

Sense of Place

for large ensemble

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Score in C

Instrumentation

Flute (doubling Alto)

Oboe

B flat Clarinet

Bassoon

F Horn

C Trumpet

B flat Trombone

2 Percussion:

Large bass drum, large tam-tam, marimba, xylophone, vibraphone, tuned gongs (G#, A, B, C#),

large suspended cymbal (ride), snare drum, crotales

Piano

Duration: c. 10 minutes

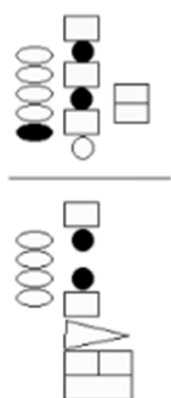
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Performance notes

Bassoon

multiphonic fingering:



Piano:

- con pedale unless otherwise stated.
- For the natural harmonics from figure G onwards, touch the node at the fifth partial.

Percussion:

- 3 bows needed (1 for player one and 2 for player two)
- Gongs/marimba/xylophone/vibraphone/cymbal all 'laissez vibrer' unless otherwise stated.
- Tuned gong pitches: G# , A, B, C# - in both high and low octaves (so 8 gongs in total). Both octave gongs should be played simultaneously whenever there is a gong entry.
- Suspended cymbal scrapes: note length indicates duration of scrape not length of resonance. All scrapes should be left to resonate.
- Suspended cymbal roll with one hand moving up and down, above the bell. The hand should be moving close to the bell but without touching it. This should create a fluctuation in the amount of partials heard:



~Score in C~

Sense of Place
after Italo Calvino's Invisible Cities

Samantha Fernando (b.1984)

Expectant

♩ = 52

(alto)

pp

pp

F Horn

C Trumpet

Tenor Trombone

tam-tam

gongs

pp

p

bass drum

pp

Expectant

♩ = 52

Piano

8

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

C Tpt.

Tbn.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Pno.

marimba
(bass drum beaters)

p

pp *p* *pp*

pp *p* *pp*

pp

A

Poco più mosso

♩ = c.66

14 solo fiz.

Fl. *breathy* *p* *mf* *p* *p* *f* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mp*

Ob.

Cl. *pp* *mp* *pp*

Bsn.

Hn. *pp*

C Tpt. *pp* *mf* *pp* *p*

Tbn. *pp*

Perc. 1 *p* *mf* *p*

Perc. 2 *mp* i.v. *mp*

Pno.

A

Poco più mosso

♩ = c.66

20

espress.

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

C Tpt.

Tbn.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Pno.

p

mp

p

p

p

fff

p

pp

pp

pp

pp

mp

p

pp

p

pp

p

p

mf

overblow

cymbal

crotale bowed

vibraphone

very soft beaters

con pedale (sempre laisser vibrer)

overblow

26

6

3

Fl.

mf *f* *p* *fff* *p* *mp* *p*

Ob.

Cl.

pp *f* *pp*

Bsn.

Hn.

C Tpt.

harmon (stem in) *p* *mf* open *fp* *fp* *fp*
bell-like

Tbn.

pp *mp* *pp*

Perc. 1

p *pp* *mp* *pp* tam-tam

Perc. 2

mp *mf* *p* (l.v.)

Pno.

B

Animated

♩ = c. 72

31 ♩ = c. 72

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

C Tpt.

Tbn.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Pno.

snare drum

B Animated ♩ = c. 72

[illegible]

accel.

lively

♩ = c.80
secco

41

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

C Tpt.

Tbn.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Pno.

p

p (*echo*)

pp *p* *pp*

f *mp* *f* *mp* *f*

pp *f*

soft beater

mp *ff*

marimba
secco

p *mf*

C

lively

♩ = c.80

47

Perc. 2

p *mf* *p* *mf* *p*

The score for Percussion 2 consists of five measures. The first measure contains a triplet of eighth notes (F#, G, A) followed by a quarter note (B), marked *p*. The second measure contains a triplet of eighth notes (B, C, D) followed by a quarter note (E), marked *mf*. The third measure contains a triplet of eighth notes (E, F, G) followed by a quarter note (A), marked *p*. The fourth measure contains a triplet of eighth notes (G, A, B) followed by a quarter note (C), marked *mf*. The fifth measure contains a triplet of eighth notes (A, B, C) followed by a quarter note (D), marked *p*. The dynamic markings are indicated by slanted lines connecting the notes.

52

Fl. *f*

Ob. *pp*

Cl. *f*

Bsn.

Hn.

C Tpt. straight mute *mp*

Tbn.

