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Deformations I-II

for Bass Clarinet, Cello, Piano and electronics

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This piece deals with the horrifying physical deformations malnutrition causeses to humans.

Rachitis - rickets - is caused by lack of vitamin D. It is common especially among children suffering from starvation and typical symptoms include bending of bones and skeletal fragility.

Scorbutus - scurvy - is a disease resulting from a deficiency of vitamin C. In the past it was common among sailors. The following testimony was given by Antonio Pigafetta in 1521.

"This was the worst: the gums of some of the men swelled over their upper and lower teeth, so that they could not eat and so died"

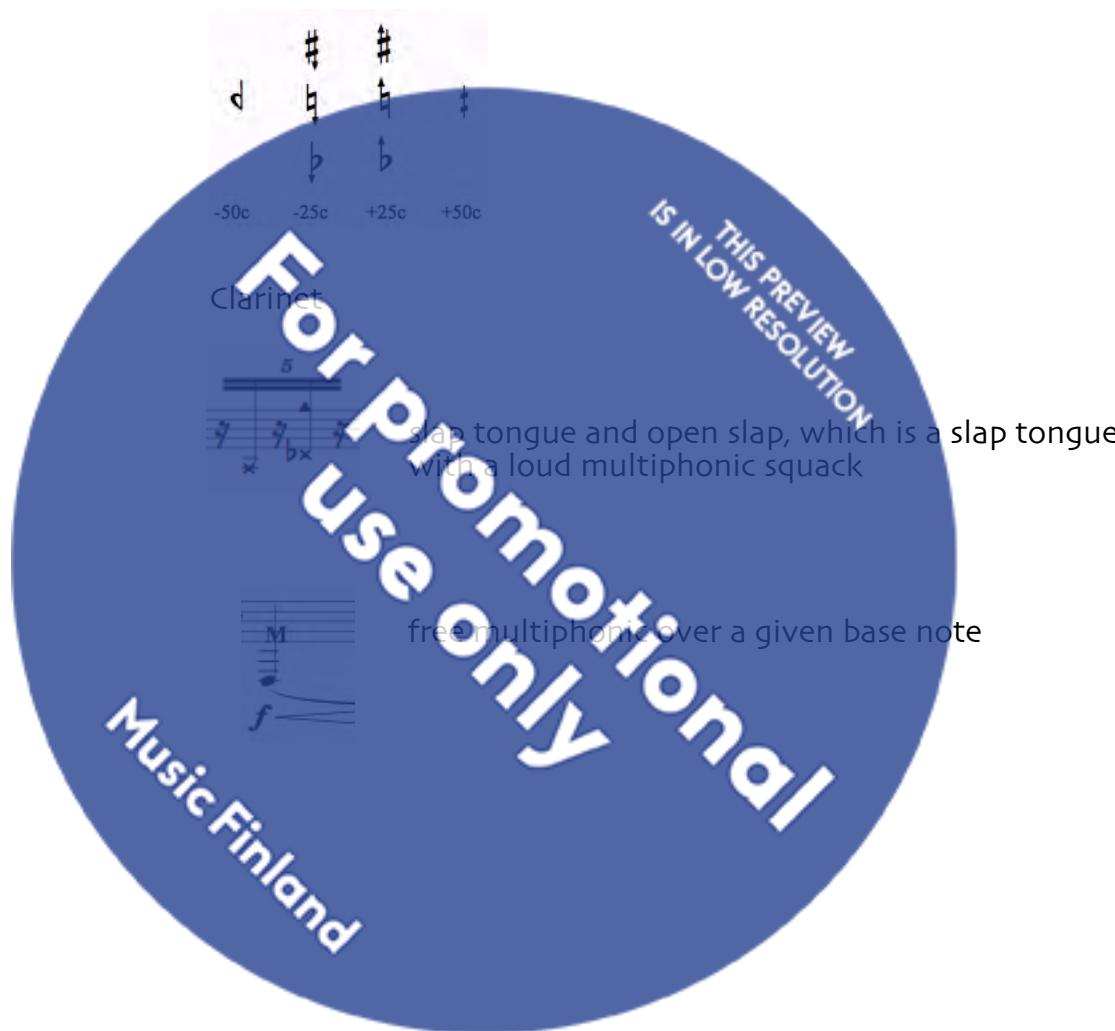
Note for performers:

The work is to be played from score.

Four strings from piano is to be prepared with Blu-tack or similar. The strings are the lowest A, d₃, c-sharp₃ and c₅. A superball mallet is needed for the piano part.

Electronic part concists of soundfiles and live-electronic effects. These are triggered with a Max/Msp patch by a separate person. Two mics for piano is needed for live processing.

Notation:



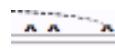
Cello



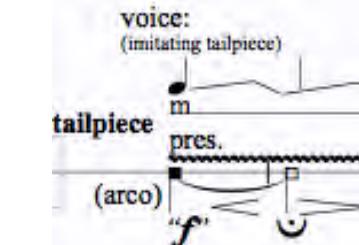
damping sign. Damp strings with left hand on the given pitch and play pizzicato.



play a Bartok pizzicato and immediately afterwards damp all strings with palm.



single grains with very slow bow speed and some pressure and very much sul tasto.



play tailpiece with bow. Use a lot of pressure to make the tailpiece resonate, and imitate the sound with quiet muttering

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I - Rachitis

Score is not in C

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1 soundfile, + modulation and distortion for piano

Electronics

Bass Clarinet in B \flat

Violoncello

Piano

9

Elec.

B. Cl.

Vc.

Pno.

