GREGORY ROWLAND EVANS

Nagual

for Flute, Guitar, Percussion, & Violin

2021

Guitar

FOREWORD

The Nagual is a shapeshifting magician, commonly taking the form of a Jaguar. While some native North American cultures have mythology surrounding the transmutation from human to animal, evidence suggests that this Mesoamerican analog to the European werewolf was, in fact, a cultural import, although this is contested. The Nagual may exhibit traits of either good or evil and is sometimes used as a generic term for "wizard." Carlos Castaneda, whose work is regarded as primarily fictional, defines the Nagual as "the teacher who becomes the gateway, the doorway, the intermediate between the world of the 'seeker' or apprentice, and the world of the spirit."

INSTRUMENTATION

Instruments:

Bass Drum

Brake Drum (to be scraped with stone)

"Gongs": Large Suspended Cymbal, Small Tam Tam, Medium Tam Tam

Sandpaper Blocks

Tom-toms [x3]

Medium Suspended Cymbal

Vibraphone

Wood Blocks [x4] (with thin towel for dampening)

Implements:

Bass Drum Mallet

Bow

Stone (scraping implement for brake drum)

Superball Mallet

Tam Tam Mallet

Wire Brushes

Yarn Mallets

PERFORMANCE NOTES

Tempi: Nearly all tempi in the score are related to one another by metric modulation. It is not the case that every modulation is prepared by the rhythmic key written in the modulation symbol. Rarely are continuous, equidistant beats presented across the modulation boundaries. When the resultant tempo of a modulation is prepared in the preceding section, it is highlighted by the use of a *hauptstimme* bracket. The intention of this notation is not to raise the dynamic level of these passages, but merely to draw attention to their location. Accelerandi and ritardandi are notated by arrows spanning between the starting and ending metronome marks.

Repeats: Two unusual repeats are given in the score: one overlapping repeat and one nested repeat. The units of these complex repeats are distinguished by the color of the repeat-bar symbol.

The brake drum is always to be performed by being scraped by a stone. The motion should be one full circular rotation per notated rhythm.

Accidentals: After temporary accidentals, cancellation marks are printed also in the following measure (for notes in the same octave) and, in the same measure, for notes in other octaves, but they are printed again if the same note appears later in the same measure, except if the note is immediately repeated.

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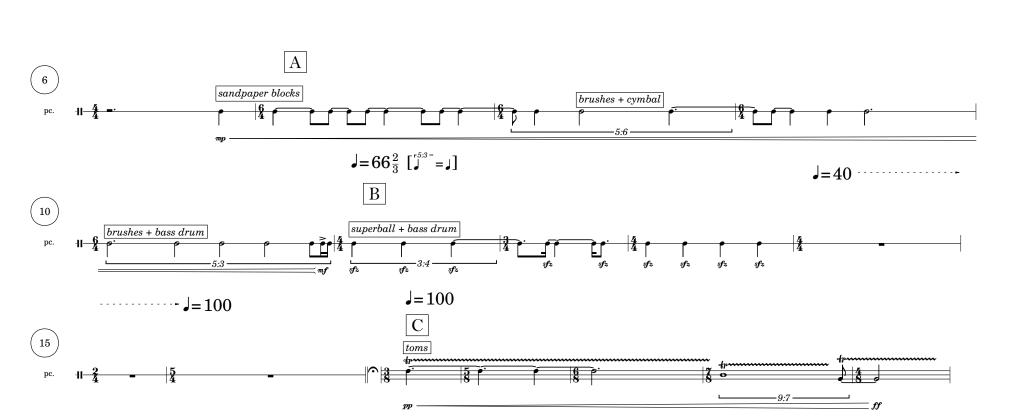
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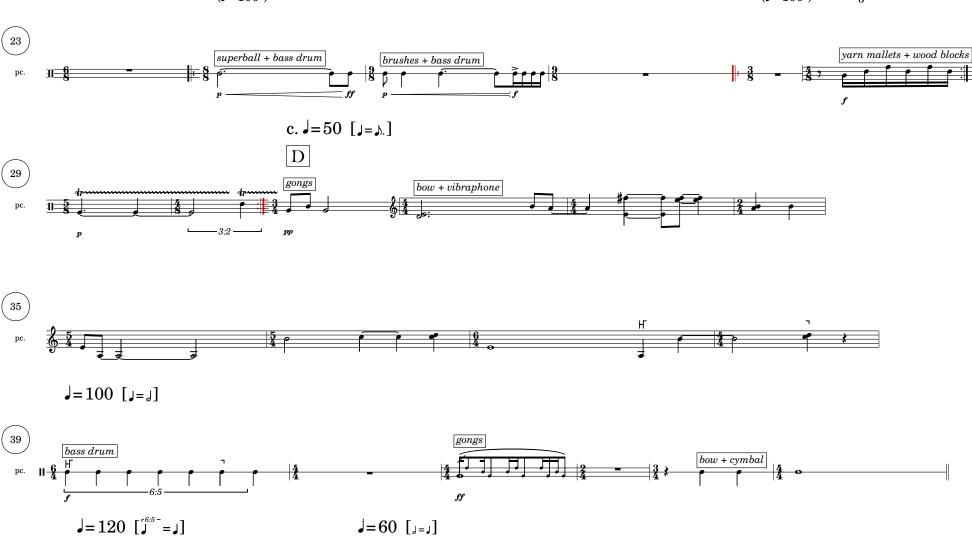
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J=40



