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blood on the dance floor
for ensemble and live-electronics
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## instrumentation

flute clarinet in b bassoon

horn

trombone

percussion

piano

keyboard

violin

violoncello contrabass (5 strings)

laptop

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transposing score

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## general

the piece consists of three parts and two intermezzos. the first and the second part in turn are also divided.

the comments and the background music are important parts of the piece, which are played with laptop has its own performer, which also controls the max msp patch. this patch plays the appropriate comment at the appropriate moment in according with the score (the laptop part). the laptop performer also switches the keyboard programs (more detailed see the section "keyboard").

the comments are marked in the score with italics. in the parts the comments are given for the orientation of the musicians during the performance.

between the parts there must be a little pause (3-4 seconds), the conductor must give time so the pianist has time for preparation (between "serial catalog" and "for elise" and between "for elise" and "variationen für klavier"). the appropriate marks one can see in the score.

in "free improvisation" all the musicians (except the keyboard performer) must free improvise: the material is completely free right up to silence. it is also possible, that a musiscian doesn't play at all. in "limited improvisation" can be played only materials given in the score and in the appropriate parts: each element of each instrument must be played at least one time.

in both intermezzos the notes with rhythmic deviations from regular grid are marked with asterisks.

in the parts i, ii and iii the background music is played, this music must be really in the background and much lower than the rest of the score, though it must be clearly audible, the background music is also controlled by the laptop performer. in the parts i and ii the background music 1 (controlled with spacebar) is used and in the part iii – the background music 2 (controlled with the 0-key (zero)).

#### the keyboard and laptop parts

the actions of the keyboard performer are notated in the score and in the parts in the systems marked "key". in the case, if the sounding result differs from the notated actions, the result is given extra in the systems "el. sounds". in the laptop part the actions for controlling the max msp patch and the ableton live set are notated.

in the pieces "for elise" and "variations for piano" the keyboard performer him/herself switches between the instruments (tracks) in ableton live by pressing the appropriate keys, which are notated with small round notes and marked "trigger".

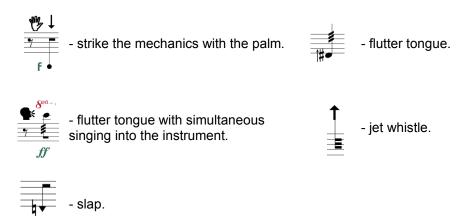
#### microchromatics

### dynamics

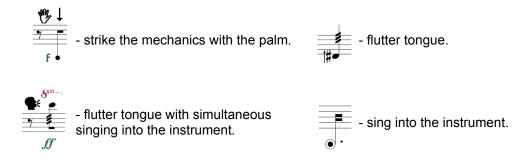
f, f - italics - loudness; regular - the intensity of the action.

## woodwinds

## flute

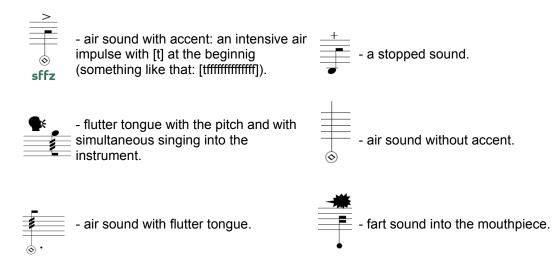


### bassoon

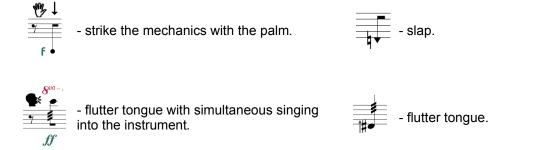


### brass

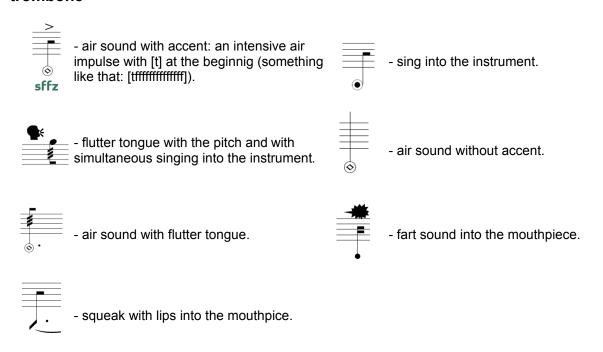
#### horn



#### clarinet



### trombone



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## percussion

percussion list:

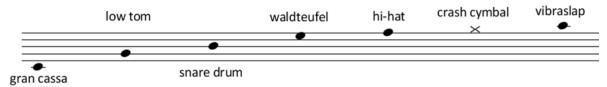
2 bongos (high, low), 1 tom-tom (low), snare drum, gran cassa;

4 temple blocks (with different pitches: with stepwise gradation: from the lowest up to the highest), waldteufel, vibraslap, xylophon (4 octaves), vibraphone (+ bow)).

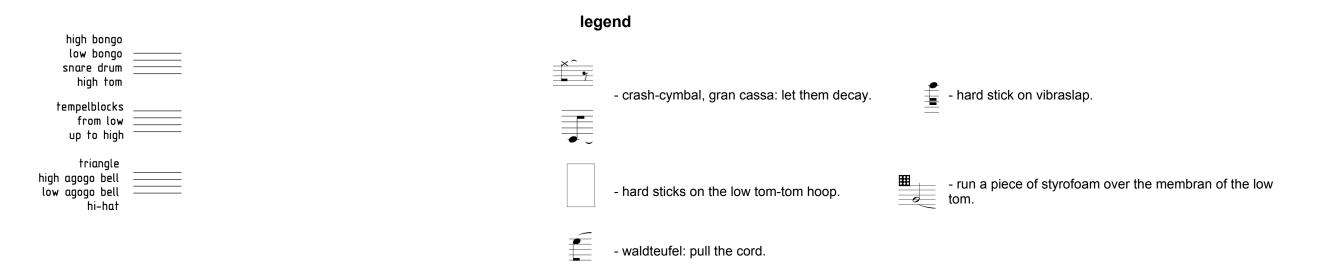
triangel, agogo-bell (two in one: high+low), hi-hat, crash-cymbal.

for pitched percussion (vibraphone, xylophone) a traditional system with 5 lines is used.

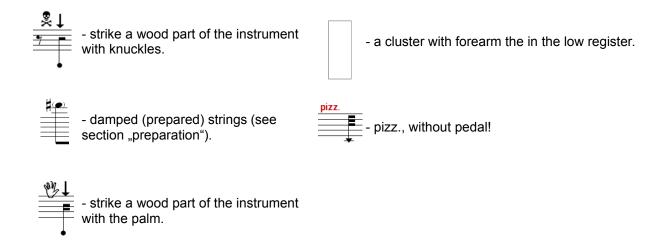
in the piece (except ii-5) the following instruments disposition is used:



for the part ii-5 three systems with 4 lines are used. in each 4-line-system four different instruments are notated: in the first system – membranophones, in the second one temple blocks (sorted by pitch: on the lowest line the lowest temple block, on the highest line – the highest), in the third one – metal instruments.



