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amplified trumpet trio

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program note:

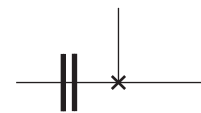
When the apocalypse has come and the human race is no more, the world will be covered in a layer of detritus that will signify our time here. This layer will be primarily comprised of our waste; the things we have thrown away. Materials such as plastic, glass, concrete, and radiation will be all that survive us.

This piece aims to bring the ‘waste’ or ‘away’ sounds of the trumpet and its player into sharp focus. Breath noise, tongue-rams, valve-clicks, throat noise, and split tones caused by inconsistencies of the embouchure are the entire focus of this piece. These are all sounds that are generally negated and ignored by the performer; ironed out by years of practice and good technique.

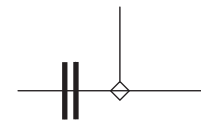
Reminiscent of a land-fill site, this piece is about trash; tons and tons of putrefied garbage processually and continually being tossed into a landfill site. The trash gets crushed under its own weight, gradually being boiled down to a rancid broth of carrion and carcasses.

notations

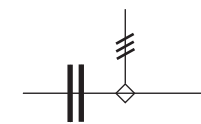
INDETERMINATE PITCH



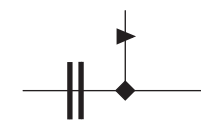
valve-click (valve specified)



blow air through instrument

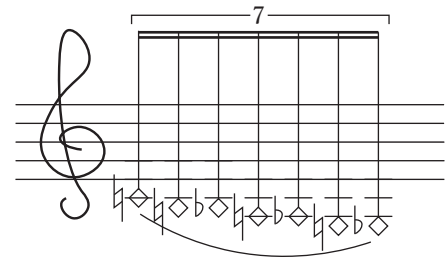


blow air through instrument (flz.)

