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for Two Cellist

(2018)

To the Edge of the Light was written in the summer of 2018 in a beautiful small town Brunswick located in Maine. The inspiration for this piece came from *Particle Implosion* (1976), a painting by an abstract expressionist painter Richard Pousette-Dart, who was exhibited at the Bowdoin College Museum of Art at that time. Pousette-Dart's artistic approach to his painting has often been related to the nature of light, between consciousness and subconsciousness. In this piece, I attempted to convert Pousette-Dart's idea from the canvas to sound effects, trying to express the unique aesthetic of this painting with musical material.

To the Edge of the Light was written for Jennifer Carpenter and Kimberly Jeong who gave its world premiere on July 28, 2018, at the Bowdoin College Museum of Art, in Maine.

Duration: approximately 6'00

PERFORMANCE NOTES:

In order to allow the musicians to play with a light touch, the two cellos should be amplified when playing.

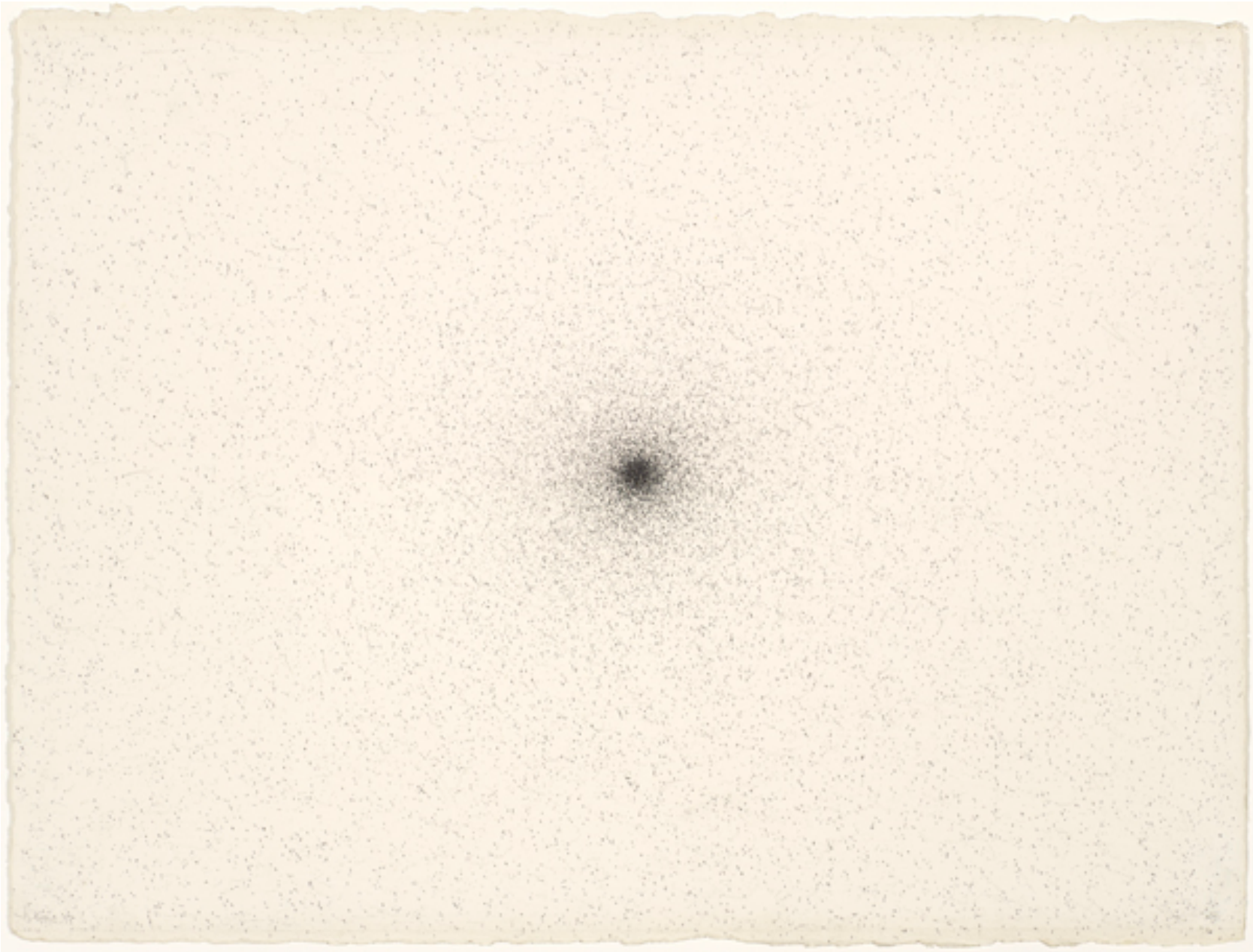
S.P.= sul ponticello

S.T.= sul tasto

E.S.P= extremely sul ponticello

→= change gradually from one sound to another

▴ = add bow pressure to produce a scratching sound



Particle Implosion, 1976, graphite, by Richard Pousette-Dart.
Courtesy the Estate of Richard Pousette-Dart and Pace Gallery, New York.
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Dedicated to Mrs. Evelyn Pousette-Dart

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1 ♩ = ca.40 Play with light bow pressure; move gradually and slowly, this produces an un-pitched airy sound, like white noise.

Cello 1

Cello 2

Scordatura

III

I ord. → m.s.p

II gliss.

III ord.

pp

f

p

mp

s.p.

ord.

gliss.

s.p.

ord.

spitze

6

ord. → s.p. → s.t.

with the thumb

I

II

gliss.

mf

p

f

mp

s.p.

spitze

rit.

nail pizz.

near bridge

ord.

s.p.

s.t.

s.p.

s.t.

s.p.

ord.

p

mp

p

mf

p

mp

p

mf

accel.

10

ord. → s.p. → s.t.

with the thumb

I

II

gliss.

p

mf

ord.

s.p.

s.t.

m.s.p

p

mf

mp

f

ord.

s.p.

s.t.

m.s.p

ord.

s.p.

s.t.

m.s.p

arco

I

II

p

mp

p

mf

p

mf

p

f

(♩ = 46)

14

s.t. → s.p. → s.t. → m.s.p → s.t. → ord. → s.p.

I

II

f

p

mf

mp

ff

mp

7

6

5

5

5

s.t. → s.p. → s.t. → m.s.p → s.t.

I

II

f

p

mf

mp

ff

mp

ord.

rit.

s.p.

5

3

p

[illegible]

accel.

[illegible]

The second system of the musical score continues the composition. It features two staves. The upper staff begins with a measure marked '46' and contains a complex rhythmic pattern with a '5' above it. This is followed by a section marked 'ord.' (order) with a '2/4' time signature. The lower staff starts with a 'III' section, followed by a 'IV' section with a '2/4' time signature. Both staves include dynamic markings such as *fp* (fortissimo piano) and *fff* (fortississimo). The system concludes with a section marked 'm.s.p.' (mezzo-soprano piano) and a '5' above the notes.

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Brunswick, Maine