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TORRENT FOR FLUTES AND WATER

for the Mount Royal Chamber flutes

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Torrent is inspired by the catastrophe of the flood that occurred in Calgary in June 2013, and the spirit of those who came together to overcome it. It is written for expandable flute choir and water sounds controlled live by electronics. The water sounds make audible that which is usually silent but is ever present in music-making – the musicians' muscle tension as they perform, think about, and feel their music. Data from electromyography sensors on four players is streamed to custom software that then controls propellers to agitate a large container of water. The water sounds are amplified to accompany the flute sounds.

NOTATION LEGEND

Notation	Playing Method
Key clicks	With no tone, finger notes written with force to make clicks.
Feathered Beams	Accelerando or ritardando through the notes under the feathered beam
Tongue Ram HT!	Close the mouthpiece with the whole mouth, and then make a big and very rapid movement with the tongue, against the teeth. The easiest way is to say "HOT!" or "HT!". The tone which is produced will sound a major seventh below the fingered one. See http://www.sfz.se/flutetech/04.htm for examples.
Air sound	Finger the note and blow air across the flute with vibrato but without making a tone. Increase rate of vibrato with crescendos and decrease rate with descrescendos.

Transposed Score

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