## piano



#### preparation

in two parts of the piece the piano is prepared: "for elise" and "variation for piano". the piano has to be prepared in the pauses between the parts. thus the piano for "for elise" must be prepared in the time from the measure 19 of the part "serial catalog" and in the pause between the "serial catalog" and "for elise". and for "variations for piano" in the pause between "for elise" and "variations for piano" in the pause between the "serial catalog" and "for elise".

the preparation is just string muting.

the order of preparation actions must be planed in advance. thus some prepared sounds of "for elise" are used in "variations for piano", therefore it makes sence to prepare them in the longer pause.

## keyboard

the keyboard part is written in two systems marked with "key", in the cases, when the pressed key and the sounding result are not identical, the result is given in the systems marked "el. sounds".

in the pieces "for elise" and "variations for piano" various timbres are used. these various timbres are implemented in the ableton live session as different instruments in the appropriate tracks. the keyboard performer him/herself switches between these tracks by pressing the keys, which are notated with small round notes and marked as "trigger!" (when such a key is pressed sounds nothing, but the whole midi stream is sent to the appropriate track in the ableton live set). so in the piece "for elise" after the pressing of the f of contra-octave all the midi notes are sent to the instrument 1 (track 1) of the ableton live set, after the fis of contra-octave — to the instrument 2 (track 2). in the piece "for elise" there are altogether 9 such instruments, in the "variations for pieno" - 7. in both pieces the pitch of the pressed key is the same as the sounding pitch.

in the intermezzos the sounding pitches and the pressed keys are not the same. in these pieces there are two virtual instruments el. 1 and el. 2 with different timbres. the real sounding pitches of these instruments are given in the system "el. sounds" above the system "key". in addition there is one sample in "intermezzo i" (edith piaf): the duration and volume of this sample is also controlled by the performer (coresponds to the duration and intensity of the pressed key).

in the pieces ii-2, ii-3, ii-4 the same set of sounds is used. the each sound is played when the appropriate key is pressed. the duration and volume correspond with the duration and intensity of the key pressing.

in the piece ii-5 similar to the intermezzos: 4 virtual instruments are used. the real sounding pitches are given in the systems "el. 1", "el. 2", "el. 3" and "el. 4". each sound corresponds to a particular key of the keyboard. the duration and volume controls the performer.

when playing the piece ii-5 one must very carefully separate the release of the previous key and the pressing of the next key in the same voice: rhythmically one must play it as precisly as possible but non legato!

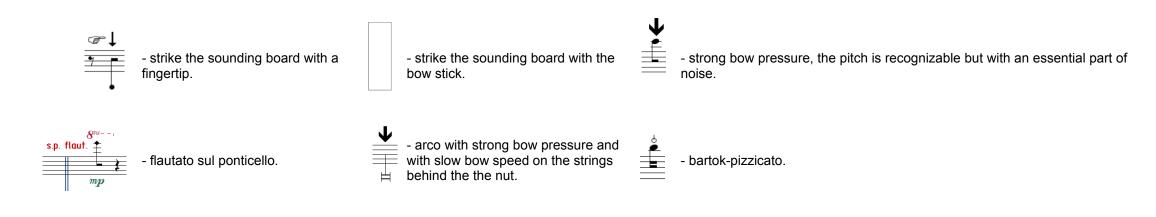
in the piece ii-6 only one sample is used, whose duration and volume are controlled also by the performer.

in the part iii the keyboard is used exclusively as sampler. in the system "el. sounds" the sample and its duration are notated (in the tempo). the notes in the system "key" have nothing to do with pitches, the pressing of the appropriate keys just plays the samples.

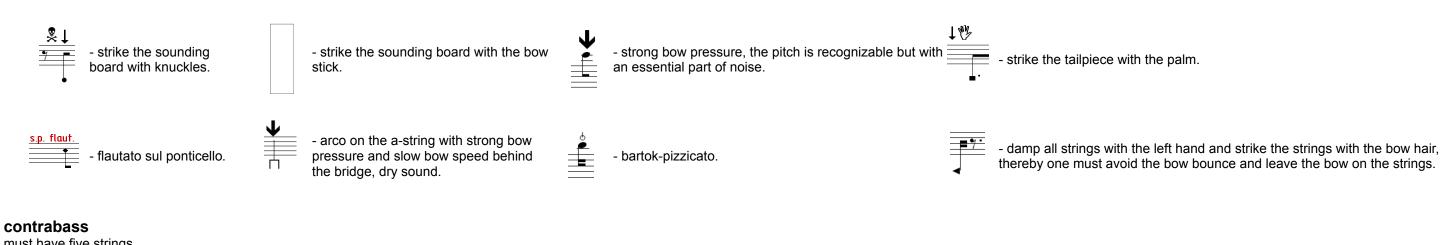
## strings

when playing all percussive actions the strings must be damped with the palm.

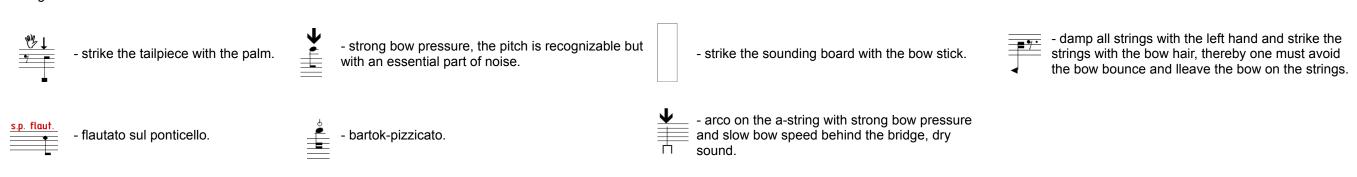
#### violin



### violoncello



must have five strings.



## laptop

#### required equipment

- a keyboard with 88 keys (weight if possible);
- minimum 3 loudspeakers;
- amplifiers;
- audio-interface with at least 6 channels;
- a laptop;
- midi chord, audio chords (speakon, xlr etc).

in the laptop part all the actions are notated, which are necessary for the performance: pressing of keyboard keys for playing the comments and also for switching between different keyboard programs (for different piece parts).

#### required software

- max msp 5;
- ableton live 8.2.2 + max for live.

the laptop is used for playback the background music, the comments and also for controlling the keyboard programms, these things are implemented in the max msp patch and in the ableton live set.

the max msp patch plays back comments and background music. the ableton live set has 16 tracks and uses all 16 channels of the "from max msp 1" port. the set is a collection of instruments, samplers and effects, which are necessary for midi routing between the tracks.

#### max msp patch

the manipulating of the max msp patch is carried out almost exclusively with the computer keyboard.

the patch consists of two areas: the comments and background music area and the keyboard area.

#### the comments and background music area

is located in the left part of the patcher. on its top there is a toggle, that controls the data stream from the computer keyboard to the patch. the green area is responsible for the commnets in the piece and the pink one – for the background music. both areas have two number boxes for volume control. each comment is numbered in the score, the comment samples are numbered accordingly; the computer keyboard mapping is also given in the patcher. the pink area is responsible for the playback of the background music. And it is also devided in two areas: background music 1 and background music 2.

