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Monstrous Dimensions

for Guitar and Percussion

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PERFORMANCE NOTES

Remain still when *Silence* occurs.

GUITAR

Slide is used throughout this piece.

Slide (r.h.) means that the slide is played with the right hand, slide (l.h.) with the left hand.

Glissando with the slide (r.h.)
All the strings are damped with the left hand. (11-12)

Hit the strings with the slide (r.h.)
As a result of this the chord is sounding a quarter tone higher. In addition to this the natural resonance of the chord is also sounding due to the soundboard. This combination creates the sound of a *slightly out of tune chord*. This is always marked by a natural accidental with an arrow up above the chord.
After this, make glissando on the chord with the slide to the normal position. (18)

Very fast tremolo with the slide (r.h.)
Hold the slide sideways.
As loud and dense as possible. (51-52)

clattering sound strengthening → 12th fret **clattering sound weakening** → 5th fret
Move the slide gradually to the fretboard towards the 12th fret.
The tremolo with the slide creates a *clattering sound* when moving to the fretboard. (54-59)

Tranquillo, misterioso
p = ca.65
Hit the strings with the slide (r.h.) near the bridge. As a result of this the pitches are sounding a quarter tone higher. But hit only the first string, don't lift up the slide, just let the slide drop to the other strings. (72-73)

Glissando with the slide (r.h.)
near the bridge. (74)

ord. → 3 **p**
Hit the strings in the normal playing position with the slide (r.h.). (80)
The noteheads of the chords are marked with the shape of triangle.

(r.h.) and make a very fast motion back and forth with the slide.
sound. (95)
, some resonance of the soundboard should sound.

slide (r.h.). All the strings are damped with the left hand.
not indicating pitches, but approximate differences of height.

f Create motion up and down with the slide (l.h.) starting and ending on the pitch a quarter tone lower. This is indicated by the ascending and descending line above the notes. Note that in order to play the pitch a quarter tone lower, the position of the slide has to be sideways. (149-151)

Same as before but the position of the slide (l.h.) is now symmetrically sideways and hold the slide in your hand. (184-185)

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Make a very fast tremolo motion with the slide (r.h.). All the strings are damped with the left hand. This creates a kind of strengthening and weakening *vibrato sound*. (213-215)
Hold the slide sideways.

pont. → ord.

Glissando with the slide (r.h.) on the chord. Starting from the normal position, sliding towards the bridge and back. This creates the sound for the chord which is a combination of pitch and noise. (228-229)

**Played without the slide.
Make circular motion from left to right on the strings with the palm of the right hand to create a kind of *r u b b i n g s o u n d*.
All the strings are damped with the left hand. (289)**

pont. → ord.

Glissando with the slide (r.h.) on the chord from near the bridge to the normal position. (304-305)

ord. Bridge

quietly resonating harmony

**Arpeggio down and up with the slide (r.h.) played on the bridge. As a result of this the harmony written on the staff below is resonating quietly. (312-314)
Hold the slide in vertical position.**

pont.

**Arpeggio on the chord with the slide (r.h.) near the bridge. (318)
Hold the slide in horizontal position.**



PERCUSSION

RATCHET
BASS DRUM
SHELL CHIMES
TRIANGLE WITH WATER
TEMPLE BLOCKS
COWBELL
CROTALES
RAINSTICK

RATCH.

Irregular motion with the Ratchet during the time indicated by the time signature. The opening beam means that the motion is accelerating and the closing beam means slowing motion. (1-2)

B.D. with palms - skin

The Bass Drum is played throughout the piece with hands, creating sound with palms and fingers.

B.D. with fingers - skin

Circular motion from left to right with the palms of both hands on the surface of the drum. When the motion makes a full circle it is always emphasized with the palms and marked with an accent. Use skin to create *soft sound*. (39-40)

S.C.

Notation of the Shell Chimes. (73)

T.W.W.

The triangle is played with water in this piece. Use some kind of aquarium for this purpose and fill it with water. The idea is to change the height of the tone by lowering the triangle into the water and lifting it up. This creates the sound of a *swaying* tone. (76) The change of the height of the tone is always indicated by the descending and ascending line above the notes.

T.B.

For the notation of the Temple Blocks a staff of three lines is used. (83)

COWB.

For the notation of the Cowbell a staff of three lines is used. The circle above the note means that the sound is produced on the mouth of the Cowbell. The plus above the note means that the sound is produced on the closed end of the Cowbell. (126-127)

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The pitch range of the Crotale.