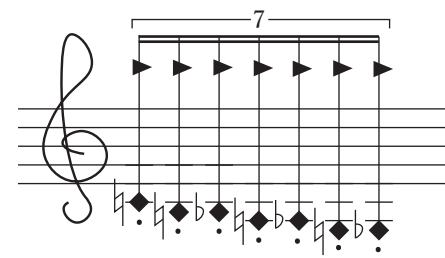


tongue-ram

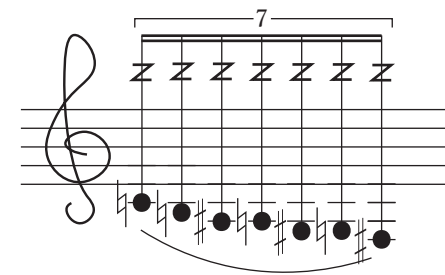
DETERMINATE PITCH



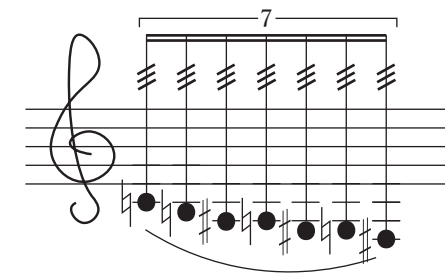
blow air through instrument



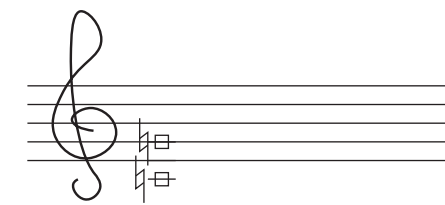
tongue-rams



throat-growl



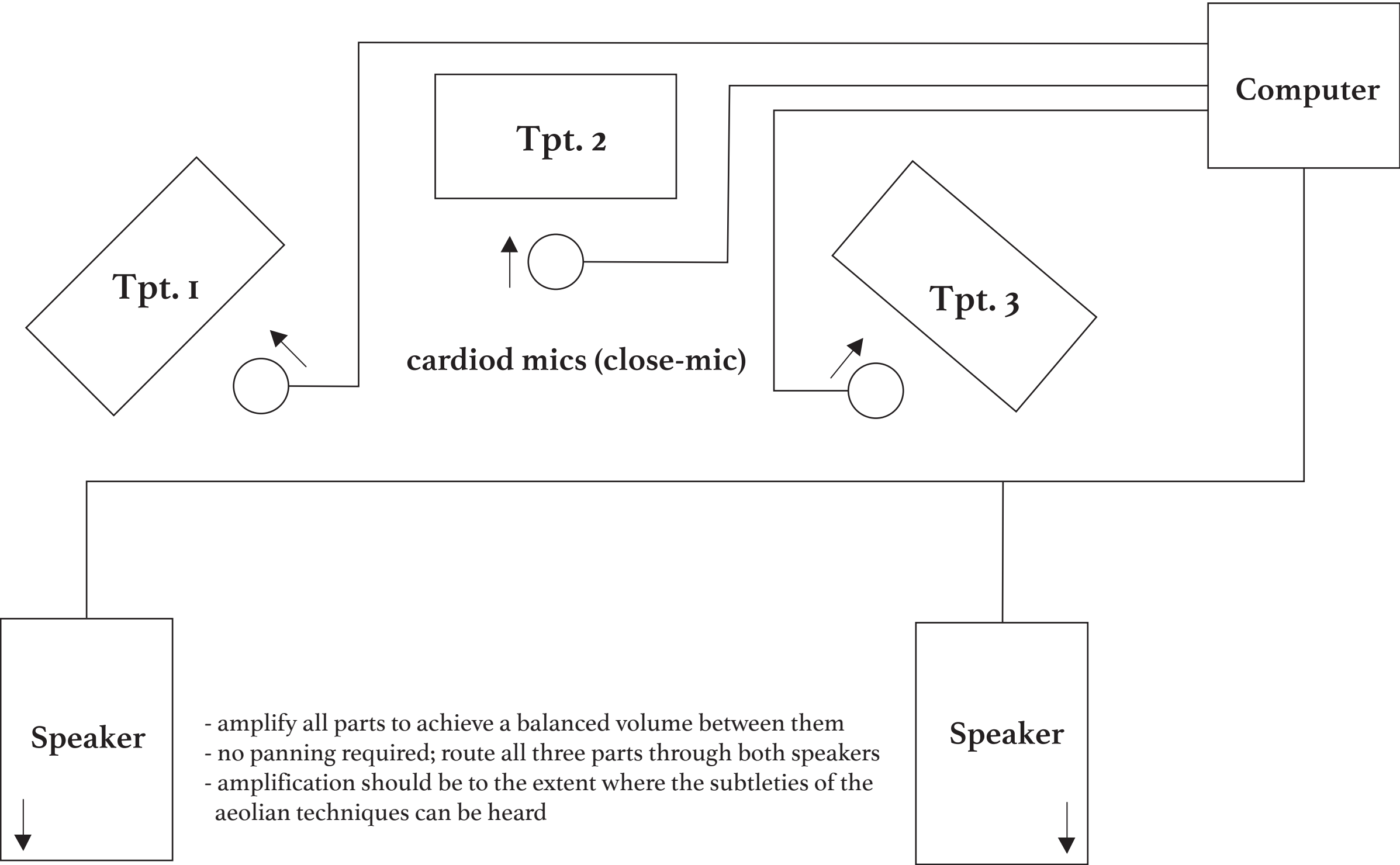
flz.



split tone

technology set-up

3x cardioid mics, 2x speakers, 1x computer



* pitch of air is determined by valve depressed
** only lift valve as you depress the next one; the valve clicks when it rises
(this is why valve three must be depressed ready to lift as you depress valve one at the beginning of the piece).

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SEMPRE MOLTO MECCANICO E RITMICO

IX **2X** *** lift whichever valve is depressed so all valves are open (this allowed you to 'reset' for the next repeat)

Tpt. 1 valve-clicks air
valve-caps untightened (valves click when depressed)

Tpt. 2 valve-clicks air
valve-caps untightened (valves click when depressed)

Tpt. 3 valve-clicks air
valve-caps untightened (valves click when depressed)

