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برای یک یا چند ساز و رسانی ثابت دو یا چهار کاناله

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Program note:

In the ethereal realms of Persian mythology, the god of wind, known as Izad-e-Vay, dances with the unseen forces that shape the natural world. Drawing inspiration from this enigmatic deity, my composition, Ghazal-e-Vay, seeks to explore the rich history and symbolism surrounding Izad-e-Vay in Persian culture. The piece, composed for one or more instruments and fixed media, immerses the audience in the atmospheric embrace of the divine winds.

The Mythical Tapestry of Izad-e-Vay

Izad-e-Vay, revered as the god of wind in Zoroastrianism, holds a unique place in Persian mythology. Depicted in ancient texts, including the Avesta, the god of wind is associated with the powerful and unseen forces of the wind, symbolizing both the gentle breezes that caress the earth and the tempestuous gales that reshape the landscape. The worship of Izad-e-Vay was marked by grandeur, as champions and even the supreme deity Ahura Mazda gathered in celestial assembly to offer praises to the god of wind.

Winds of Creativity in Ghazal-e-Vay

In crafting Ghazal-e-Vay, I sought to capture the essence of Izad-e-Vay's mythical presence through a sonic tapestry woven with the sounds of wind. The fixed media component, an integral part of the composition, resonates with the whispers, roars, and gentle sighs of the wind. By integrating these natural sounds into the piece, I aim to evoke a sense of the divine, immersing the listener in the very essence of the god of wind.

The instruments, whether strings, woodwinds, or brass, serve as vessels channeling the unseen energies symbolized by Izad-e-Vay. The composition, much like the ancient rituals, invites both performers and listeners to partake in a spiritual journey where the boundaries between the tangible and intangible blur. The interplay between the instruments and the fixed media mirrors the dynamic dance of Izad-e-Vay, creating an immersive experience that transcends traditional musical boundaries.

A Narrative of Winds and Desires

Embedded within the composition is a narrative that mirrors the human desires expressed in Persian mythology. The winds, a manifestation of Izad-e-Vay's divine influence, symbolize not only the natural forces but also the complexities of human emotions. The fixed media, with its gusts and whispers, becomes a storyteller, weaving tales of love, union, and the ever-present interplay between the celestial and terrestrial realms.

Bridging Cultures through Sound

Ghazal-e-Vay also serves as a bridge between cultures. The universality of wind mythology is explored, connecting the Persian narrative with global echoes. The winds, as interpreted in Persian culture, find resonance in the collective human experience, transcending geographical and cultural boundaries.

In conclusion, Ghazal-e-Vay is an exploration of the divine winds that have whispered through the annals of Persian culture. By fusing ancient myth with contemporary sound, the composition invites the audience to embark on a sonic journey, where the gusts of Izad-e-Vay's winds echo across time, carrying with them the timeless tales of a god who danced with the unseen forces of the world.

Performance Note:

Rhythm:

The rhythmic landscape of Ghazal-e-Vay delves into complexity, mirroring the intricate patterns of the wind god's whispers. Performers should navigate the intricate rhythmic tapestry with a keen sense of flexibility, allowing the atonal and contemporary nature of the composition to unfold organically. Embrace the challenge of intricate rhythms, understanding that they form the backbone of the improvisational journey.

Pitch:

As an atonal and contemporary composition, Ghazal-e-Vay explores a sonic palette unconstrained by traditional tonality. Strings, woodwinds, and brass instruments should venture into dissonant realms, experimenting with unconventional pitch structures. The goal is to evoke a sense of unpredictability and otherworldly beauty associated with the god of wind, Izad-e-Vay.

Dynamics:

Dynamics in this composition are a nuanced exploration of intensity, reflecting the ever-changing moods of Izad-e-Vay. Performers should embrace the full spectrum, from delicate whispers to powerful gusts, creating a sonic landscape that mirrors the capricious nature of the wind. Use dynamics as a tool to sculpt the evolving narrative, allowing the improvisation to be a dynamic interplay of forces.

Improvisation:

Improvisation is the heartbeat of Ghazal-e-Vay. The entire piece is a canvas for performers to explore, interpret, and respond in real-time to the graphic score. Each musician is encouraged to bring their unique voice and creativity to the forefront, embodying the spirit of Izad-e-Vay. The improvisational elements serve as a collective dialogue, capturing the essence of wind's unpredictability.

Extended Techniques:

To enhance the contemporary nature of the piece, performers are encouraged to embrace extended techniques that push the boundaries of conventional sound. Experiment with bowing techniques, multiphonics, key clicks, flutter tonguing, and other unconventional methods that contribute to the avant-garde character of Ghazal-e-Vay. Let the winds of innovation guide your sonic exploration.

Music Atmosphere:

In the realm of contemporary music, Ghazal-e-Vay invites performers to create an atmosphere that transcends traditional boundaries. Cultivate an avant-garde mystique that transports listeners into the abstract realm of Izad-e-Vay. Consider pacing and overall sonic architecture, allowing the composition to breathe and evolve in a way that blurs the lines between the tangible and the ethereal.

Silence:

Silence becomes a profound element in Ghazal-e-Vay. Embrace intentional pauses as integral components of the improvisational journey. Allow moments of silence to punctuate the sonic landscape, heightening the impact of each musical gesture. Silence, in this context, is a canvas on which performers paint the ethereal echoes of Izad-e-Vay's divine whispers.

The performance of Ghazal-e-Vay is an avant-garde exploration, a collaboration between performers and the elusive god of wind. Navigate the complexities of rhythm, embrace atonality, revel in improvisation, experiment with extended techniques, craft an avant-garde atmosphere, and use silence as a powerful tool. Together, the ensemble embarks on a sonic journey that captures the mystique and innovation inherent in the whispers of Izad-e-Vay.