Perc. 1 xylophone secco *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p* *mf* *p*

Perc. 2 *f*

Pno. *p* secco (senza pedale)

56

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

C Tpt.

Tbn.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Pno.

overblow

mf *f* *p* *ff*

mp *pp* *f*

mf *f* *p* *mf*

p *mp* *f*

MPH

mp *f*

mp *mf*

p

f

cymbal
bowed quickly

Marimba
bass drum beaters

bass drum

pp *p* *f*

(8)

f

D

constantly pushing forward

$$d = c.72$$

overflow

13

This musical score page contains measures 63 through 67. The instrumentation includes Flute (Fl.), Oboe (Ob.), Clarinet (Cl.), Bassoon (Bsn.), Horn (Hn.), Trumpet (C Tpt.), Trombone (Tbn.), Percussion 1 (Perc. 1), and Percussion 2 (Perc. 2). The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature changes from 4/4 to 3/2 at measure 64.

- Measure 63:** Flute and Clarinet play a sixteenth-note figure starting on F#. Dynamics are *p*.
- Measure 64:** Flute and Clarinet continue their figures. Bassoon enters with a half note F#. Dynamics shift to *f*. Time signature changes to 3/2.
- Measure 65:** Flute plays a whole note chord (F#, C#). Clarinet rests. Bassoon plays a quarter note G. Horn and Trombone enter with a half note F#. Dynamics are *mf*.
- Measure 66:** Flute plays a whole note chord (F#, C#). Clarinet rests. Bassoon plays a quarter note A. Horn and Trombone play a half note G#. Dynamics are *ff*.
- Measure 67:** Flute plays a whole note chord (F#, C#). Clarinet plays a triplet eighth-note figure (G#, A, B). Bassoon rests. Horn and Trombone play a half note A. Dynamics are *mf*.

The score includes various performance markings such as slurs, ties, triplets, and dynamic crescendos/decrescendos.

D

constantly pushing forward

 $\mathcal{J} = c. 72$

3-7

Pno.

p *mf* *mf* *f* *mf*

db

overblow

68

sim.

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

C Tpt.

Tbn.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Pno.

ff

mf

ff

mp

f

ff

p

ff

p

f

mf

f

f

3

5

8^{vb}

This musical score page contains measures 68 through 74. The instrumentation includes Flute (Fl.), Oboe (Ob.), Clarinet (Cl.), Bassoon (Bsn.), Horn (Hn.), C Trumpet (C Tpt.), Trombone (Tbn.), Percussion 1 (Perc. 1), Percussion 2 (Perc. 2), and Piano (Pno.). The Flute part features a melodic line with a 'sim.' (sustained) marking and dynamic markings of *ff* and *mf*. The Clarinet part has triplet figures with dynamics *mp*, *mf*, and *f*. The Bassoon part plays a rhythmic pattern with *mf* and *ff* dynamics. The Horn and C Trumpet parts play five-measure figures. The Trombone part has a melodic line with *ff*, *mp*, and *ff* dynamics. Percussion 1 plays a triplet pattern with *ff* and *p* dynamics. Percussion 2 plays a melodic line with *ff* and *p* dynamics. The Piano part features complex rhythmic patterns with triplets and quintuplets, with dynamics *f*, *mf*, and *f*. An 8^{vb} (8th vibraphone) part is indicated at the bottom with a dashed line.

75

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

C Tpt.

Tbn.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Pno.

ff

ff

3

mf

f

mf

f

flutter with cresc.

flz.

flz.

flz.

ff

mf

ff

ff

ff

5

(mf)

mf

f

mf

ff

mf

ff

5

(mf)

mf

f

mf

ff

mf

ff

5

mp

ff

mf

ff

ff

3

p

ff

p

ff

p

ff

p

ff

ff

p

3

3

3

ff

mf

ff

mf

f

mf

ff

mf

ff

8^{vb}

8^{vb}

8^{vb}

83

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

C Tpt.

Tbn.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Pno.

ff

mf

f

mf

p

6

ff

fp

open

p espress.

bell-like

xylophone

gongs

8^{vb}

87

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

C Tpt.

Tbn.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Pno.