Tightening sequence:
tighten cap of 3rd valve with left hand

Tpt. 1 valve-clicks air
tongue -ram mp

Tpt. 2 valve-clicks air
tongue -ram mp

Tpt. 3 valve-clicks air
tongue -ram mp

IX **2X**

Tpt. 1 valve-clicks air **IO** **4/4**

Tpt. 2 valve-clicks air **IO** **4/4**

Tpt. 3 valve-clicks air **IO** **4/4**

Tpt. 1 valve-clicks air **I5** **4/4**

Tpt. 2 valve-clicks air **I5** **4/4**

Tpt. 3 valve-clicks air **I5** **4/4**

tighten cap of 2nd valve with left hand

tongue-ram **mp**

IX

2X

Tpt. 1 valve-clicks
air

Tpt. 2 valve-clicks
air

Tpt. 3 valve-clicks
air

Tpt. 1 valve-clicks
air

Tpt. 2 valve-clicks
air

Tpt. 3 valve-clicks
air

tighten cap of 1st valve with left hand

tongue-ram
mp

Tpt. 1

28 *pp* *p* *mf* *tongue-rams*

Tpt. 2

28 *p* *mp* *mf* *tongue-rams*

Tpt. 3

28 *mp* *mf* *mf* *tongue-rams*

Tpt. 1

31 *mf* *mp* *mf* *tongue-rams*

Tpt. 2

31 *mp* *p* *mf* *tongue-rams*

Tpt. 3

31 *p* *pp* *mf* *tongue-rams*

IX

2X

Tpt. 1 valve-clicks air **33** **4/4**

Tpt. 2 valve-clicks air **33** **4/4**

Tpt. 3 valve-clicks air **33** **4/4**

Section IX (Measures 33-44) and Section 2X (Measures 45-48) are marked above the staves. The notation includes numerous beamed notes, slurs, and dynamic markings such as *f*, *sfz*, and *mp*. A double bar line separates the two sections.

Tpt. 1 valve-clicks air **38** **4/4**

Tpt. 2 valve-clicks air **38** **4/4**

Tpt. 3 valve-clicks air **38** **4/4**

Section IX (Measures 38-44) and Section 2X (Measures 45-48) are marked above the staves. The notation includes numerous beamed notes, slurs, and dynamic markings such as *ff*, *sfz*, and *mp*. A double bar line separates the two sections.

Tpt. 1

42

3/4

pp p

pp p

mf

Tpt. 2

42

3/4

p mp

p mp

mf

Tpt. 3

42

3/4

mp mf

mp mf

mf



Tpt. 1

45

5/4

mf mp

mf mp

Tpt. 2

45

5/4

mp p

mp p

Tpt. 3

45

5/4

p pp

Tpt. 1

(throat growl)

47

$\frac{3}{4}$

ff

7 7 7

2/4

Tpt. 2

47

$\frac{3}{4}$

2/4

Tpt. 3

47

$\frac{3}{4}$

2/4

Half-speed
(♩ = 72)

Tpt. 1

49

$\frac{4}{4}$

mp

5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5

Tpt. 2

49

$\frac{4}{4}$

mp

Tpt. 3

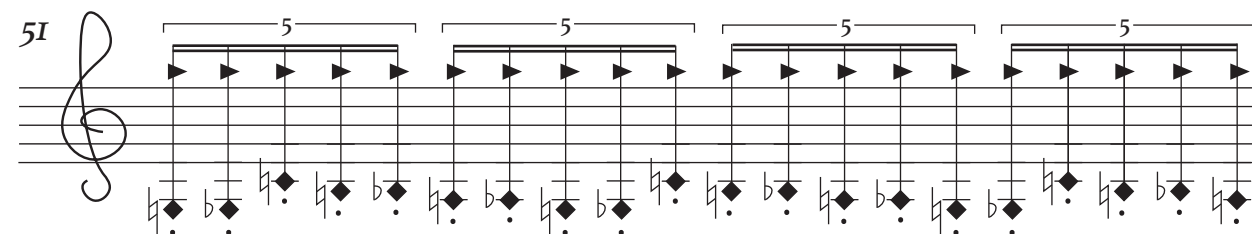
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$\frac{4}{4}$