(J=100) $J=66\frac{2}{3}[J=J^{3.2}]$



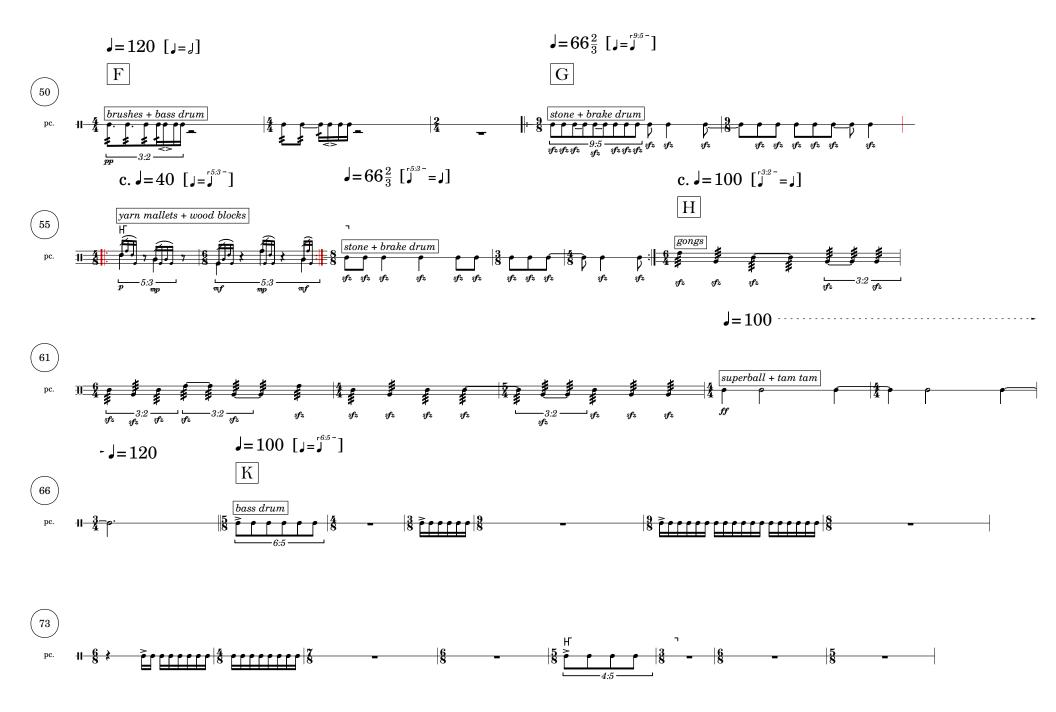
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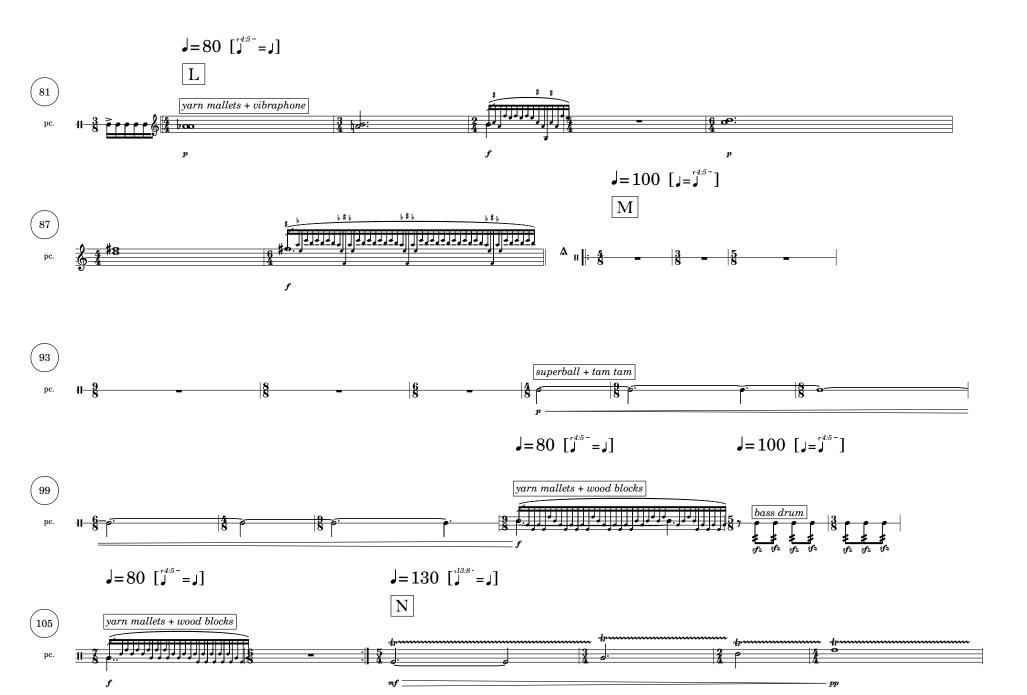
 $yarn\ mallets + wood\ blocks$

