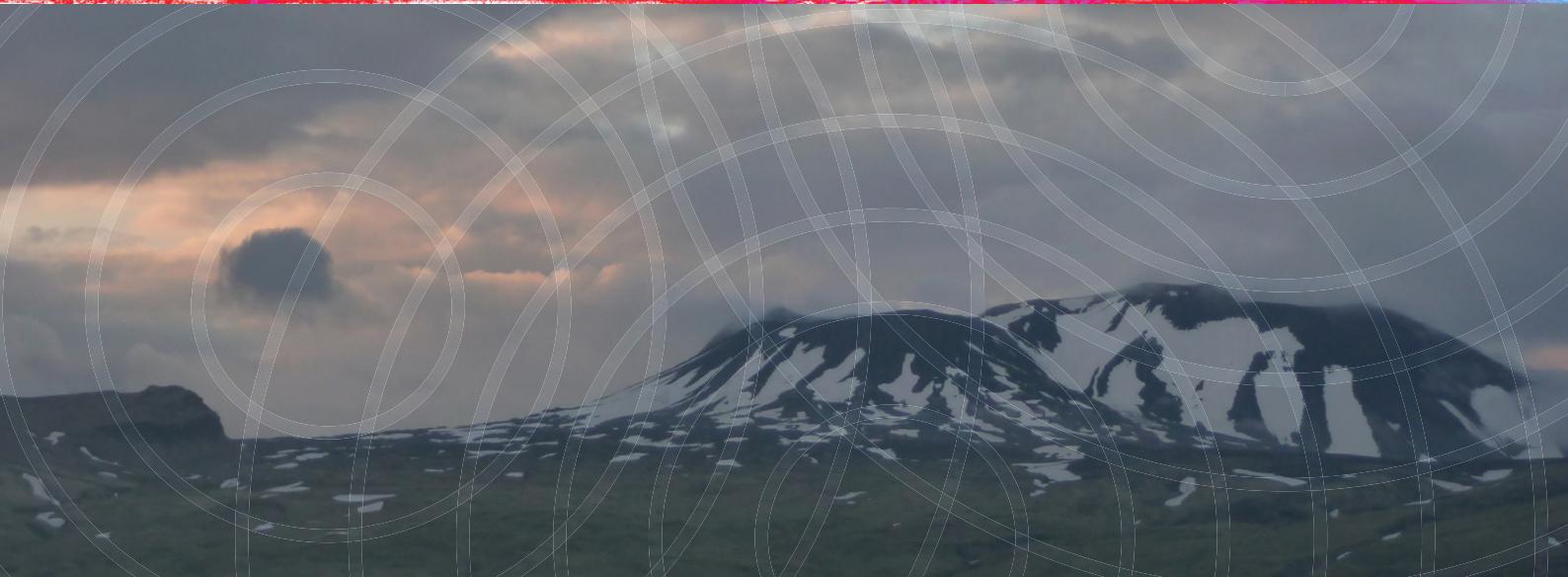
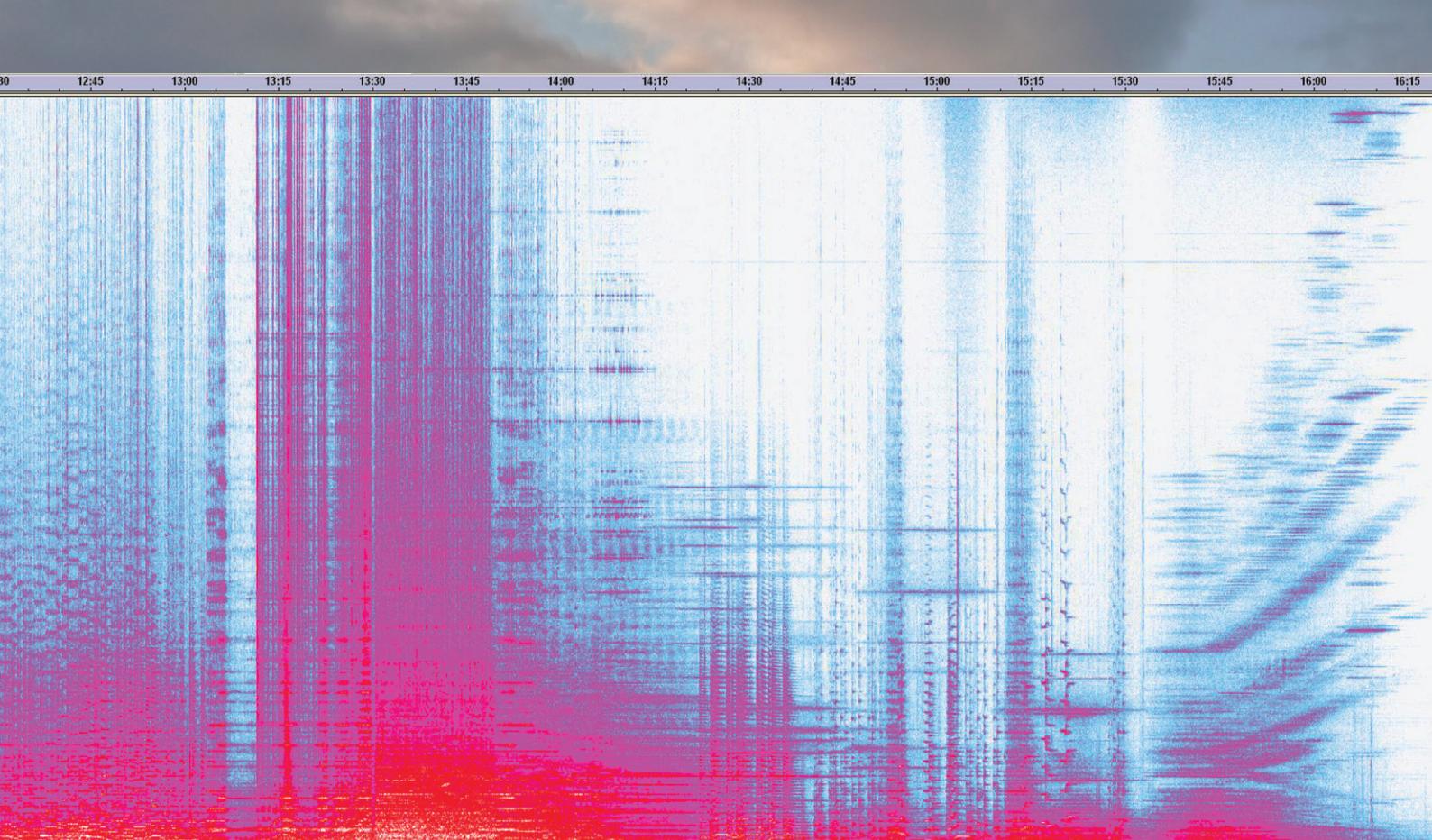