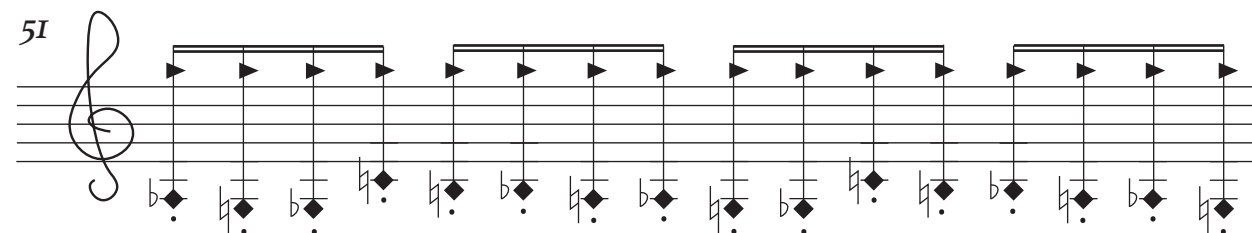
mp

7 7 7 7

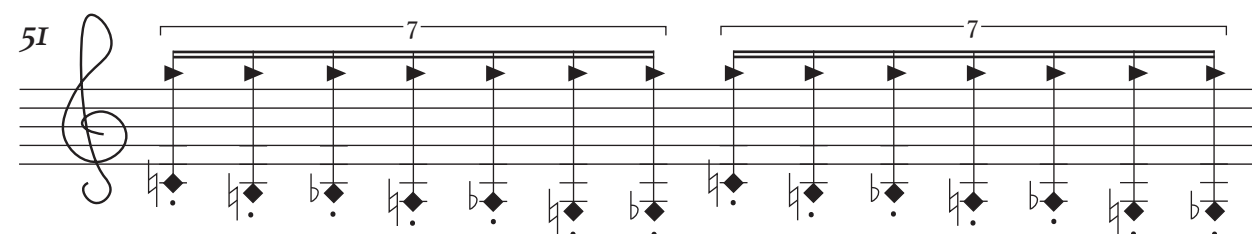
Tpt. 1



Tpt. 2



Tpt. 3



IX

15

16

15

16

15

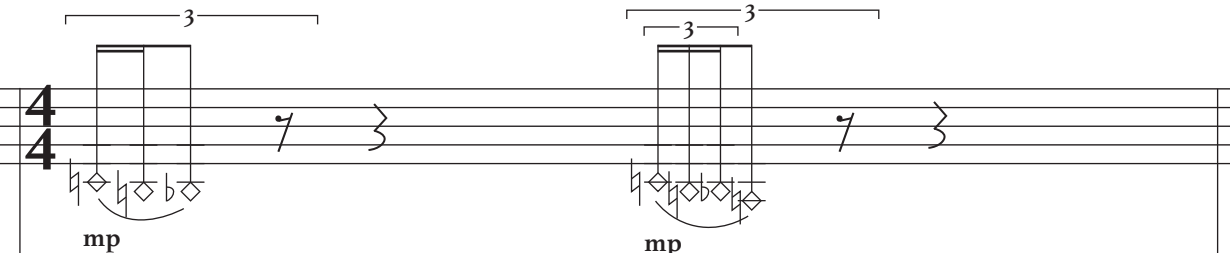
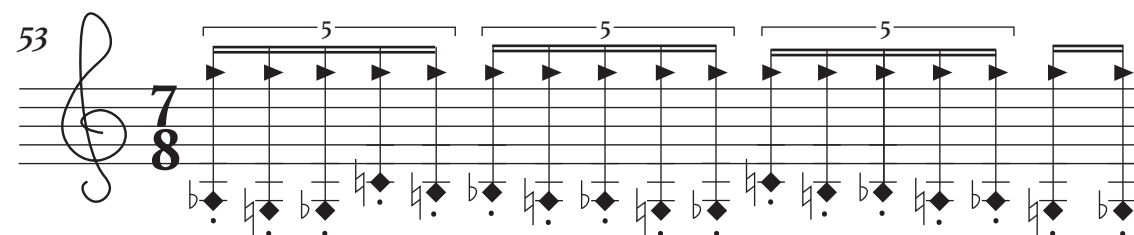
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A tempo

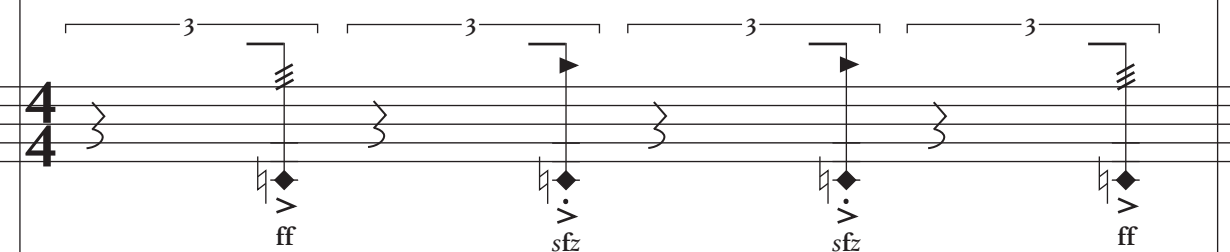
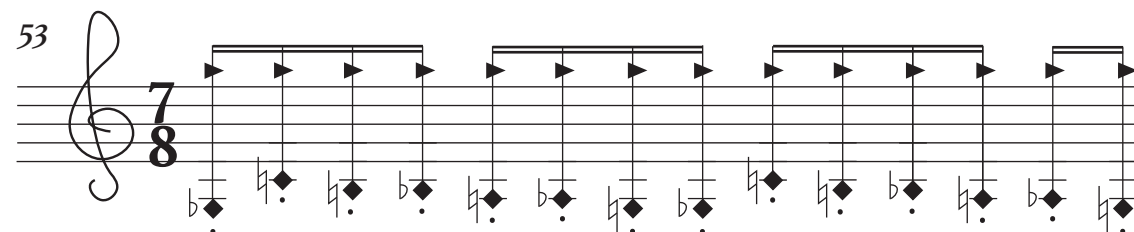
(♩ = 72)

