

percussion quartet

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The setup for this piece consists of a circle of tables, padded for silence, which contain 20 objects chosen by the performers.

The 4 performers stand within the circle of tables. The objects are numbered 1-20.

The performers follow the score and strike together the 2 objects numbered above each note in the score.

The objects should be chosen so that in each combination the resulting sound can be soft and staccato.

Each note should be a single short sound of impact, at a volume just loud enough that the audience does not need to hear it clearly.

The score is written for four staves in common time (C). The tempo is marked as quarter note = 100. The notation consists of quarter notes with stems, each accompanied by a pair of numbers indicating the objects to be struck. The pairs of numbers are: 1+2, 2+3, 3+4, 4+5, 6+7, 7+8, 8+9, 11+12, 12+13, 13+14, 16+17, 17+18, 18+19, 9+10, 10+11, 11+13, 12+14, 14+15, 15+16, 16+18, 17+19, 19+20, 20+1, 1+3, 8+10, 9+11, 10+12, 11+14, 13+15, 14+16, 15+17, 18+20, 19+1, 20+2, 2+4, 3+5, 4+6, 5+7, 12+15, 13+16, 14+17, 16+19, 17+20, 18+1, 19+2, 1+4, 2+5, 3+6, 4+7, 6+9, 7+10, 8+11, 15+18, 16+20, 17+1, 18+2, 20+3, 1+5, 2+6, 3+7, 5+8, 6+10, 7+11, 9+12, 10+13, 11+15, 12+16, 19+3, 4+8, 5+9, 6+11, 8+12, 9+13, 10+14, 11+16, 13+17, 14+18, 15+19, 16+1, 20+4, 1+6, 2+7.

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3 + 8 4 + 9 5 + 10

7 + 12 8 + 13 9 + 14 10 + 15

12 + 17 13 + 18 14 + 19 15 + 20

17 + 2 18 + 3 19 + 4 20 + 5

101

6 + 12 7 + 13 8 + 14 9 + 15

11 + 17 12 + 18 13 + 19 14 + 20

16 + 2 17 + 3 18 + 4 19 + 5

1 + 7 2 + 8 3 + 9

116

10 + 16 11 + 18 12 + 19 13 + 20

15 + 1 16 + 3 17 + 4 18 + 5

20 + 6 1 + 8 2 + 9

4 + 10 5 + 11 6 + 13 7 + 14

131

14 + 1 15 + 2 16 + 4 17 + 5

19 + 6 20 + 7 1 + 9

3 + 10 4 + 11 5 + 12 6 + 14

8 + 15 9 + 16 10 + 17 11 + 19

146

18 + 6 19 + 7 20 + 8

2 + 10 3 + 11 4 + 12 5 + 13

7 + 15 8 + 16 9 + 17 10 + 18

12 + 20 13 + 1 14 + 2 15 + 3

161

1 + 10 2 + 11 3 + 12 4 + 13

6 + 15 7 + 16 8 + 17 9 + 18

11 + 20 12 + 1 13 + 2 14 + 3

16 + 5 17 + 6 18 + 7

176

5 + 14 6 + 16 8 + 18 10 + 20

10 + 19 11 + 1 13 + 3 15 + 5

15 + 4 17 + 7 19 + 9

19 + 8 20 + 9 2 + 12 4 + 14