

invasion/symbiosis (II)
for (optional) instrumentalist and electro-acoustic sound

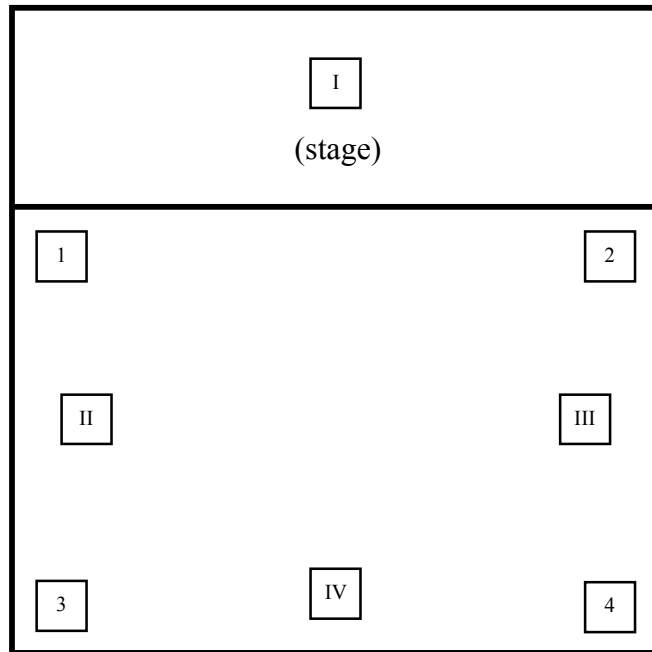
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Performance Instructions

Basic Information

This piece is for a performer using any instrument and multichannel electro-acoustic sound that is created by that performer. Some type of field recording equipment is needed to create the electro-acoustic portion of a performance (described below). Ideally a performance situation will offer four channels for sound diffusion. The total duration of a performance is left to the performer's discretion.

The four speakers and four music stands should be distributed evenly and roughly equidistantly throughout the space. Each music stand should hold one of each of the four graphic performance pages included in this score. An example of such a configuration (in this case in a traditional concert venue; alternative spaces are certainly acceptable) is below where speakers are identified with Arabic numerals and music stands with Roman numerals:



Pre-performance preparation

In preparation for a performance, the performer must prepare the work's electro-acoustic component. To begin, he or she should select four locations that are in the vicinity of where he or she resides. These locations might (but do not have to) define his or her sense of "home" or be personally significant in some other way. The instrumentalist should travel to each of these locations with field recording equipment and record one or more segments of the soundscape of each site. Though the performer may have a relatively short performance duration in mind, it is advisable to record significantly more audio footage so that sufficient material is available for the editing/modification process. The footage from each location will be located in a single channel in performance, so mono recording at each site is sufficient though stereo or multichannel recording may be employed at each location to capture sound from multiple perspectives (though ultimately mixed down to a single channel).

Next, the performer should edit the captured sounds; the material from each location should be dealt with separately. This process is guided by the performer's interpretation of the one or all of the graphic performance pages that are included at the end of this score. One of two approaches may be adopted: 1) each page is used for one channel only or 2) all four pages are employed while editing each channel, and, for each channel, these segments are randomly shuffled and used in the shuffled order. The exact way that each image suggests editing/studio performance gestures will vary significantly, as none have obvious sonic connotations and might be interpreted in a literal or abstract manner. Any variety of modifications can be used from fragmentation, reconfiguration, superimposition, filtering, modulation, and so forth. Many different possibilities exist, and performers are encouraged to be creative and explore! The duration of the electro-acoustic portion of the piece should typically roughly match the total desired length of a performance (see discussion below for how to end the piece), though variations are permissible. Silences may be used as part of the performer's interpretation of the graphic score pages.

[Note that these "Pre-performance preparation" instructions may be used to just create a multi-channel electro-acoustic work without the live instrumental component. To do this simply ignore/skip any portion of the score/instructions that specifically address the performance component.]

Performance

The instrumentalist uses the same graphic score pages in performance that were employed to create the work's electro-acoustic component. As mentioned above, each page is placed on one of four music stands, with all stands distributed evenly throughout the space and located a moderate distance from any of the four speakers. During performance, the performer plays at the location of each music stand once. He or she may begin at any of the four stands and, after performing for a period of time of his or her choosing, move to any of the other three stands. This process is repeated until all four locations have been visited. The actual movement between locations should be non-theatrical, and as subtle and natural as possible.

At each music stand, the performer interprets the graphic score page that is present, using each image to shape the sounds and gestures performed on his or her instrument. However, these interpretations should not focus solely on the instrument, but also how it relates to the electro-acoustic sound. Thus the performer must conceptualize each image as representative (in some way) of the performance gestures within the context/environment of the electro-acoustic component. The performer should not limit him- or herself to traditional playing, and instead should be open to all kinds of sounds and gestures; any external objects or the voice can be used in conjunction with the instrument.

The way that the performance ends is left to the performer's discretion. As with physical movement, it should not be overly dramatic or choreographed. It is certainly permissible for different channels of sound or the instrumentalist to end at different times; the performer can decide if he or she wishes to end before or after the electro-acoustic sound stops.

Performance Score

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