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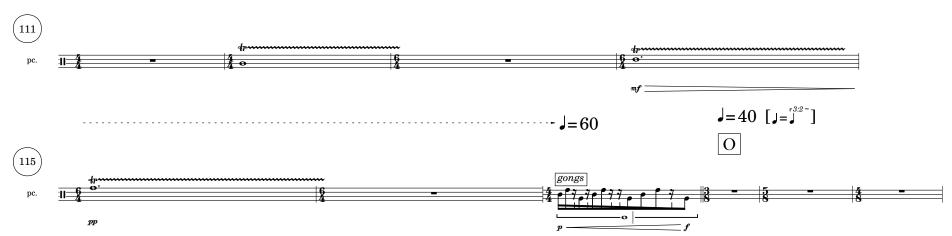
stone + brake drum

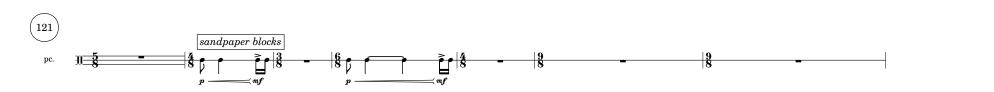
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UNACCOMPANIED

Onkos (contrabass) 2019

Simbelmynë (piano) 2019-20

Chalk Line (flute) 2020

redbud blossom, blueberry bee (cello) 2020

Birdless, Cloudless, Colourless (alto saxophone) 2021

CHAMBER

Hamonshu (string quartet) 2018-20

Adumbration (string quartet) 2020

Zahrat Alearear (bass flute, guitar) 2021

LARGE ENSEMBLE

Metamorphoses (orchestra) 2018

GUERRERO (21 saxophones) 2018

Tourbillon (string ensemble) 2019-20