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SEMISOPOCHNOI

concerto for solo electric guitar,
electronic sounds and Niibori guitar orchestra
opus 97

full score



Alaska's Aleutian islands are like a string of pearls in the Bering sea, tenuously joining continents. At the western end of the Aleutians is Semisopochnoi, a tiny island, uninhabited, rarely visited, and over 250 km from the nearest cell phone coverage. Shaped over the aeons by volcanic activity and forces of erosion, Semisopochnoi's seemingly barren landscape is home to millions of birds and a few arctic foxes. As environmental anarchist Edward Abbey noted "Wilderness is not a luxury but a necessity of the human spirit". We all need a Semisopochnoi to escape to, if only in our minds.

Semisopochnoi was commissioned by NUS Centre For the Arts. The premiere took place in Singapore (Conservatory Concert Hall of the Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music) on March 16-2014, with Gerry Beauregard as soloist. The second performance took place in Japan (Niibori Academy, Fujisawa) on May 23-2014, with Sumito Kaneko as soloist.

Duration: 16'30"

Notation convention in this full score: the solo electric guitar and primes sound a octave lower than written; alti sound a perfect fifth higher; basses sound a perfect eleventh lower; contrabasses and guitarrons a perfect fifteenth lower; the reduction of the guitar orchestra for the conductor's reference is notated at concert pitch. Double bar lines indicate a change in tempo. All the unnumbered bars with dashed barlines are not conducted and are subsumed in the parts into a single bar rest with fermata. The solo electric guitar, the electro-acoustic sounds and the orchestra should be carefully balanced. The electronic component can be downloaded at: <<https://soundcloud.com/petekellock/sets/semisopochnoi-concert-version>>. The electronic music is provided in 5 "Chunks" which are to be triggered manually as indicated in the score. Each chunk (notated in the score by a wavy line) plays to the end and stops automatically. Suitable software for triggering the chunks (used in the first performance) is the Play on Cue app for Apple iPad by Giebler Enterprises.