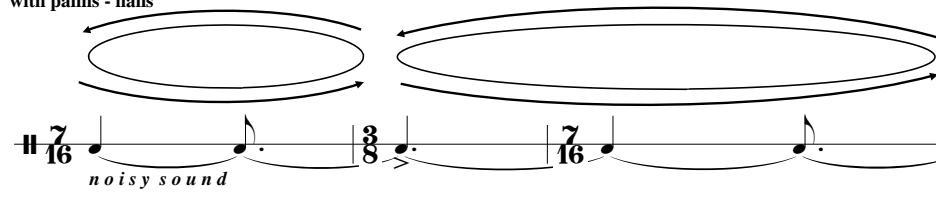
The crotale played with the bow. (153-154)

Lowering the triangle gradually into the water and gradually lifting it up. (208-211)

Lowering the triangle gradually into the water and keeping it there below the waterline. The idea is that the tremolo made with the metal stick below and above the waterline creates *sounds of water splashes*. (233-242)

B.D.

with palms - nails

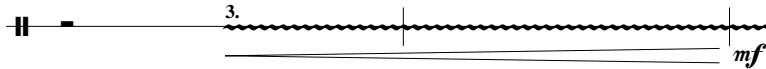


Circular motion with the palms of both hands on the surface of the drum.
When the motion makes a full circle it is always emphasized with the palms.
Use nails to create *noisy sound*. (272-274)

CROT. with metal sticks

Releasing the crotale and letting it ring normally.

Creating dry sound by damping the crotale with the other hand (marked with +).
As a result of this the damped pitch is sounding approximately
a quarter tone lower. (301-304)

RAINS.

Notation of the Rainstick (preferably with needles of cactus).
(340-342)



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System 1:

- Gtr.**: Treble clef, 4/4 time. Notes are mostly rests or short dashes. A box labeled "RATCH." is placed over a sustained note in the first measure.
- Perc.**: Common time (indicated by "4"). Sustained notes in measures 1 and 3, followed by a dynamic "ff" in measure 4.
- Vocal:** "Silence" is written above the staves in measures 1, 2, 3, and 4.

System 2:

- Gtr.**: Treble clef, 4/4 time. Measures 1-3 show sustained notes. Measure 4 starts with a dynamic "ff" and includes sixteenth-note patterns with grace marks.
- Perc.**: Common time (indicated by "4"). Measures 1-3 show sustained notes. Measure 4 starts with a dynamic "ff" and includes sixteenth-note patterns with grace marks.
- Vocal:** "Silence" is written above the staves in measures 1, 2, 3, and 4.

System 3:

- Gtr.**: Treble clef, 4/4 time. Measures 1-3 show sixteenth-note patterns with grace marks. Measure 4 starts with a dynamic "ff" and includes sixteenth-note patterns with grace marks.
- Perc.**: Common time (indicated by "4"). Measures 1-3 show sustained notes. Measure 4 starts with a dynamic "ff" and includes sixteenth-note patterns with grace marks.
- Vocal:** "Silence" is written above the staves in measures 1, 2, 3, and 4.

System 4:

- Gtr.**: Treble clef, 4/4 time. Measures 1-3 show sixteenth-note patterns with grace marks. Measure 4 starts with a dynamic "ff" and includes sixteenth-note patterns with grace marks.
- Perc.**: Common time (indicated by "4"). Measures 1-3 show sustained notes. Measure 4 starts with a dynamic "ff" and includes sixteenth-note patterns with grace marks.
- Vocal:** "Silence" is written above the staves in measures 1, 2, 3, and 4.

System 5:

- Gtr.**: Treble clef, 4/4 time. Measures 1-3 show sixteenth-note patterns with grace marks. Measure 4 starts with a dynamic "ff" and includes sixteenth-note patterns with grace marks.
- Perc.**: Common time (indicated by "4"). Measures 1-3 show sustained notes. Measure 4 starts with a dynamic "ff" and includes sixteenth-note patterns with grace marks.
- Vocal:** "Silence" is written above the staves in measures 1, 2, 3, and 4.

System 6:

- Gtr.**: Treble clef, 4/4 time. Measures 1-3 show sixteenth-note patterns with grace marks. Measure 4 starts with a dynamic "ff" and includes sixteenth-note patterns with grace marks.
- Perc.**: Common time (indicated by "4"). Measures 1-3 show sustained notes. Measure 4 starts with a dynamic "ff" and includes sixteenth-note patterns with grace marks.
- Vocal:** "Silence" is written above the staves in measures 1, 2, 3, and 4.



32 Gtr. pont. → ord. 3

32 Perc.

35 Gtr. pont. → ord. 6 ff

35 Perc.

38 Gtr. 6 B.D. with palms - skin soft sound

38 Perc.

41 Gtr. 6

41 Perc.

44 Gtr. 3 ord. ff

44 Perc. 4 with fingers - skin pp

47 Gtr. 3

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Gtr. * Played as G sharp, but sounding as slightly low A natural.