#### the comments

the comments playback is carried out with the computer keyboard (with alphabet letters, s. the score). it works according to the following logic (except comment 35): on the key pressing a comment will be played, if this key will be pressed again during the playback of the comment, the comment will be stopped, if the key will be pressed again not during the playback this comment will be played from the beginning. if during the playback of a comment another comment key is pressed, the first one will be stopped and the second one will be played from its beginning.

#### the background music

in the parts i and ii the background music area 1 is used, in the part iii – the background music area 2.

the background music 1 is controlled with the spacebar. on its first pressing the playback will be started, on the second pressing it will be paused, on the next – continued etc.: the spacebar functions according to play/pause/resume logic. the background music is controlled with the 0-key (zero). It works with the same logic like background music 1. in the background music areas there are the elements for complete stop of the background music and for its playback from arbitrary position are located, this possibility can be useful in case of a mistake: with this feature you can always during the performance start the background music from the position you need, by means of the toggle one can extra adjust the volume level, to the right of this toggle there is a gray button to stop the background completely, in addition there are two sliders in this area, the upper one shows the current playback position; with the lower slider you can set manualy the current playback position, after that you have to press the green button on the right of the slider.

#### comment 35: f-key

the 35<sup>th</sup> comment is a relaxing text. this sample is played exclusively in the intermezzos. after "intermezzo i" the sample must paused and at the beginning of "intermezzo ii" its playback must be resumed. If the f-key is pressed the sample starts to sound, on the next pressing it will be paused till the next f-key pressing; the key is programmed according to principle play/pause/resume/pause etc. (just as the spacebar)k

#### kevboard area

the whole piece is divided into parts. each part needs its own keyboard program. by pressing the keys 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 on the computer keyboard one can switch between various keyboard programs.

the keyboard performer switches between different timbres in the pieces "for elise" and "variations for piano" by pressing the keyboard keys, which are notated with small notes and marked as "trigger!" (by that the performer selects the appropriate midi channel of the "from max msp 1" port, which the whole midi stream from the keyboard must be sent to).

#### keyboard programs:

| key on the computer keyboard | part                               |  |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| 1                            | "for elise"                        |  |
| 2                            | "variations for piano";            |  |
| 3                            | "intermezzo i" and "intermezzo ii" |  |
| 4                            | parts from ii-2 to ii-4            |  |
| 5                            | part ii-5                          |  |
| 6                            | part ii-6, part iii                |  |

in the bottom area of the patcher two menus are located. for the correct connection between the patcher and the ableton live set one has to do the following things:

- choose in the left menu the input midi port the device, which the patcher gets the midi data from;
- chose in the right menu «from max msp 1» this is the output port, which the data will be sent to the ableton live set through.

#### JUST BEFORE THE PERFORMANCE DON'T FORGET:

- turn the toggle on, which controls the stream from the computer keyboard to the patch;
- turn the max msp audio on.

#### all notes off

if the n-key on the computer keyboard is pressed, to all midi channel of the "from max msp 1" port will be sent the message "all notes off".

if the m-key is pressed all the clips, which max msp patch plays at the moment, will be comletely stopped.

#### sound check

in the bottom part of the patcher an area is located, which sends midi-notes of the same duration and velocity to the channels of the "from max msp 1" port. thereby there are two possibilities: looped from ch. 1 to the channel you set or only to the channel you set.

#### channels

the patcher uses 4 internal software channels: 3 and 4 as a stereo couple for comments playback, 5 and 6 also as a stereo couple for background music playback.

### ableton live set

the set consists of 36 midi tracks.

#### Tracks 1 – 9 (midi input channels 1-9)

are used exclusively in the pieces "for elise" and "variations for piano". thereby all 9 are used in "for elise" and in "variations for piano" only 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9. the keyboard performer him/herself switches between these tracks by pressing the keys, which are notated with small round notes and marked as "trigger!" (when such a key is pressed sounds nothing, but the whole midi stream is sent to the appropriate track in the ableton live set). so in the piece "for elise" after the pressing of the f of contra-octave all the midi notes are sent to the instrument 1 (track 1) of the ableton live set, after the fis of contra-octave — to the instrument 2 (track 2).

"el. 1 Inter", "el. 2 Inter": tracks 10-11 (midi input channels 10-11) are used for intermezzi

## "el. 1" (tracks 12-17, midi input channel 12), "el. 2" (tracks 18-23, midi input channel 13), "el. 3" (tracks 24-29, midi input channel 14), "el. 4" (tracks 30-35, midi input channel 15) with microchromatics

each the instruments el. 1, el. 2, el. 3 and el. 4 because of using microchromatics with ableton live instruments has 6 cpoies of itself with a midi-effect for mapping. each effect – a max for live patch, which is responsible for the microchromatics in the pieces. in each patch there is a coll object, which sets the midi mapping.

#### track 16

is sampler. the track gets midi data from the port "from max msp 1" and forwards them to the sampler.

#### before the performance

live → preferences → midi

set track "on", sync "off", "remote off" for the port, from max msp 1".

#### channels

all tracks send the audio to the master and the master sends it to the channel 1 of the interface, panning in all tracks - left!

### the mixer and routing

altogether 5 channels of the interface are used in the piece; 1 mono channel for the kayboard and 2 stereo couples.

channels 1: keyboard, audio from ableton live;

channels 3 and 4: comments, audio from max msp;

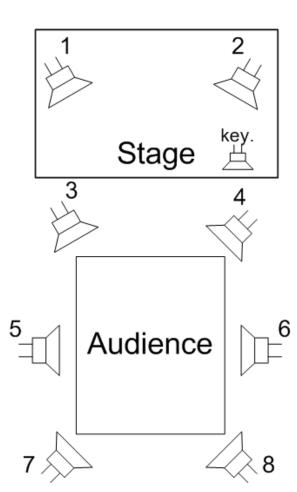
channels 5 и 6: the background music, audio from max msp.

the minimal number of loudspeakers is 3; the maximum is unlimited. one speaker is located on the stage and used for the virtual instruments and for the playback of keyboard samples. this loudspeaker must be in balance with the ensemble. at least 2 other loudspeakers must be located on the stage (in the concert hall) (for the background music and comments).

in case of a great number of loudspeakers their disposition in the hall, live audio control with the mixer must be adjustet subject to the haal acoustics. the background music must not be louder as things played by the musicians. the comments must be also moderately loud but clearly audible. when the instruments and comments sound semultaneously ("serial catalog", intermezzos) one has to achieve the balance but the comments must be clearly audible.

spatialy it is possible, that the background music and comments are coming "from everywhere". a strong spatial separation between comments and background is undesirable. and completely intolerable for example a disposition, where the commenting loudspeakers are speaking from the back, even through the background music loudspeakers are allocated in the space.