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R Casteels: concept and acoustic music
P Kellock: electronic music



1 [= 45"]

Solo electric guitar

violining/ bridge pick-up/ moderately high gain Solo sounding faraway, solitary, plaintive, **pp**, in slow tempo starting @ 0'45" after low rumble

↓ this vertical descending arrow sign is an invitation for the conductor to cue the person triggering the electronic music chunks.

Reduction of the electronic music

(chunk 1 lasts 3'43") rumble @ 0'44"

the solitary drums begin @ 1'06" in tempo = 65

Reduction of the guitar orchestra

Alt 1 in G

Alt 2 in G

Primes 1 in C

Primes 2 in C

Basses in G

Contrabasses in C

Guitarron in C

↑ this crossed oblique arrow sign indicates that the conductor is not conducting

@ 1'37"

E. m.

Gtr. orch. in C

drums fade away in the time of 3 bars

conduct in the same serene tempo as the preceding electronic music
(balance the **p** dynamic with the electronic sounds)

↗ this oblique arrow sign indicates that the conductor starts conducting

Alt. 1 in G

Alt. 2 in G

Pr. 1 in C

Pr. 2 in C

Bs. in G

Cbs. in C

Gtr. in C

Musical score page 2, measures 15-18. The score consists of two staves. The top staff is for the Bassoon, starting with a rest followed by a sustained note. The bottom staff is for the Double Bass. Measure 15: Bassoon rests, Double Bass eighth-note pattern. Measure 16: Bassoon rests, Double Bass eighth-note pattern. Measure 17: Bassoon rests, Double Bass eighth-note pattern. Measure 18: Bassoon eighth-note pattern, Double Bass eighth-note pattern. The score includes dynamic markings (f., ff.), tempo (♩ = 65) and duration (@ 1'50"), and performance instructions (gliss.). Measure 19 begins with a bassoon glissando.

Solo, **p**, sounding closer, responding to the electro chords

6 7 8 9 10

Solo e. gtr.

wbar:
bend up
wbar
vibrato
without violining
(after 3rd bing)
(after 4th bing)
(after 5th bing)
(before 6th bing)

(3 bings @ 2'43": ♩ ♩ ♩)

E. m.

@ 2'10"

(3 bings: ♩ ♩ ♩)

Gtr. orch. in C

conduct in the same tempo
as the tempo of the preceding
electronic music

start as the preceding electronic music
fades away and
conduct in the same tempo

Alt. 1 in G

mf same dynamic as primes

Alt. 2 in G

mf same dynamic as primes

Pr. 1 in C

mf

Pr. 2 in C

mf

Bs. in G

mf same dynamic as primes

Cbs. in C

mf same dynamic as basses

Gtr. in C

mf same dynamic as contrabasses

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11 @ 3'12" 12 13 @ 3'19"
 E. m.
 Gtr. orch. in C
 Alt. 1 in G
 Alt. 2 in G
 Pr. 1 in C
 Pr. 2 in C
 Bs. in G
 Cbs. in C
 Gtr. in C

Solo e. gtr. 14 15 16 *vibrato*
 E. m. *low note @ 3'38"* and end of chunk 1
tempo $\text{♩} = 65$
 Alt. 1 in G
 Alt. 2 in G
 Pr. 1 in C
 Pr. 2 in C
 Bs. in G
 Cbs. in C
 Gtr. in C

p softer than primes *mf* same dynamic as primes
p softer than primes *mf* same dynamic as basses
p softer than primes *mf* same dynamic as contrabasses

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Foxes' fox trot

$\text{♩} = 110$

in the manner of mischievous blue foxes gamboling on Semisopochnoi, but with a hint of Fafnerian ponderosity

17 18 19 20 21 22

Solo e. grt.

Gtr. orch.

Alt. 1 in G

Alt. 2 in G

Pr. 1 in C

Pr. 2 in C

Bs. in G

Cbs. in C

Gtr. in C

(balance the *f* dynamic with the soloist)

23 24 25 26

Solo e. grt.

Gtr. orch.

Alt. 1 in G

Alt. 2 in G

Pr. 1 in C

Pr. 2 in C

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27 28 29 30

Solo e. gtr.

Gtr. orch.

Alt. 1
in G

Alt. 2
in G

Pr. 1
in C

Pr. 2
in C

31 32 33 34

Solo e. gtr.