Perc.

Gtr. ord. pont. ord. pont.

Perc.

Gtr. f

Perc.

Gtr. 90 ff

Perc.

Gtr. 93 ff ffpp

Perc.

Gtr. 97 ff ffpp

Perc. pp mf pp f

C on moto ♩ = ca.210

Gtr. ff

Perc. f

Gtr. 101 COWB. ffpp

Perc.

Gtr. 108 ffpp

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ord.

Gtr. 231

Perc. 231

pont. → ord.

sounds of water splashes

Gtr. 237

Perc. 237

pont. → ord.

Gtr. 243

Perc. 243

ord.

pont. → ord.

sounds of water splashes

Gtr. 249

Perc. 249

pont. → ord.

Gtr. 255

Perc. 255

ord.

pont. → ord.

sounds of water splashes

Gtr. 261

Perc. 261

pont. → ord.

Gtr. 267

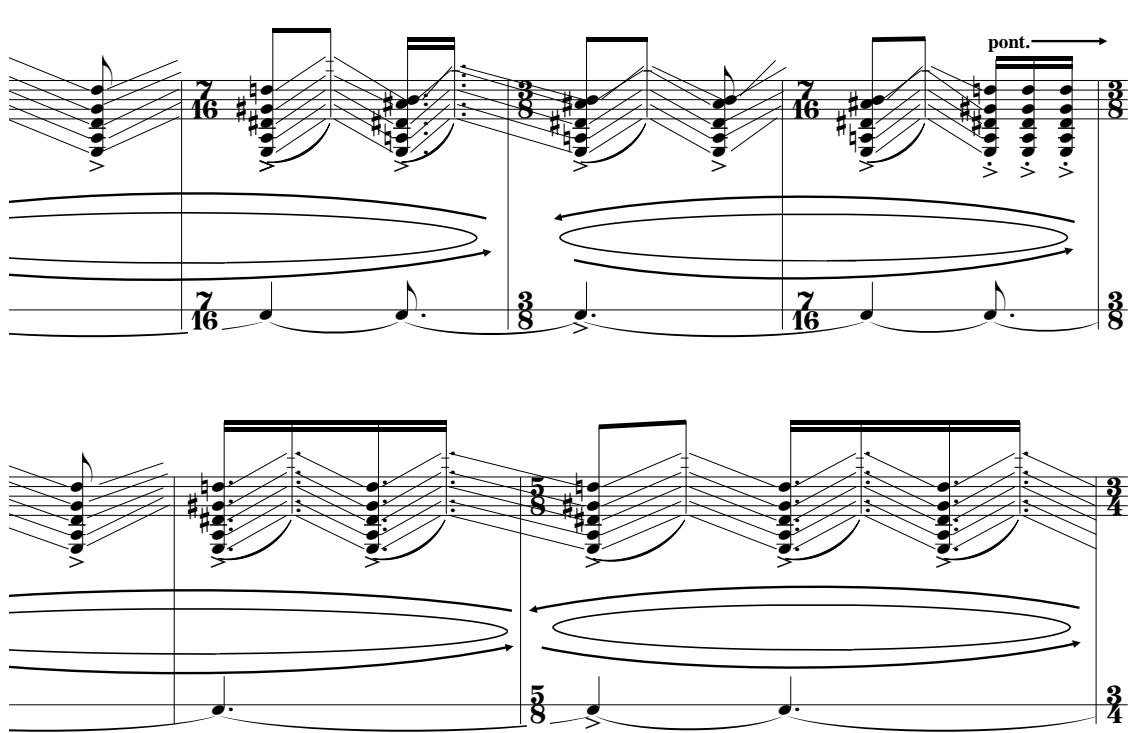
B.D.

with palms - nails

noisy sound

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Gtr. 284 *echolike* (without the slide)

Perc. 284

Gtr. 289 ⑥ *r ubbing sound*

Perc. 289 *with skin* *soft sound*

Gtr. 294

Perc. 294

Meno mosso $\text{♩} = \text{ca.} 60$

Gtr. 300 *CROT.* with metal sticks *Silence* (with the slide) f

Perc. 300

Gtr. 305 *ord.* *pont.* *ord.* *pont.* *ord.* *pont.*

Perc. 305 p *mf* p *mf* p *mf* p

Gtr. 310 *ord.* *pont.* *ord.* *pont.* *ord.* *Bridge* *quietly resonating harmony* *CROT.*

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RATCH. slow irregular motion *like a powerless machine*

CROT.

S.C.

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