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Properties

5 Performers

5 Laptops

Enough table(s) for the performers

5 Seats

Preparation

Computers

- Install maxMSP software

- Download the file color-sequence.maxpat, which can be found at:

 - <http://www.wyattwakefield.com/works/scores>

- Turn off internal speakers and sleep timer

- Maximize display brightness

Performers, together, come up with five sets of five actions

- Each set of actions having a unique theme

 - e.g., 1. gestures, 2. spoken words, 3. sung tones, 4. whispered words, 5. body percussion

- Each action within each set connecting to one of five colors:

 - cyan, blue, green, yellow, and magenta.

- Each color having a unique theme

 - i.e, cyan—loud

 - cyan in action-set 1 (gestures) connecting to a loud gesture

 - cyan in action-set 3 (sung tones) connecting to a loud tone

- Performers each choose a 'path' through the five sets of actions

 - e.g., 1, 3, 4, 2, 5

Performance

Very dark space

The performers sitting in a row at the table(s)

The performers facing the audience

Laptop (already opened or already closed) in front of each performer

Oriented so that laptop screen would be facing performer if opened

(synchronized opening laptops if they are closed)

synchronized activating color sequence through patch

Starting with the initial set of actions on your path

Doing the action for the color that appears on the screen

Switching to the next set of actions after a brief darkness on the screen

Closing the laptop after the darkness on screen is unchanging

Resting until all laptops are closed

Finishing after all laptops are closed