This musical score page contains measures 87, 88, and 89. The instruments and their parts are as follows:

- Flute (Fl.):** Measures 87 and 88 feature a half note followed by a triplet of eighth notes, marked *ff*. In measure 89, it plays a half note, also marked *ff*.
- Oboe (Ob.):** Measures 87 and 88 have a half note. In measure 89, it plays a half note marked *f*, followed by a quarter note marked *mf*.
- Clarinet (Cl.):** Measures 87 and 88 have a half note marked *mf*. In measure 89, it plays a half note marked *f*.
- Bassoon (Bsn.):** Measures 87 and 88 have a half note. In measure 89, it plays a half note marked *f*, followed by a quarter note marked *mf*.
- Horn (Hn.):** Measures 87, 88, and 89 are silent.
- Trumpet (C Tpt.):** Measures 87 and 88 have a half note marked *mf*. In measure 89, it plays a half note marked *mp*, followed by a quarter note marked *f*.
- Trombone (Tbn.):** Measures 87 and 88 have a half note marked *fp*. In measure 89, it plays a half note marked *fp*, followed by a quarter note marked *fp*.
- Percussion 1 (Perc. 1):** Measures 87 and 88 have a half note marked *mf*. In measure 89, it plays a half note marked *f*, followed by a quarter note marked *ff*.
- Percussion 2 (Perc. 2):** Measures 87 and 88 have a half note. In measure 89, it plays a half note.
- Piano (Pno.):** Measures 87, 88, and 89 are silent.

This musical score page contains measures 90 through 92. The instruments are arranged as follows:

- Fl.**: Flute
- Ob.**: Oboe
- Cl.**: Clarinet
- Bsn.**: Bassoon
- Hn.**: Horn
- C Tpt.**: Cornet Trumpet
- Tbn.**: Trombone
- Perc. 1**: Percussion 1 (includes xylophone)
- Perc. 2**: Percussion 2 (includes gongs)
- Pno.**: Piano

The score features various musical notations including notes, rests, slurs, ties, and dynamic markings such as *ff*, *mf*, *f*, *p*, *fp*, and *p espress.*. Measure numbers 90, 91, and 92 are indicated at the top of their respective staves. Performance instructions like "bell-like" and "xylophone" are also present.

93

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

C Tpt.

Tbn.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Pno.

This musical score page contains measures 93, 94, and 95. The instruments and their parts are as follows:

- Flute (Fl.):** Measures 93 and 94 feature a series of sixteenth-note runs, each marked with a *ff* (fortissimo) dynamic. Measure 95 has a single note marked *ff*.
- Oboe (Ob.):** Measures 93 and 94 have a sustained note. Measure 95 has a half note marked *f* followed by a quarter note marked *mf*.
- Clarinet (Cl.):** Measures 93 and 94 have a sixteenth-note run marked *mf*. Measure 95 has a sixteenth-note run marked *f*.
- Bassoon (Bsn.):** Measures 93 and 94 have a sustained note. Measure 95 has a half note marked *f* followed by a quarter note marked *mf*.
- Horn (Hn.):** Measures 93, 94, and 95 are silent.
- Trumpet (C Tpt.):** Measures 93 and 94 have a sustained note marked *mf*. Measure 95 has a half note marked *mp* followed by a quarter note marked *f*.
- Trombone (Tbn.):** Measures 93 and 94 have a half note marked *fp* followed by a quarter note marked *fp*. Measure 95 has a half note marked *fp* followed by a quarter note marked *fp*.
- Percussion 1 (Perc. 1):** Measures 93 and 94 have a sixteenth-note run marked *mf* followed by a quarter note marked *ff*. Measure 95 has a sixteenth-note run marked *f* followed by a quarter note marked *ff*.
- Percussion 2 (Perc. 2):** Measures 93 and 94 have a half note marked *mf* followed by a quarter note marked *ff*. Measure 95 has a half note marked *f* followed by a quarter note marked *ff*.
- Piano (Pno.):** Measures 93, 94, and 95 are silent.

E

Dark, Sunken

♩ = c.52

96

Fl.

Musical staff for Flute (Fl.). It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first measure contains a half note F#4, followed by a whole rest. A slur covers the first two measures. The staff continues with four measures of whole rests.

Ob.

Musical staff for Oboe (Ob.). It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first measure contains a half note F#4, followed by a whole rest. A slur covers the first two measures. The staff continues with four measures of whole rests. A fortissimo (ff) dynamic marking is present at the end of the first measure.

Cl.

Musical staff for Clarinet (Cl.). It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first measure contains a whole rest. The staff continues with four measures of whole rests.

Bsn.

Musical staff for Bassoon (Bsn.). It begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first measure contains a half note F#3, followed by a whole rest. A slur covers the first two measures. The staff continues with four measures of whole rests. A fortissimo (ff) dynamic marking is present at the end of the first measure. A sub. p dynamic marking is present at the start of the second measure.

Hn.

Musical staff for Horn (Hn.). It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first measure contains a whole rest. The staff continues with four measures of whole rests. A piano (p) dynamic marking is present at the start of the second measure.