2X

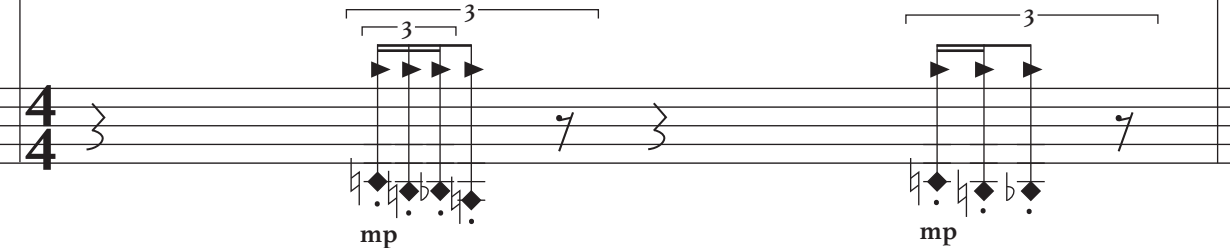
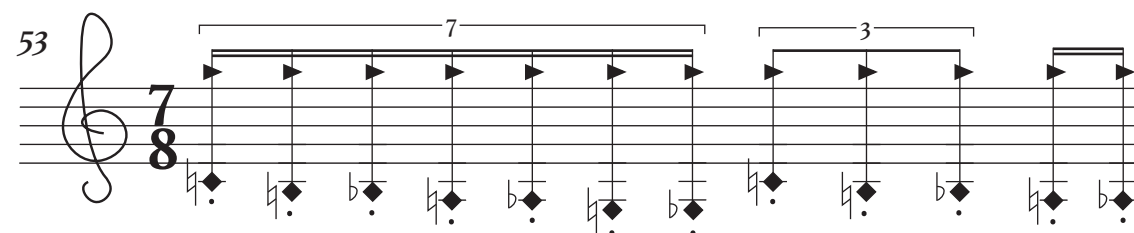
Tpt. 1



Tpt. 2



Tpt. 3



53

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

mp

mp

mp

mp

ff

sfz

sfz

ff

sfz

ff

sfz

mp

mp

mp

mp

(throat growl; quasi ad lib.)

55

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

ff

2/4

2/4

2/4

Tpt. 1

57 $\frac{3}{4}$ $\overbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}^7$ $\text{pp} \text{---} \text{p}$ $\text{pp} \text{---} \text{p}$ mf

Tpt. 2

57 $\frac{3}{4}$ $\text{p} \text{---} \text{mp}$ $\text{p} \text{---} \text{mp}$ mf

Tpt. 3

57 $\frac{3}{4}$ $\text{mp} \text{---} \text{mf}$ $\text{mp} \text{---} \text{mf}$ mf

Tpt. 1

60 $\frac{5}{4}$ $\text{mf} \text{---} \text{mp}$ $\text{mf} \text{---} \text{mp}$

Tpt. 2

60 $\frac{5}{4}$ $\text{mp} \text{---} \text{p}$ $\text{mp} \text{---} \text{p}$

Tpt. 3

60 $\frac{5}{4}$ $\text{p} \text{---} \text{pp}$

Tpt. 1

(throat growl)