Gtr. orch.

Alt. 1
in G

Alt. 2
in G

Pr. 1
in C

Pr. 2
in C

Bs.
in G

Cbs.
in C

Gtr.
in C

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35 Solo e. gtr.

 36 Gtr. orch.

 37 Alt. 1 in G

 38 Alt. 2 in G

 Pr. 1 in C

 Pr. 2 in C

 Bs. in G

 Cbs. in C

 Gtr. in C

39 Solo e. gtr.

 40 Gtr. orch.

 41 Alt. 1 in G

 Alt. 2 in G

 Pr. 1 in C

 Pr. 2 in C

 Bs. in G

 Cbs. in C

 Gtr. in C

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42 43 44 45 46 47 w/bar 48

Solo e. gtr.

E. m.. (= begin chunk 2) (chunk 2 lasts 1'41")

Gtr. orch.

Alt. 1 in G

Alt. 2 in G

Pr. 1 in C

Pr. 2 in C

Bs. in G

Cbs. in C

Gtr. in C

Musical score for the electric mandolin (E. m.) part. The score consists of two staves. The top staff shows a continuous wavy line across 13 measures, starting at measure 49. The bottom staff shows a sustained note from measure 49 to measure 50. Measure 49 includes a dynamic instruction and a tempo marking. Measures 50-51 show a sustained note.

49

E. m.

\textcircled{C} = 13"

= 24", Solo, **f**, sounding closer, at a lesser slow tempo

Solo e. gtr.

E. m.

→ @ 0'33" this chord followed by low wave followed by high wave

Gtr. orch.

wait that the last preceding electronic high wave has vanished before starting bar 50 @ $\text{♩} = 116$

Alt. 1 in G

Alt. 2 in G

Pr. 1 in C

Pr. 2 in C

Bs. in G

Cbs. in C

Gtr. in C

Solo e. gtr.

wbar: pre-bend down *bend up wbar* *= 36"*

E. m..

5 times this chord at different octaves

Gtr. orch.

Alt. 1 in G

Alt. 2 in G

Pr. 1 in C

Pr. 2 in C

Bs. in G

Cbs. in C

Gtr. in C

(Семисопочный)

start when the preceding electronic music has faded away and increase tempo @ minimum = 132

54 *neck pick-up* Solo e. gtr. Gtr. orch.

55 Alt. 1 in G Alt. 2 in G Pr. 1 in C Pr. 2 in C Bs. in G Cbs. in C Gtr. in C

56

57 Solo e. gtr. Gtr. orch.

58 Alt. 1 in G Alt. 2 in G Pr. 1 in C Pr. 2 in C

59

60 Solo e. gtr. Gtr. orch.

61 Alt. 1 in G Alt. 2 in G Pr. 1 in C Pr. 2 in C

62

bar in which a pitch shift occurs

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Solo e. gtr.
 Gtr. orch.
 Alt. 1 in G
 Alt. 2 in G
 Pr. 1 in C
 Pr. 2 in C

Solo e. gtr.
 Gtr. orch.
 Alt. 1 in G
 Alt. 2 in G
 Pr. 1 in C
 Pr. 2 in C

Solo e. gtr.
 Gtr. orch.
 Alt. 1 in G
 Alt. 2 in G
 Pr. 1 in C
 Pr. 2 in C

Solo e. gtr.
 Gtr. orch.
 Alt. 1 in G
 Alt. 2 in G
 Pr. 1 in C
 Pr. 2 in C

Cadenza
 repeat ad libitum
 beat one of bar 71

Cadenza

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72 Back in the fast tempo of bar 54

Solo e. gtr.

blue foxes' pp

73 74 75

76 77 78 79

Solo e. gtr.

80 81 82 83

Solo e. gtr.

84 85 86 87 88

In a slower tempo

Solo e. gtr.

89 90 91 92

93 94 In a slower tempo 95 96

Solo e. gtr.

97 Optional extended extemporised free *blue fox* cadenza within the cadenza

Solo e. gtr.

98 Molto rubato 99 100 101 102

Solo e. gtr.

ben cantando

w/bar

103 104 105 106 107 108

Solo e. gtr.

109 110 111 112

Solo e. gtr.

113 114 115 116

Solo e. gtr.

117 118 119

Solo e. gtr.

120 gliss. Held back 121 122

Solo e. gtr.