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4 14

Elec. B. Cl. Vc. Pno.

fragile

5 **3** **6** **8** **7** **3** **8**

fff **pp** **fff** **ppp** **molto vibr. (large and slow)**

fragile

5 **3** **6** **8** **7** **3** **8**

fff **pp** **p** **fff** **ppp** **molto vibr. (large and slow)**

(8) **1** **8va** **1** **8va** **1** **8va**

hit metal frame w/ knuckles **ffff** **pp cluster w/ palm on strings** **ffff** **pp** **ffff** **p** **6** **6**

"mf" **3** **"mf"** **ppp** **Ped.** **3** **3** **3** **3**

5 **2** **2** **3** **7** **4**

8 **8** **8** **8** **8** **8**

senza vibr. **p** **fff** **f** **pp**

senza vibr. **p** **fff** **f** **pp**

6 **3** **3** **3** **3** **3** **3** **3**

fff **p** **f** **p** **f** **p** **f** **p**

5 **5** **5** **5** **5** **5** **5** **5**

fff **fff** **fff** **fff** **fff** **fff** **fff** **fff**

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24

Elec.

B. Cl.

Vc.

Pno.

fade out

5

4

p

mf

ord. → **s.t.**

<mf

p

fff

5

fff

5

5

6

3

change pedal ad lib.

28

meno mosso

a tempo

8

Elec.

B. Cl.

Vc.

Pno.

(freeze, listen to beatings)

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fff

p

f

fff

arco

3

s.t., reduce bow speed

5

fff

p

f

5

meno mosso

8va

pp

freeze

cluster w/ palm on strings

hit metal frame w/ knuckles

ffff

mp

mf

a tempo

5

p

3

fff

p

Ped.

f

Ped.

Ped.

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6 35

Elec. 3 2 4 6

B. Cl. quasi echo molto vibr. only air, flatterz.
"p"

Vc. arco s.t., quasi echo, senza vibrato molto vibr. quasi niente
"p" pp

Pno. 3 2 4 6 8 5 3 6 6 6 3 3 cluster w/ palm on strings
Ped.

9 fade out



II - Scorbatus

7

II - Scorbutus

10 *distorted piano (quiet)*

11 *distorted piano, (fade previous)*

12 *distorted cello and piano*

Electronics

Bass Clarinet in B_b

Violoncello

Piano

7

52

13

Elec. 5 16 *pp* 2 2 5 16 *ff* distorted clarinet and cello

B. Cl. 16 2 5 16 *f* THIS PREVIEW IS IN LOW RESOLUTION

II col legno battuto 5 16 *p* 16 *ff* 8va

damp the string w/finger 16 *ff* 8va

Pno. 5 *p* 16 *ff* 8va

moan into the mouthpiece
like if trying to shout when mouth is covered.
keys closed. Imitating cello part.

B. Cl. 64

“mf” fff ffp < ff ffp < ff p “mf” mf “mf”

Vc. voice:
(imitating tailpiece) tailpiece pres. (arco) “f” fff arco ff = ff = p “f” mf “f”

Pno. 3 6 ff 3 ff ff w/ palm on strings mf pp ppp

Meno mosso as before as before pizz. as before pres. Ped. Ped. Ped.

Elec. 71 6 5 distorted piano pp A tempo

B. Cl. 3 as before 3 as before f 5 6 f ff p cresc. -

Pno. THIS PREVIEW IS IN LOW RESOLUTION draw a superball mallet on metal bars draw a superball mallet on metal bars pizz. f “mf” f pizz. f f arco 3 6 p cresc. -

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pedal ad lib. f p cresc. -

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Elec. B. Cl. Vc. Pno.

80

16 distorted cl, vc and pno ff

fff fff fff ff

pp f arco s.p. pp f pp f pp f s.p.

mf pp f Ped.

18

90

Elec. Bass: Measure 18 starts with a bass clef, 5/4 time, and a dynamic of 90. The measure consists of a single note followed by a rest. Measure 19 begins with a bass clef, 2/4 time, and a dynamic of ff. It features a sustained note with a grace note above it, followed by a series of eighth-note pairs.

B. Cl.: Measure 18 starts with a bass clef, 5/4 time, and a dynamic of ff. The measure consists of a single note followed by a rest. Measure 19 begins with a bass clef, 2/4 time, and a dynamic of ff. It features a sustained note with a grace note above it, followed by a series of eighth-note pairs.

Vc.: Measure 18 starts with a bass clef, 5/4 time, and a dynamic of ff. The measure consists of a single note followed by a rest. Measure 19 begins with a bass clef, 2/4 time, and a dynamic of ff. It features a sustained note with a grace note above it, followed by a series of eighth-note pairs.

Pno.: Measure 18 starts with a bass clef, 5/4 time, and a dynamic of ff. The measure consists of a single note followed by a rest. Measure 19 begins with a bass clef, 2/4 time, and a dynamic of ff. It features a sustained note with a grace note above it, followed by a series of eighth-note pairs.

19

distorted piano pp

Elec. Bass: Measure 19 continues with a bass clef, 2/4 time, and a dynamic of pp. The measure consists of a single note followed by a rest. The piano part is labeled "distorted piano pp".

B. Cl.: Measure 19 continues with a bass clef, 2/4 time, and a dynamic of ff. The measure consists of a single note followed by a rest. The piano part is labeled "distorted piano pp".

Vc.: Measure 19 continues with a bass clef, 2/4 time, and a dynamic of ff. The measure consists of a single note followed by a rest. The piano part is labeled "distorted piano pp".

Pno.: Measure 19 continues with a bass clef, 2/4 time, and a dynamic of ff. The measure consists of a single note followed by a rest. The piano part is labeled "distorted piano pp".

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20

fade out

11

94

Elec. 5 8

B. Cl.

Vc.

Pno.

Ped.

only air

f p f p f "pp" "fpp" "fpp"

arco
ord. (s.t.)

fp fp f pp

8vb mp

8vb f mf mp

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