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Instrumentation

Piccolo

2 Flutes

2 Oboes

Cor anglais (Mov. 3 only)

2 B b Clarinets

2 Bassoons

4 F Horns (Mutes: *straight*)

2 C Trumpets (Mutes: harmon and straight)2 Trombones (Mute: harmon [1 player only])

Bass Trombones (Mute: *straight*)

Tuba

Timpani (4 drums, also requires 2 blank pieces of paper)

Percussion (2 Players):

Percussion 1

[Suspended Cymbal, Crotales (2 octaves), Tam-tam, Vibraphone + bow]

Percussion 2

[Glockenspiel, (Large) Suspended Cymbal, Snare Drum (small), Bass Drum]

Harp

Piano/Celesta (requires a drum stick to place on piano strings)

Strings

Violin 1

Violin 2

Viola

Cello

Contrabass (as many with low C string as possible)

Accidentals continue through the bar. Glissandi are for the full duration of the start note.

Program Note

A chresmology is a collection prophecies, and that is what this piece is. For the past couple of years, I've been compiling a large digital corpus of 'visionary and prophetic' texts from different times and cultures (e.g. the Babylonian Astronomical Diaries, Nostradamus's *Les Prophéties*, the Ancient Egyptian *Book of Traversing Eternity*, The Prophetic Books of William Blake etc.) and have trained a large language model (LLM) on this corpus, in order for the LLM to become a kind of strange Post-Information Age oracle. The title of this piece, and each of the movements come from the first prophecies/visions generated by the LLM while the piece is a musical response to this process, and the idea of creating new visions in this Post-Information Age.





