Returning to tempo

This sheet music for solo electric guitar spans 21 bars, starting from bar 72 and ending at bar 122. The piece begins with a fast tempo, indicated by 'Back in the fast tempo of bar 54'. The instrumentation is 'Solo e. gtr.' throughout. The score includes several dynamic markings such as 'pp' (pianissimo) and 'f' (fortissimo). It features various rhythmic patterns, including sixteenth-note figures and eighth-note pairs. The tempo changes frequently, with sections labeled 'In a slower tempo' and 'Molto rubato'. Performance techniques like 'gliss.' (glissando), 'Held back', and 'Returning to tempo' are also indicated. The music concludes with a return to the original fast tempo.

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Back in the fast tempo of bar 54

123

Solo e. gtr.

124

125

126

Gtr. orch.

Alt. 1
in G

Alt. 2
in G

Pr. 1
in C

Pr. 2
in C

127

Solo e. gtr.

128

129

130

Gtr. orch.

Alt. 1
in G

Alt. 2
in G

Pr. 1
in C

Pr. 2
in C

131

Solo e. gtr.

132

133

Gtr. orch.

Alt. 1
in G

Alt. 2
in G

Pr. 1
in C

Pr. 2
in C

Bs.
in G

Cbs.
in C

Gtr.
in C

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134

Solo e. gtr.

135

swing dance macabre 1 with drums starts @ 0'11"

begin of chunk 3
(chunk 3 lasts 0'39")

offbeats 5ths start @ 0'4"

Gtr. orch.

Alt. 1 in G

Alt. 2 in G

Pr. 1 in C

Pr. 2 in C

Bs. in G

Cbs. in C

Gtr. in C

136

E. m.

E. m.

E. m.

E. m.

end of chunk 3,
swing falls apart,
then low rumble)

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144

Solo e. gtr.

Gtr. orch.

Alt. 1 in G

Alt. 2 in G

Pr. 1 in C

Pr. 2 in C
(no accents)

Bs. in G

Cbs. in C

Gtr. in C

145

146

147

Solo e. gtr.

E. m.

Gtr. orch.

Alt. 1 in G

Alt. 2 in G

Pr. 1 in C

Pr. 2 in C

148

bridge pick-up

swing dance macabre with drums starts @ 0'06" (= begin chunk 4) = 20"

E. m.

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gliss with distortion on double notes

149 **ff** = 15" **150** ♩ = 132 **151** **152** **153** = 12"

Solo e. gtr.

bridge pick-up

E. m.

Gtr. orch.

Alt. 1 in G

Alt. 2 in G

Pr. 1 in C

Pr. 2 in C

Bs. in G

Cbs. in C

Gtr. in C

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glissandi with distortion on triads, ***ff***, = 25"

154

Solo e. gtr.

bridge pick-up

the second volcano erupts @ 0'56"

E. m.

ff

= end chunk 4

Gtr. orch.

+ gliss. in primes

Alt. 1 in G

ff sul pont. = 25"

Alt. 2 in G

ff sul pont. = 25"

non divisi, multiple forceful, unsynchronized descending glissandi interspersed with short irregular silences

Pr. 1 in C

ff sul pont. = 25"

non divisi, multiple forceful, unsynchronized descending glissandi interspersed with short irregular silences

Pr. 2 in C

ff sul pont. = 25"

Bs. in G

ff sul pont. = 25"

Cbs. in C

ff sul pont. = 25"

Gtr. in C

ff sul pont.

(Семисопочный)

accelerate ----- till $\text{♩} = 132 - 144$

wait until electronic music has faded away, then start slowly and accelerate

155 Solo e. gtr. 156 157 158 pizz. palm mute 159

palm mute

bridge pick-up

Gtr. orch.

Alt. 1 in G non divisi ponticello

Alt. 2 in G *sempre f*

Pr. 1 in C ponticello *sempre f*

Pr. 2 in C norm. *sempre f*

Bs. in G norm. *sempre f*

Cbs. in C norm. *sempre f*

Gtr. in C *sempre f*

160 161 162 163

Solo e. gtr.

Gtr. orch.