the disposition in case of 9 loadspeakers could look something like:



routing example (for yamaha dm-1000 and the interface "motu traveller", optical connection via adat between the mixer and the interface):

|                       | software outputs                   | interface channels | inputs (channels) of the mixer | mixer omni outputs<br>(to the loudspeakers) |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| keyboard,<br>stage    | 15                                 | 15                 | 17                             | 9 (as direct out of the channel 17)         |
| comments, (mapped     | max/msp: 3, 4<br>(mapped to 17 and |                    | 19                             | 1,3   |
|                       | 18 of the interface)               |                    | 20                             | 2,4   |
| background            | max/msp: 5, 6                      |                    | 21                             | 1, 3, 5, 7                                  |
| music, hall,<br>stage | 13 . 12                            |                    | 22                             | 2, 4, 6, 8                                  |

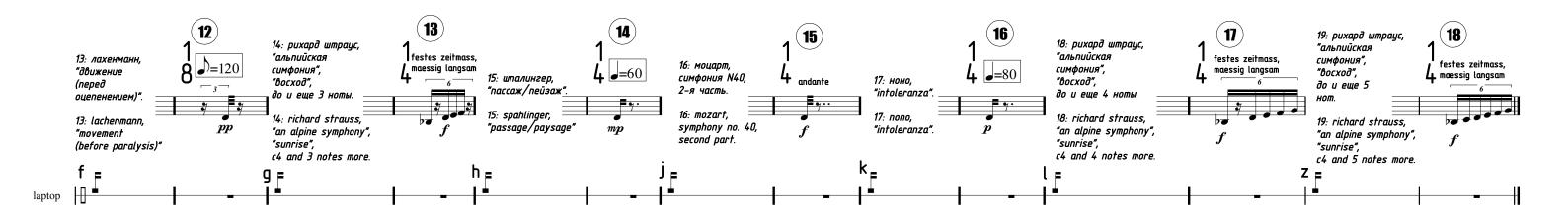






частьі partі i-1: до-каталог i-1: c-catalog 1: this piece consists of an introduction and three parts, which are separated with two intermezzos. just you've heard the introduction. the first part. in this part you will hear several musical examples. example number one: c4 of the clarinet part from various classical works. 1: эта пьеса состоит из вступления и трех частей, разделенных короткими интермеццо. только что вы услышали вступление. 2: бетховен, 3 часть первая. 9-я симфония, 1-я часть. в этой части вы услышите различные 5: берг, пять песен 1(2) музыкальные примеры. для сопрано и =88 2: beethoven, 6: стравинский, пример первый: **-**96 оркестра 3: брамс, ninth symphony, 4: б.а. циммерманн, до первой октавы партии кларнета "весна священная" 4 allegro ma non troppo, 4 un poco sostenuto на тексты †in ritmo ferreo 1-я симфония, опера "солдаты", first part. "весенние гадания". tempo giusto из произведений мировой классики. un poco maestoso петера альтенберга. 1-я часть. прелюдия. 6: stravinsky, 5: berg, 3: brahms, 4: b.a. zimmermann, "the rite of spring". five songs on picture postcard texts first symphony, opera "the soldiers", "the augurs of the spring" by peter altenberg first part. preludio. space (turns the background on/off) (11) 9 8 10: рихард штраус, 11: рихард штрацс, 10 6 "альпийская "альпийская 12: это до призывает симфония", симфония", 7: рихард штраус, festes zeitmass, festes zeitmass. 9: малер, allegro pesante всех присутствующих "восход". "восход". **4 =**60 "альпийская maessig langsam maessig langsam (aanze takte , maessig langsam "песнь о земле", с именем на букву а 8: лахенманн, симфония", до и еще 1 нота до и еще 2 ноты. nicht schnell) 1-я часты немедленно "контракадени". "восход". покинуть зал. 10: richard strauss, 11: richard strauss, 9: mahler, 8: lachenmann,

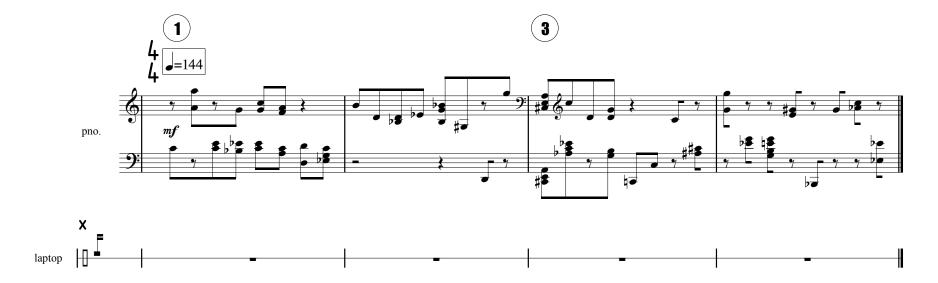




# i-2: начала i-2: beginnings

20: пример второй: первые звуки всех сонат бетховена из содержания полного собрания. издательство гюнтера хенле.

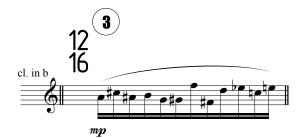
20: example number two: the first sounds of all beethoven's sonatas from the contents of "complete piano sonatas" published by guenter henle publishers.



## i-3: серийный каталог i-3: serial catalog

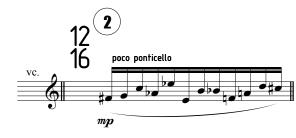






21: пример третий: серии в тесном расположении из различных произведений . мировой классики.

21: example number three: tone rows in closed position from various classical works.



22: веберн, симфония, op. 21. 22: webern, symphony, op. 21.

23: шенберг, *"*ம்க்கம் பிரும் பிரு из варшавы".

23: schoenberg, "a survivor from warsaw".

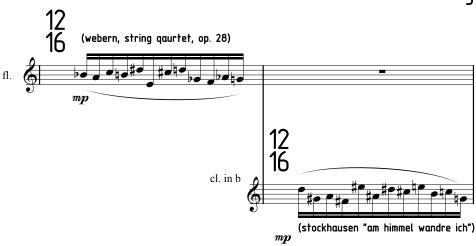
24: веберн, первая кантата, ор. 29.