C Tpt.

Musical staff for Cornet (C Tpt.). It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first measure contains a half note F#4, followed by a whole rest. A slur covers the first two measures. The staff continues with four measures of whole rests. A fortissimo (f) dynamic marking is present at the end of the first measure.

Tbn.

Musical staff for Trombone (Tbn.). It begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first measure contains a half note F#3, followed by a whole rest. A slur covers the first two measures. The staff continues with four measures of whole rests. A fortissimo (f) dynamic marking is present at the end of the first measure. A sub. p dynamic marking is present at the start of the second measure.

Perc. 1

Musical staff for Percussion 1 (Perc. 1). It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first measure contains a half note F#4, followed by a whole rest. A slur covers the first two measures. The staff continues with four measures of whole rests. A fortissimo (f) dynamic marking is present at the end of the first measure. A fortissimo (ff) dynamic marking is present at the end of the second measure.

Perc. 2

Musical staff for Percussion 2 (Perc. 2). It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first measure contains a whole rest. The staff continues with four measures of whole rests. A piano (p) dynamic marking is present at the start of the second measure.

Pno.

Musical staff for Piano (Pno.). It begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first measure contains a whole rest. The staff continues with four measures of whole rests.

cymbal

scrape (note duration indicates scrape length)

aim for lower partials

E

Dark, Sunken

♩ = c.52

101

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

C Tpt.

Tbn.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Pno.

p

p

mp

mp

aim for more of the higher partials

F

Poco più mosso

$d = c.60$

[illegible]

F

Poco più mosso

$$J = c.60$$

Pno.

f bell-like

115 $\text{♩} = \text{c.72}$ **accel.**

Fl. *mf* *p*

Ob. *p* *mf* *p* *mf mp*

Cl. *mf*

Bsn. *fp* *p*

Hn. *fp*

C Tpt. solo *p* *fp* *mf* *mf* *p*

Tbn. *fp*

Perc. 1 *mf*

Perc. 2 *f* *p* *f* *mf*

Pno. *f* *p* *f* $\text{♩} = \text{c.72}$ **accel.**

G

Dark
Subito meno mosso

♩ = c.52

123

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

C Tpt.

Tbn.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

mf

mf

p

mf

p

mp

mf

p

mf

fp

mp

mf

p

sim.

sim.

snare

cymbal bowed

ff

mf espress.

5

solo MPH

G

Dark
Subito meno mosso

♩ = c.52

Pno.

mf

mf

p

8vb

overflow

colourful, suspended

129

(no overflow)

p

p *ff* *p*

pp dolce

pp dolce

pp dolce

MPH

f *mf* *f* *ff* *mf* *p*

pp dolce

pp dolce

pp dolce

pp dolce

pp dolce

pp *mf* *pp dolce*

pp dolce

gong

snare

p *f*

pp *mf* *pp*

crotale bowed

secco //

pp

colourful, suspended

Pno.

l.v.

8^{vb}

Poco più mosso

♩ = C.66

(to alto)

137 $\text{♩} = \text{C.66}$ (to alto)

Fl. mp p mf

Ob. mp p mf *bright* pp pulsing dynamics

Cl. mp p mf pp *bright* pulsing dynamics

Bsn. mp p mf p dark

Hn. mp p mf p dark *bell-like* 4:3 4:3

C Tpt. mp p mf p *bright* pp pulsing dynamics

Tbn. mp p mf p dark

Perc. 1 *vibraphone* struck, medium beaters p

Perc. 2 p *cymbal* p mf poco

Poco più mosso
 $\text{♩} = \text{C.66}$

Pno. *sempre laisser vibrer* mp

I solo
bell-like

146

Fl.

7:5

p *breathy*

3

p

overblow

p *fff* *p*

3

Ob.

Cl.

p *mp* *p*

Bsn.

Hn.

3

C Tpt.

pp *f*

Tbn.

p

marimba
bass drum beaters

gong
same beaters

Perc. 1

p

vibraphone
very soft beaters

con pedale (sempre laisser vibrer)

p *f* *p* *mf*

Perc. 2

I

Pno.

28

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

C Tpt.

Tbn.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Pno.

151

mf

p

fff

p

mp

p

to flute

p dolce

p bell-like

p dark

p dark

p dark

p

mp

stem in

p

mp

tam-tam

crotales bowed

p

mp

mp

overblow

J

J

[illegible]

165

Fl.

Ob.

Cl.

Bsn.

Hn.

C Tpt.

Tbn.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

Pno.

pp

pp

pp

pp

pp

pp morendo

pp

crotales bowed

p

tam-tam

p