62

ff

Tpt. 2

62

Tpt. 3

62

7 7 7

3 4

2 4

Tpt. 1

64

pp

p

Tpt. 2

64

p

mp

Tpt. 3

64

mp

mf

7 7 7

3 4

2 4

Tpt. 1

67

mf mp

mf mp

Tpt. 2

67

mp p

mp p

Tpt. 3

67

p pp

mf

mf

mf



Tpt. 1

69

mp

mp

mp

f

Tpt. 2

69

ff sfz sfz ff sfz sfz ff

Tpt. 3

69

mp

mp

mp

mp

Tpt. 1

71

mp

Tpt. 2

71

sfz

Tpt. 3

71

mp



Tpt. 1

73

mp

Tpt. 2

73

ff

Tpt. 3

73

mp

Tpt. 1

75 *mp* *mp* *ff* *(simile)*

Tpt. 2

75 *sfz* *ff* *ff* *sfz* *ff* *(throat growl; quasi ad lib.)*

Tpt. 3

75 *mp* *f*

6/4



Tpt. 1

77 *mp* *mp* *mp* *f*

Tpt. 2

77 *ff* *sfz* *sfz* *ff* *sfz* *sfz* *ff*

Tpt. 3

77 *mp* *f* *mp* *f*

4/4

Tpt. 1

79 *mp* *f* *ff* *(simile)*

Tpt. 2

79 *sfz* *ff* *ff* *sfz* *ff* *(simile)*

Tpt. 3

79 *mp* *f* *ff* *(throat growl; quasi ad lib.)*

Tpt. 1

81 *ff* *7/4* *ff*

Tpt. 2

81 *ff* *7/4* *ff*

Tpt. 3

81 *ff* *7/4* *ff*

83

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

mp

mp

f

f

ff

sfz

sfz

ff

ff

sfz

sfz

ff

mp

f

mp

f



85

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

mp

f

(simile)

ff

(simile)

ff

(simile)

ff

sfz

ff

ff

sfz

sfz

ff

mp

f

ff

Tpt. 1

87

ff

Tpt. 2

87

ff

Tpt. 3

87

ff



Tpt. 1

89

ff

Tpt. 2

89

ff

Tpt. 3

89

ff

7
4

7
4

7
4

Tpt. 1 *9I* **4/4** *mp* *f*

Tpt. 2 *9I* **4/4** *ff* *sfz*

Tpt. 3 *9I* **4/4** *mp* *f*



Tpt. 1 *93* **4/4** *mp* *f* *ff*

Tpt. 2 *93* **4/4** *sfz* *ff* *ff* *sfz*

Tpt. 3 *93* **4/4** *mp* *f* *ff*

Tpt. 1

95

ff

Tpt. 2

95

ff

Tpt. 3

95

ff

Tpt. 1

97

ff

Tpt. 2

97

ff

Tpt. 3

97

ff

Tpt. 1

99

Tpt. 1

IO3

3/4

ff

Tpt. 2

IO3

3/4

ff

Tpt. 3

IO3

3/4

ff



Tpt. 1

IO6

3/4

Tpt. 2

IO6

3/4

Tpt. 3

IO6

3/4

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2

Tpt. 3

III

split tones; very unstable/dirty

mf

Tpt. 1 *II7*

Tpt. 2 *II7*

Tpt. 3 *II7*

The first system of the musical score features three trumpet parts. Tpt. 1 and Tpt. 3 are in the treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). Tpt. 2 is in the treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The music is in 4/4 time. Tpt. 1 and Tpt. 3 play a melody of eighth notes with ties, while Tpt. 2 plays a harmonic accompaniment of quarter notes. The first measure is marked with a double bar line and a repeat sign.



Tpt. 1 *I23*

Tpt. 2 *I23*

Tpt. 3 *I23*

The second system of the musical score features three trumpet parts. Tpt. 1 and Tpt. 3 are in the treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). Tpt. 2 is in the treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The music is in 4/4 time. Tpt. 1 and Tpt. 3 play a melody of eighth notes with ties, while Tpt. 2 plays a harmonic accompaniment of quarter notes. The first measure is marked with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

Tpt. 1 *I29*

Tpt. 2 *I29*

Tpt. 3 *I29*



Tpt. 1 *I35*

Tpt. 2 *I35*

Tpt. 3 *I35*

untighten all valve-caps

($\bullet$ = 72)

Tpt. 1 valve-clicks air **I39** **4/4**

Tpt. 2 valve-clicks air **I39** **4/4**

Tpt. 3 valve-clicks air **I39** **4/4**

IX 2X

Handwritten musical score for three trumpet parts (Tpt. 1, Tpt. 2, Tpt. 3) in 4/4 time. The score is divided into two systems, IX and 2X. Each system contains measures with complex rhythmic patterns, including quintuplets and septuplets, and dynamic markings such as *ff*, *fp*, and *flz.*. The notation includes valve-clicks and air indicators.

Tpt. 1 valve-clicks air **I44** **4/4**

Tpt. 2 valve-clicks air **I44** **4/4**

Tpt. 3 valve-clicks air **I44** **4/4**

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