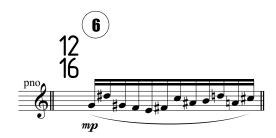
24: webern, first cantata,

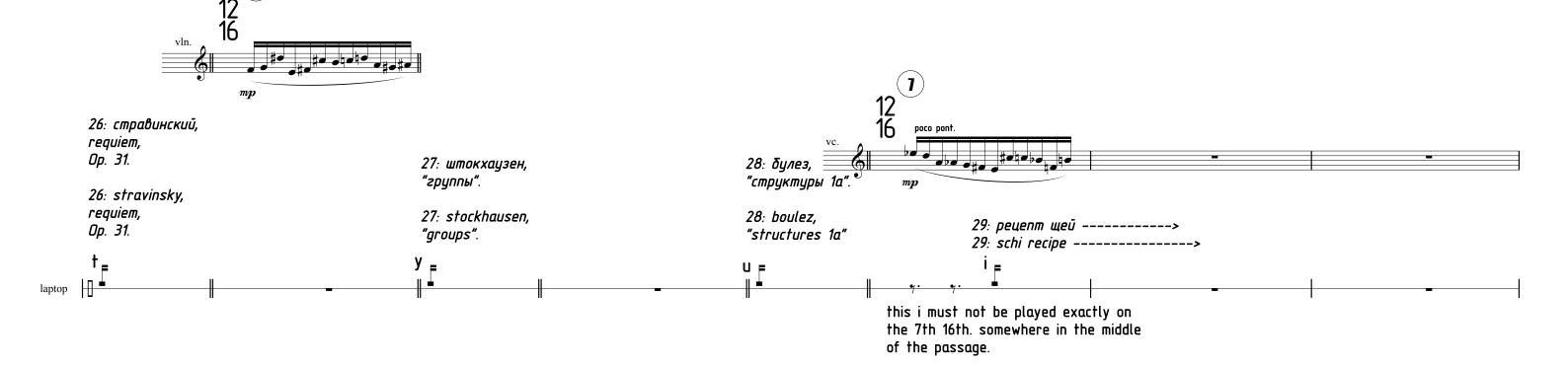
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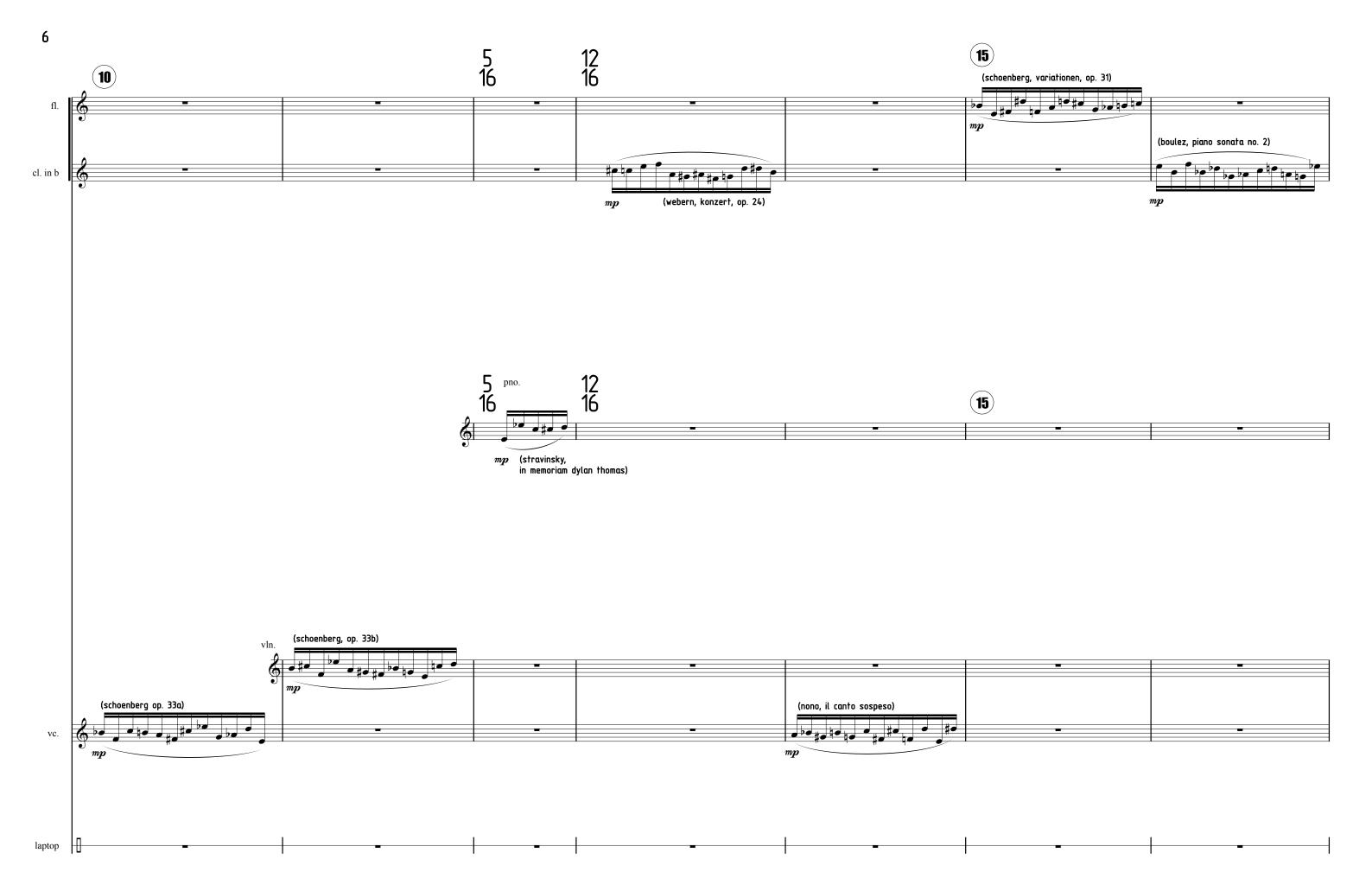
25: веберн, вторая кантата, ор. 31.

