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for Eb Clarinet, Harp, and Prepared Piano Jeffrey Treviño, 2013

radiant un-formedness: measurement through listening replaces grid-based division of time.

ensemble

All read from score. The clarinetist acts a kind of conductor, guiding the movement through the form and pauses at fermatas as needed. (This capacity does not mean that the clarinetist is a soloist.) The pianist and harpist should place notes in time according to the approximate graphic position relative to progress through the clarinet part.

Accidentals apply only for the notes to which they immediately adhere.

The concept of "tempo" is not relevant to this music. Proceed through the notation freely and let listening guide decisions about when sounds begin and end. The score demands fidelity to everything except timing; regarding timing, the relative graphic placement of symbols should be regarded ultimately as a suggestion that defers to listened action.

Events that seem to occur graphically at the same time should.

piano

The presence of a bracket indicates that the sustain pedal is depressed. A notch indicates the instantaneous raising and lowering of the sustain pedal, clearing the sustain fully in order to begin the note to which the notch corresponds.

"una corda" signifies that the una corda pedal should be depressed until "tre corde" appears.

unprepared notes will be disproportinately louder than prepared notes, and care should be taken to scale their dynamics to comport with the relative presence of the prepared sounds.

harp

A harmonic circle indicates that the notated pitch sounds as a harmonic.

clarinet

Diamond noteheads refer to a noise with a barely perceptible pitch content, fingered as the fingering for that system's multiphonic. Two adjacent, diamond heads indicate two perceptibly distinct, but still continuously elided balances between sound and pitch.

Transition as gradually from state to state as possible; this means that the apparent boundaries in some of the notated symbols are illusory.

The diamond notehead does not mean to simply blow air through the instrument. The notated pitch should be almost imperceptibly present, but the sound should be primarily air.

For example, in a transition from a single pitch to a multiphonic sound, the multiphonic sound may begin to emerge well within the duration of the single pitch. The boundary between the notated single pitch and multiphonic chord should occur where listened judgment draws the line at the fulfilled existence of the multiphonic.

The same applies for other similar transitions.

The number of accents should be carefully observed as a notated form of diaphragmatic vibrato.

Arrows that cross seemingly sudden transitions of pitch may be bridged by gradual upward or downward glissandos, if the pitches are adjacent, or by a change into and out of a pitchless timbre, if one or the other notes is a harmonic note.

Rather than sudden changes in loudness, dynamic marks indicate instantaneous states of a constantly fluctuating loudness. (Loudness is how loud a sound sounds, and even an extremely airy sound can sound relatively softer or louder.)













