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COMPOSER'S NOTE

I tried to synthesize the incisive sounds of EDM with the gnarliest innovations of modern composition — metric modulations, modes of limited transposition, twelve-tone rows — resulting in a piece of music suitable for concert halls and raves alike. It spotlights a mode of Iranian classical music called *Bidâd* ("outcry"), known for its visceral, wailing quality. I hear the very same primal expressive urge in *Bidâd*, modern classical works like *The Rite of Spring* (hence the bassoon quote), and the heavier strains of EDM.

—Kian Ravaei

PERFORMANCE INSTRUCTIONS

The tape may be downloaded at <u>kianravaei.com/downloads/outcry.wav</u>. The violin should be amplified (preferably using a DPA 4099 or similar clip-on microphone; if unavailable, an external microphone may be used at close range). The violinist should have a personal monitor to hear the tape clearly (preferably an in-ear monitor; if unavailable, a personal loudspeaker may be used). The amplified volume of the piece should be very loud, like a rave. For the sake of preserving the energy of the piece, it is preferred that the piece is performed from memory.

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