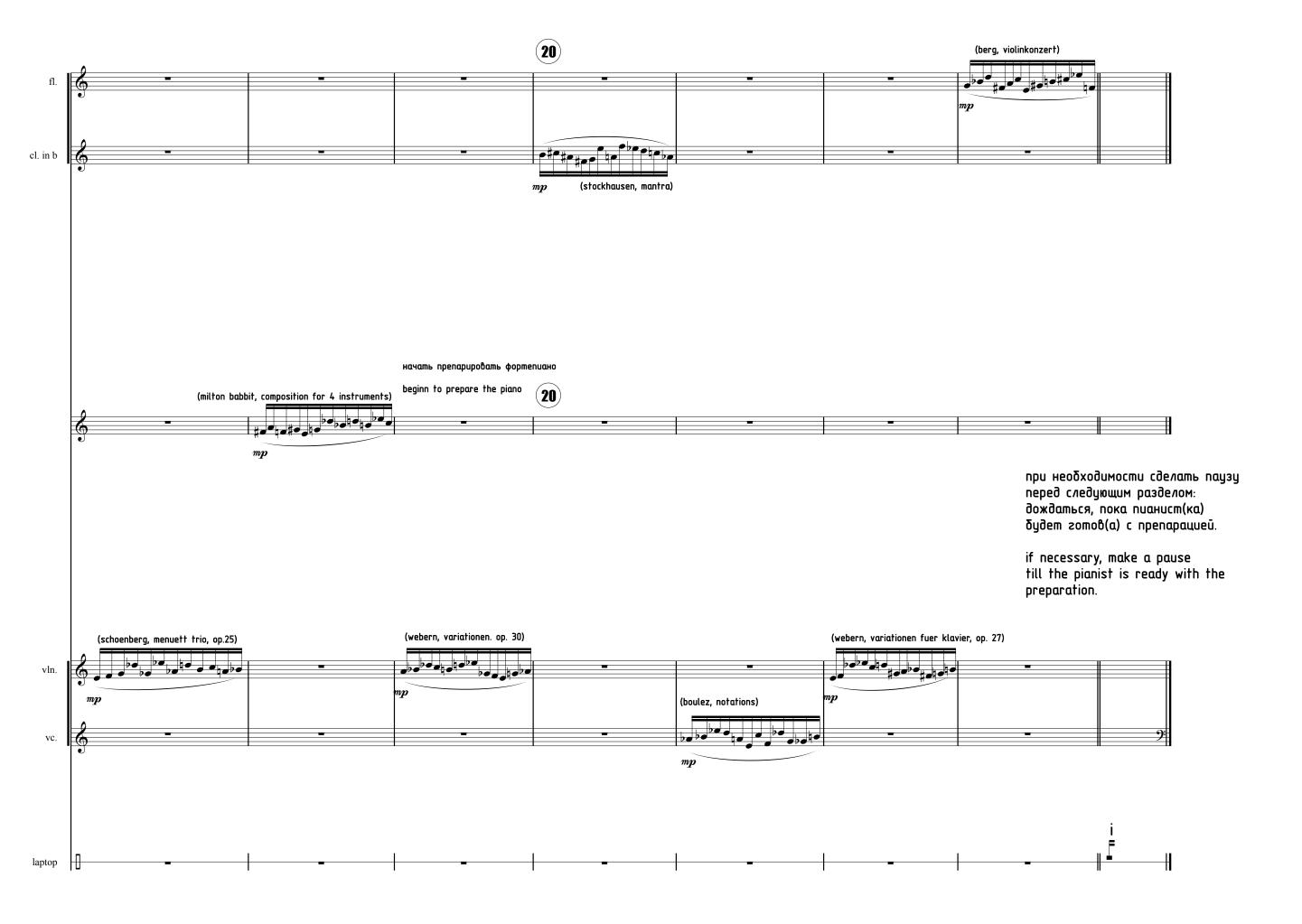
25: webern, second cantata, op. 31.