Alt. 1 in G

Alt. 2 in G

Pr. 1 in C

Pr. 2 in C

Bs. in G

Cbs. in C

Gtr. in C

(Семисопочный)

Solo e. gtr. 164
 Gtr. orch. 165
 Alt. 1 in G 166
 Alt. 2 in G non divisi ponticello
 Pr. 1 in C ponticello
 Pr. 2 in C
 Bs. in G
 Cbs. in C
 Gtr. in C

Solo e. gtr. 168
 Gtr. orch. 169
 Alt. 1 in G 170
 Alt. 2 in G 171
 Pr. 1 in C 172
 Pr. 2 in C
 Bs. in G
 Cbs. in C
 Gtr. in C

(Семисопочный)

173 174 175 176 177

Solo e. gtr. 

Gtr. orch.

Alt. 1
in G

Alt. 2
in G

Pr. 1
in C

Pr. 2
in C

Bs.
in G

Cbs.
in C

Gtr.
in C

(neck pick-up)

178 179 180 181

Solo e. gtr. 

Gtr. orch.

Alt. 1
in G

Alt. 2
in G

Pr. 1
in C

Pr. 2
in C

Bs.
in G

Cbs.
in C

Gtr.
in C

norm. 

ponticello

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182 183 184

Solo e. gtr.

Gtr. orch.

Alt. 1 in G

Alt. 2 in G

Pr. 1 in C

Pr. 2 in C

Bs. in G

Cbs. in C

Gtr. in C

185 186 187 [bridge pick-up]

Solo e. gtr.

Gtr. orch.

Alt. 1 in G

Alt. 2 in G

Pr. 1 in C

Pr. 2 in C

Bs. in G

Cbs. in C

Gtr. in C

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Solo e. gtr. 188 189 190 191

palm mute *non muted* *finger pick*

Gtr. orch.

+ d min chord *+ c min* *+ b flat min* *+ a flat min*

Alt. 1 in G

 Alt. 2 in G

Pr. 1 in C

norm. non divisi, p

Pr. 2 in C

norm. non divisi, i

Bs. in G

non divisi, non arpeggiando

Cbs. in C

Gtr. in C

192

 Solo e. gtr.

(b)

Gtr. orch.

+ f# min *+ e min* *+ F# Maj* *+ A flat Maj*

Alt. 1 in G

 Alt. 2 in G

Pr. 1 in C

Pr. 2 in C

Bs. in G

Cbs. in C

Gtr. in C

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196 *gliss.* 197 Solo e. gtr. *gliss.*

198 199 Gtr. orch. *plectrum*

Alt. 1 in G

Alt. 2 in G

Pr. 1 in C

Pr. 2 in C

Bs. in G

Cbs. in C

Gtr. in C

200 201 202 203 204

Solo e. gtr. E. m. (= begin chunk 5/
♪ unsynchronized with orchestra)
(chunk 5 lasts 3'13")

Gtr. orch.

Alt. 1 in G

Alt. 2 in G

Pr. 1 in C

Pr. 2 in C

Bs. in G

Cbs. in C

Gtr. in C

dance macabre 3 starts @ 0'05"

E. m.
(chunk 5
lasts 3'23")

Gtr. orch.

Alt. 1
in G

Alt. 2
in G

Pr. 1
in C

Pr. 2
in C

Bs.
in G

Cbs.
in C

conduct crescendi and decrescendi with the electro-acoustic music

***pp* subito, cresc. and decr. following conductor**

E. m.

Alt. 1
in G

Alt. 2
in G

Pr. 1
in C

Pr. 2
in C

Bs.
in G

Cbs.
in C

E. m.

Alt. 1
in G

Alt. 2
in G

Pr. 1
in C

Pr. 2
in C

Bs.
in G

Cbs.
in C

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Solo e. gtr.

pre bend down with wbar, slowly release wbar and slide up glissandi on quadruple notes with maximum distortion

the third volcano erupts @ 0'24"

E. m.

= 18'

fff multiple, continuous, frenetic and forceful unsynchronized ascending glissandi on frets 12 to 8 of the high E string, slowing down during each gliss. but always in crescendo

Alt. 1 in G

fff multiple, continuous, frenetic and forceful unsynchronized ascending glissandi, on frets 9 to 5 of the B string, slowing down during each gliss. but always in crescendo

Alt. 2 in G

fff multiple, continuous, frenetic and forceful unsynchronized ascending glissandi, 1/2 of the primes 1 on the G string, another 1/2 of the primes 1 on the D string, slowing down during each gliss. but always in crescendo

