco rit.* *arco* *8va* *a tempo*

p *mf* *mf* *mp* *mp* *mf* *ppp*

(... horse gallop ...) + HORSE GALLOP (Doppler effect) sound 2. + HORSE BREATH SOUND

136

Vln. 1

Vln. 2

Vla.

Vlc.

Tape

ppp *mp* *ppp*

... WIND ...