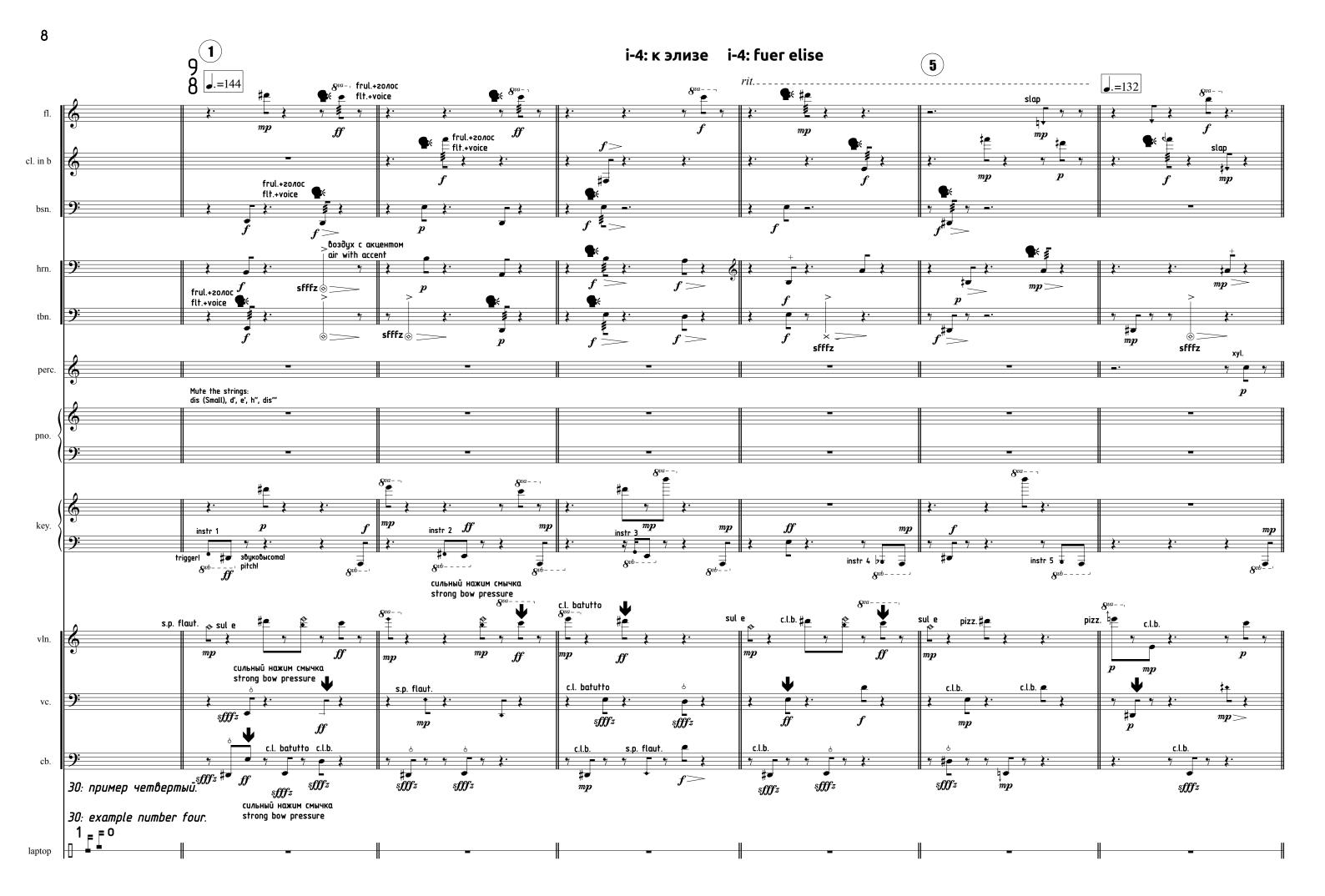






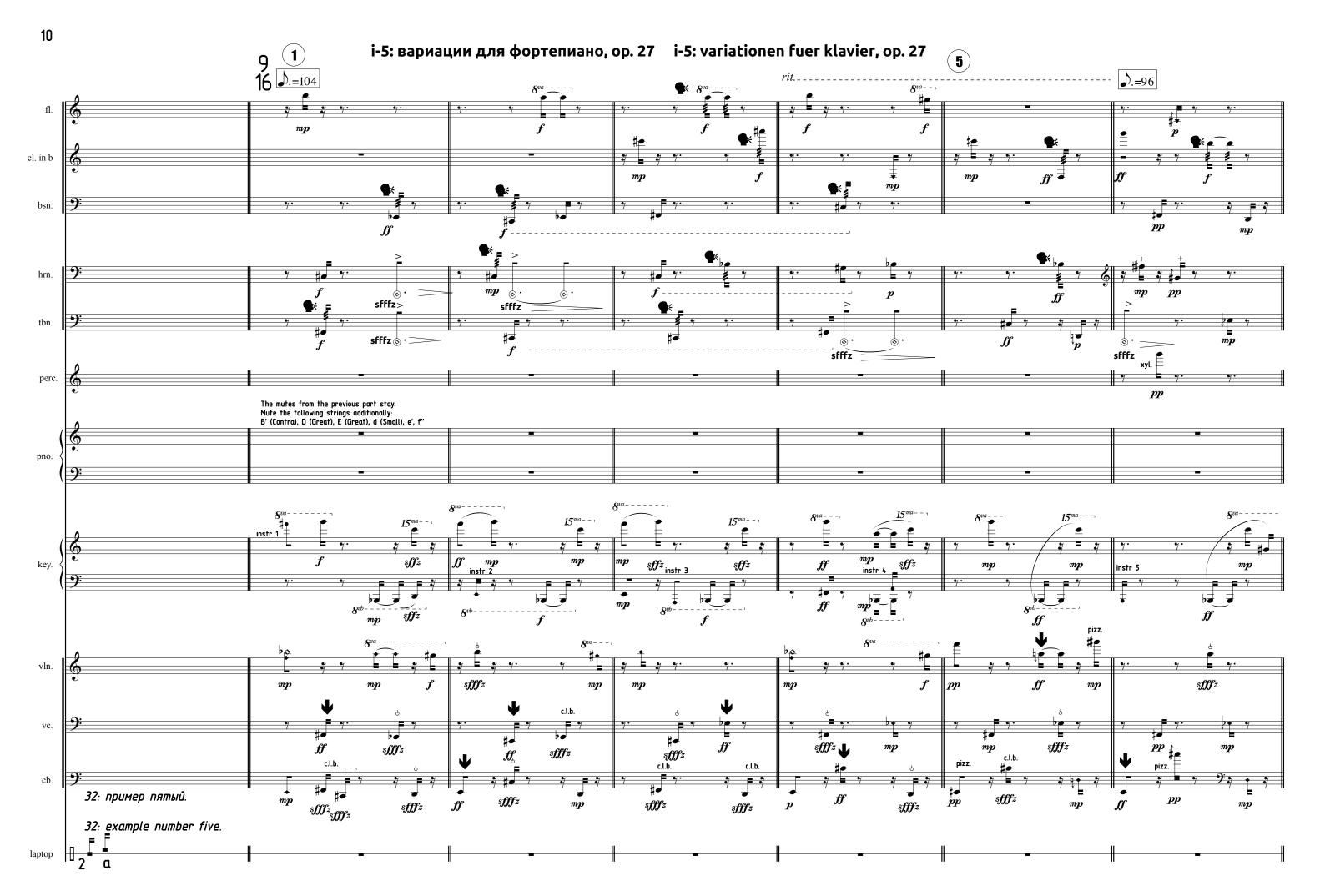














SPACE приостанавливает фоновую музыку pauses the background music





звездочки над/рядом с нотами не имеют отношения к исполнению; отмечают лишь звуки, находязиеся вне регулярной ритмической сетки.

the asterisks on/near the note have nothing to do with the performance; they mark only those tones, which are not in the regular rhythmical grid.

## часть ii part ii ii-1: свободная импровизация ii-1: free improvisation

в течение 20-30 секунд музыканты свободно импровизируют, зависимо или независимо друг от друга, совершенно свободно.

36: часть вторая.

during 20-30 seconds the musicians must free improvise, dependently or independently from each other, absolutely free.

свободная импровизация. в течение следующих 20-30 секунд музыканты вольны свободно импровизировать, зависимо или независимо друг от друга.

36: the second part.

free improvisation.
during the next 20-30 seconds the musicians are
free to improvise, dependently or independently
from each other.

laptop



## space

снимает с паузы фоновую музыку continues the playback of the background music

ppp

## ii-2: limited improvisation іі-2: ограниченная импровизация **3**=60 ₩ fl. 🔫 📮 🖡 ppp nemь в инструмент sing into the instrument $ppp \sim p$ $ppp \ll p$ ppp < psfffz \_\_<sub>3</sub>\_\_ петь в инструмент sing into the instrument mpsfffz ppp < pкрэш-тарелка perc. p ppp ppp xyl. 15<sup>ma--</sup> each instrument has six different elements. each element has to be played at least one time. el. sounds: 🍝 🗉 в течение следующих 20-30 секунд ffмузыканты импровизируют с ограничениями. используется лишь заренее фиксированный материал: шесть различных элементов у каждого музыканта. каждый элемент должен прозвучать по крайней мере один раз. the musicians must improvise with sfffz sfffz ff materials can be used: each musician has six different elements. each element c.l.b. has to be played at least one time. 2

s**fffz** 

sfffz

в течение 20-30 секинд

независимо друг от друга

шесть различных элементов

мере один раз.

during 20-30 seconds

музыканты импровизируют зависимо или

у каждого инструмента. каждый элемент

37: ограниченная импровизация.

limitations: only in advance fixed

37: limited improvisation. during the next 20-30 seconds

с использованием лишь материала,

приведенного на этой странице:

должен прозвучать по крайней

the musicians improvise dependently

or independently from each other. only the materials can be used, which are given on this page:

