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for piano trio

J. ZHU (2019)

PERFORMANCE NOTES

This piece is about breath and internal study. Each performer has a candle (mental or real) in front of them, where their directed exhale can flicker the flame. There is no concert score—there are separate parts for violin, cello, and piano because each plays at their own pace, though generally aware of where the other performers are in the score, with two exceptions—everyone blows out their candle (can be a conceptual candle, if a real candle is not available) simultaneously and everyone ends the piece at the same time. The timing of each cell is variable—allow time for the material to settle before moving on.

There are equivalencies between tempi, breath, and movement.

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Bowing and Breath:
    up bow = inhale
    down bow = exhale

Dynamics and Rate of breathing:
    fff ~ hyperventilating
    ff ~ athletic
    f ~ deliberate
    mf ~ measured
    mp ~ natural
    p ~ calm
    pp ~ meditative
    ppp ~ intentionally pushing the boundary of comfort
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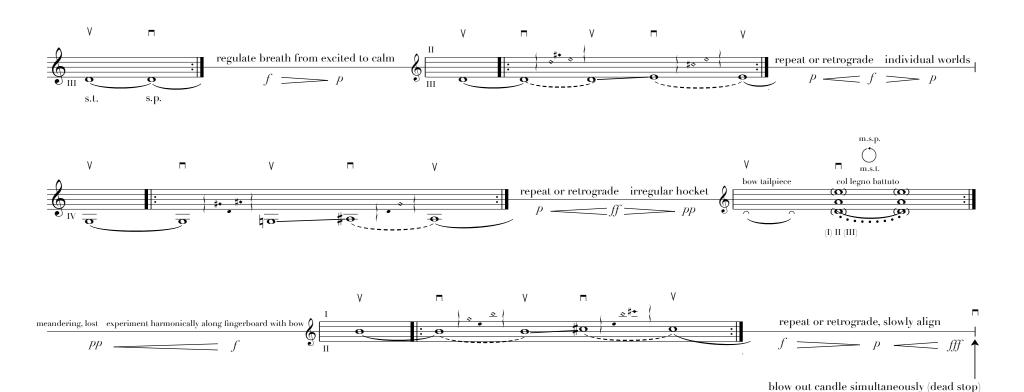
Violin: The set of notes inside brackets are the bank of notes from which the left hand trills according to the flicker of the candle flame. Similarly, col legno battuto, rhythmically and harmonically, according to the flicker of the candle flame, exploring vertically along the fingerboard.

Cello: Tremolo between regular and harmonic pressure according to the flicker of the candle. Start the glissando at the bridge and continuously trill even if not sounding during inhales.

Piano: Silently depress diamond notes for the sustain. Freely arpeggiate any single or group of notes from the selection of notes during exhales, according to the flicker of the candle. In the lowest bass register, tap inside of the piano with your right hand rhythmically and horizontally according to the flicker of the candle.

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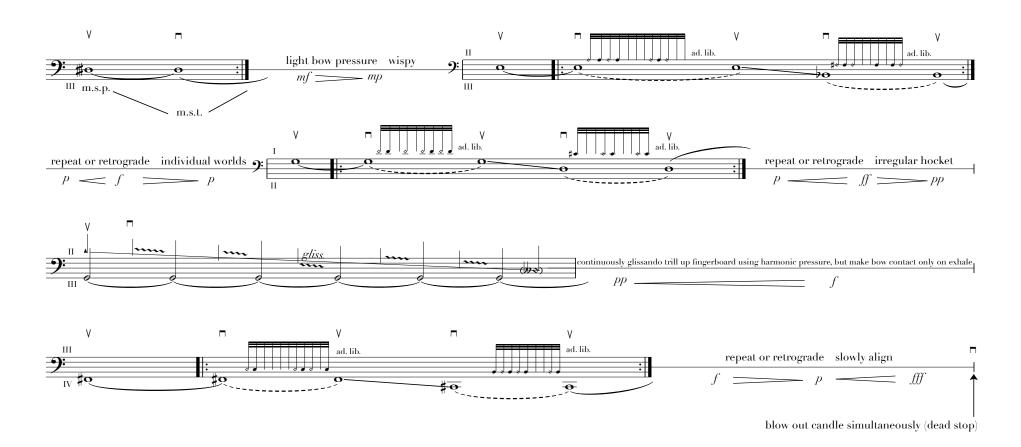
Violin





Cello

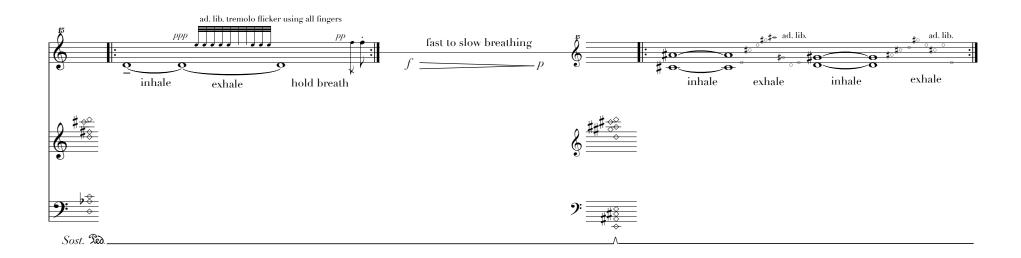
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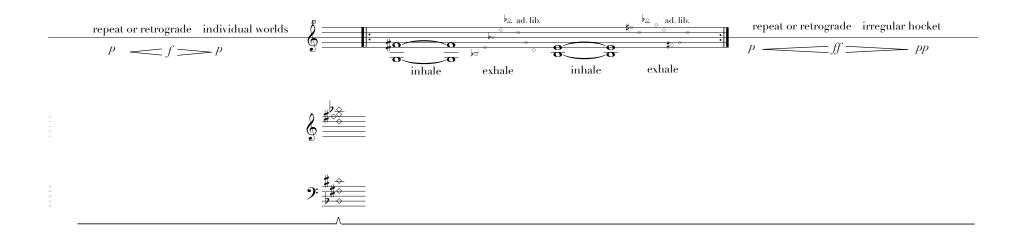




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Piano





tap piano strings with four fingers in a random walk according to candle flicker

