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for large glockenspiel and tape



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Performance notes

Bell Songs 2 is the second piece in a series composed for unusual mallet instruments. Bell Songs 2 is written for a 4 octave pedal glockenspiel, such as the one produced by Adams Percussion.

The special notation is as follows:

the wavy line over a note means to create a vibrato effect by raising and lowering a cupped hand over the ringing note in a quick motion after the note has been struck.



The small circle above the note indicates that the player must whistle in unison with the note being played. The down bow marking indicates that the note is played with a bass bow, and not struck with a mallet.



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All notes marked with staccato are played with the dampen pedal on, all other notes are left to ring.

The mallets should be medium hard

The first part of the piece is performed without the tape and should be performed very freely. The indicated rhythms and rest are to be used as quides to the overall flow of the music.

The tape can be started after the solo is finished.

Since there are no bar lines in the opening, all accidentals have been notated for each note. Accidentals apply only to the note it is attached to. The only exception are notes which are then repeated in the same octave immediately after the first note which has an accidental. In that case all of the same notes have the same accidental applied to them. In the second part of there are bar lines, the normal practice of accidentals apply, ie. all notes in the affected by the accidental.

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aspiel should be miked and mixed in with the tape. It is strongly er is used to manage the balance of these two elements. The CD ixed copy of the tape, and also all of the wav. files of the tape part. these files can be loaded into any sequencer on a laptop enabling to the accustics of the hall.