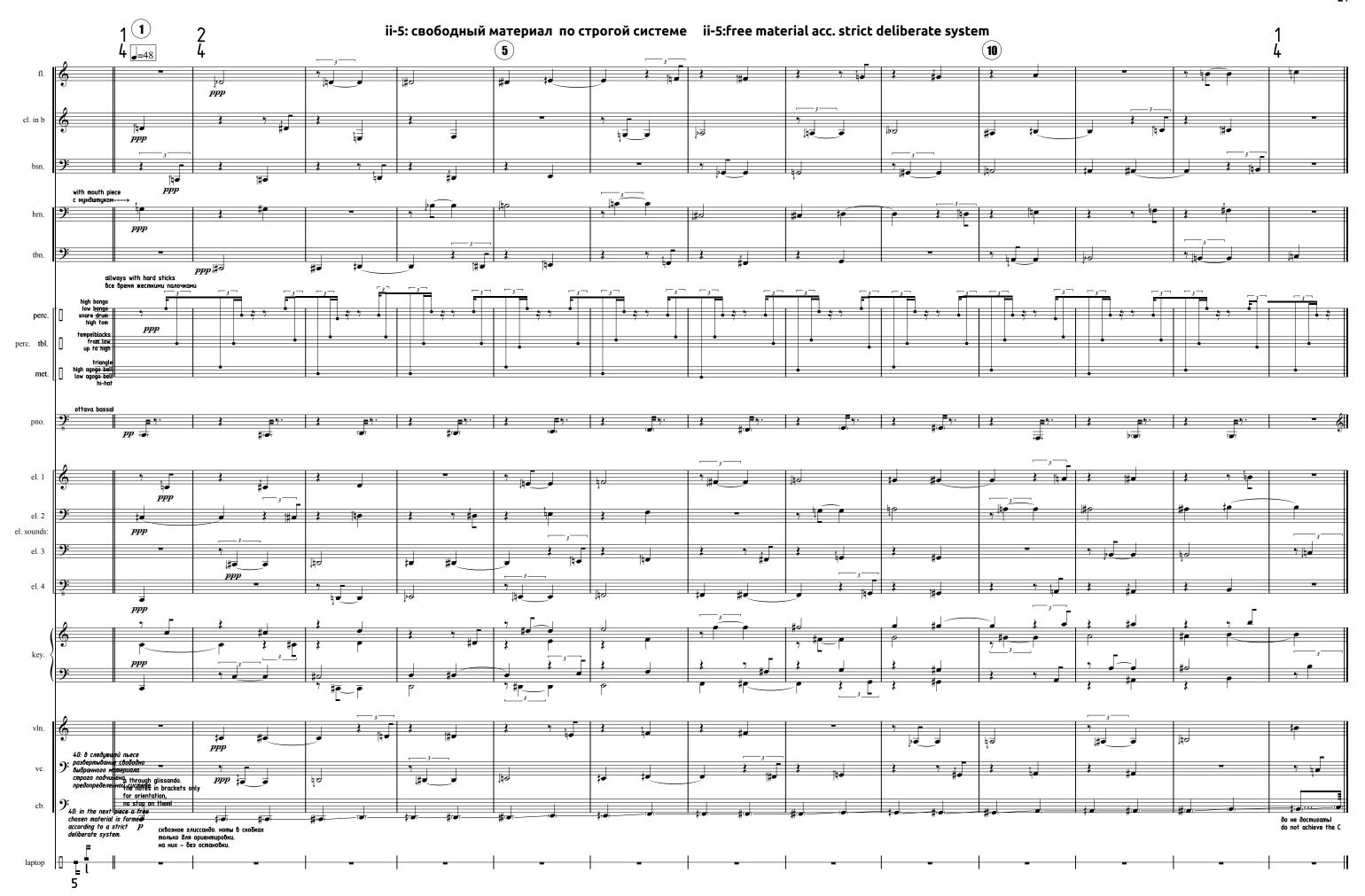


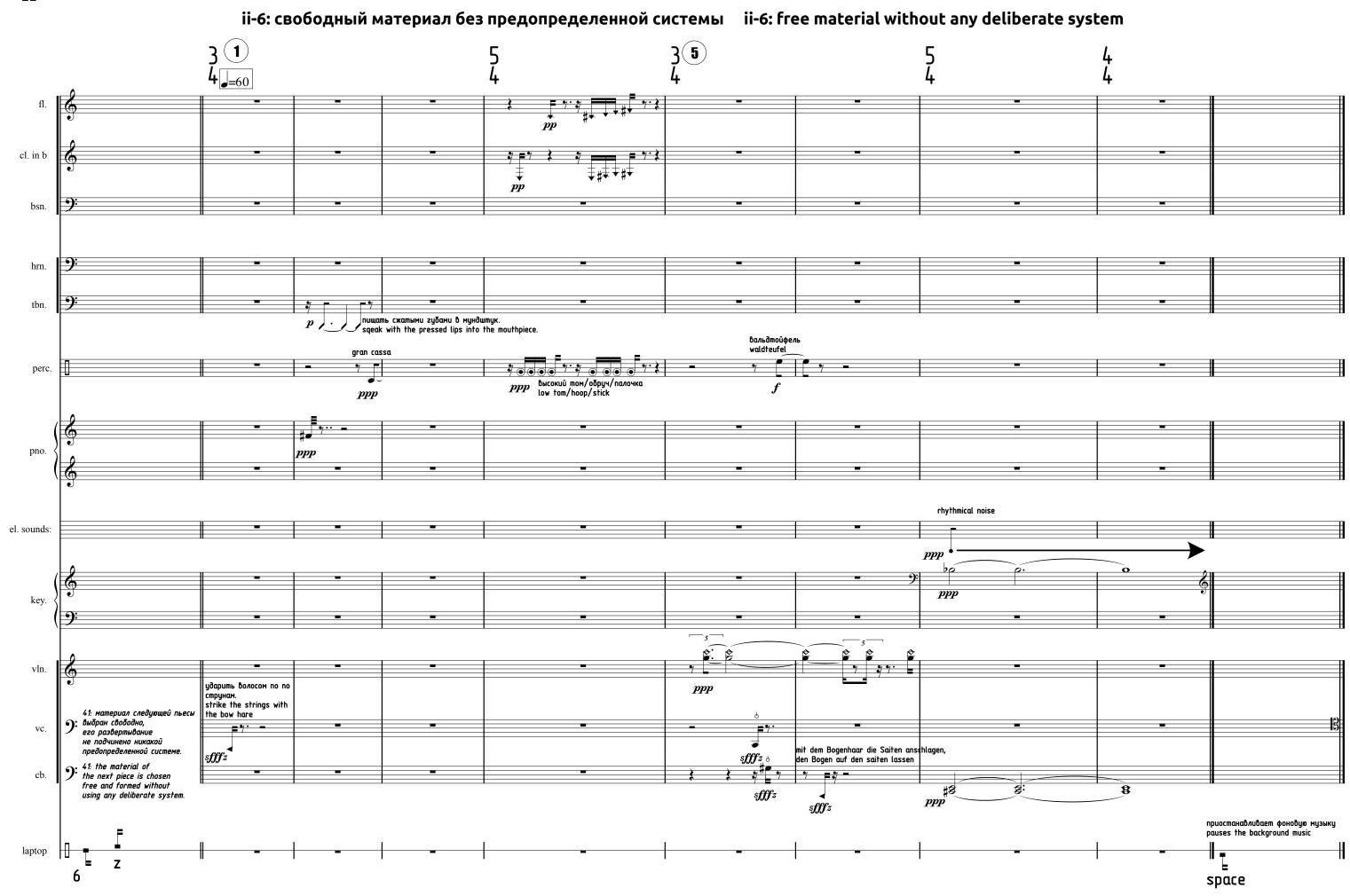




#### ii-4: элементы без предопределенной системы ii-4: elements without any deliberate system (1) **5 5 =**60 fl. mpppp mp $f \!\!\! f$ cl. in b ppp $f \!\!\! f$ mpbsn. ppp\_ pp· 4 } ppp < ptbn. = 7 mpvibra, arco perc. ppp < p $\boldsymbol{p}$ $\boldsymbol{p}$ *ff* ₹ 8<sup>vb</sup>pno. webern, instr. 4 el. 1 **=** 4. f fppp el. sounds: el. 2 ppp key. ppp vln. mp39: следующая пьеса составлена без использования mppoco pont. предопределенной системы c.l.b. 🐧 из тех же самых элементов, использованных в ограниченной импровизации. sfffz s**fffz** s**fffz** 9: the next piece is composed without using any deliberate system with the same elements, which were used in the limited improvisation. c.l.b. pizz. Ξij **4**. ♯**●** s**fff**z #• sfffz s**fffz** pp sfffz ppp laptop











звездочки над/рядом с нотами не имеют отношения к исполнению; отмечают лишь звуки, находязиеся вне регулярной ритмической сетки.

the asterisks on/near the note have nothing to do with the performance; they mark only those tones, which are not in the regular rhythmical grid.

приостанавливает расславляющий текст pauses the relaxing text