Pr. 1 in C

fff multiple, continuous, frenetic and forceful unsynchronized ascending glissandi, 1/2 of the primes 2 on the A string, another 1/2 of the primes 2 on the low E string, slowing down during each gliss. but always in crescendo

Pr. 2 in C

fff multiple, continuous, frenetic and forceful unsynchronized ascending glissandi, 1/3 of the basses on frets 1 to 5 of the low E string, another 1/3 the basses on frets 4 to 9 of A string, the remaining basses on frets 8 to 12 of D string, slowing down during each gliss. but always in crescendo

Bs. in G

fff multiple, continuous, frenetic and forceful unsynchronized ascending glissandi, 1/3 of the cbs on frets 1 to 5 of the low E string, another 1/3 the cbs on frets 4 to 9 of A string, the remaining cbs on frets 8 to 12 of D string, slowing down during each gliss. but always in crescendo

Cbs. in C

fff multiple, continuous, frenetic and forceful unsynchronized ascending glissandi, until SOL sharp on the low E string, slowing down during each gliss. but always in crescendo

Gtr. in C

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Furioso

207 E. m. ||: 2+2+3 8 :||: 208 rit.

Gtr. orch. ||: 2+2+3 8 :||: (rit.)

Furioso Alt. 1 in G ||: 2+2+3 8 :||: fff

Alt. 2 in G ||: 2+2+3 8 :||: fff

Pr. 1 in C ||: 2+2+3 8 :||: ff

Pr. 2 in C ||: 2+2+3 8 :||: ff

Bs. in G ||: 2+2+3 8 :||: ff unis.

Cbs. in C ||: 2+2+3 8 :||: f

Gtr. in C ||: 2+2+3 8 :||: ff f

rit. 210 rit. 211 rit. 212 molto rit.

E. m. -----

Gtr. orch. *mf* *mp* *p*

rit. rit. molto rit.

Alt. 1 in G *mf* *mp* *p*

Alt. 2 in G *mf* *mp* *p*

Pr. 1 in C *mf* *mp* *p*

Pr. 2 in C *mf* *mp* *p*

Bs. in G *mf* *p*

Cbs. in C *mf* *mp* *p*

Gtr. in C *mf* *mp* *p*

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213 Solo e. gtr. *Solo @ 1'19"*

mf *high tinkling*

213 Solo e. gtr. *= 10''* *high tinkling*

214 Solo e. gtr. *Gentle ♩ = 60*

215 E. m. *violining*

216 Gtr. orch. *Solo* *Gentle ♩ = 60*

Alt. 1 in G

Alt. 2 in G

Pr. 1 in C

Pr. 2 in C

Bs. in G

Cbs. in C

Gtr. in C *mf*

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217 = 12" 218 Gentle $\text{♩} = 60$ 219
 Solo e. gtr.
 violining/bridge pick-up/moderately high gain

E. m..
 solitary drums @ 1'56" @ 2'02"

Gtr. orch.

Alt. 1 in G
 = 12" sul tasto

Alt. 2 in G
 = 12" sul tasto

Pr. 1 in C
 = 12" sul tasto

Pr. 2 in C
 = 12" sul tasto

Bs. in G
 = 12" sul tasto

Cbs. in C
 = 12" sul tasto

Gtr. in C
 = 12" sul tasto

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Solo sounding faraway, slow tempo, ***pp***, = 16"

220 Solo e. gtr. 221

E. m.. *solitary drums @ 2'20"*

Gtr. orch.

Alt. 1 in G

Alt. 2 in G

Pr. 1 in C

Pr. 2 in C

Bs. in G

Cbs. in C

Gtr. in C

@ 2'27" = 48" (= end chunk 5) gliss.

sounding like a question mark with a tinkle of vulpine adieu
single unsynchronized slow ascending gliss
lasting 1 ♩ on beat 4 diminuendo al niente
gliss.

single unsynchronized slow ascending gliss
lasting 1 ♩ on beat 3 diminuendo al niente

single unsynchronized slow ascending gliss
lasting 1 ♩ on beat 2 diminuendo al niente

single unsynchronized slow descending gliss
lasting 1 ♩ on beat 1 diminuendo al niente

single unsynchronized slow descending gliss
lasting 1 ♩ on beat 2 diminuendo al niente

single unsynchronized slow descending gliss.
lasting 1 ♩ on beat 3 diminuendo al niente

single unsynchronized slow descending gliss.
lasting 1 ♩ on beat 4 diminuendo al niente

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