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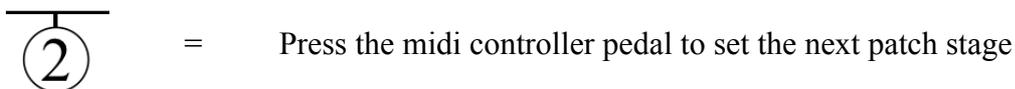
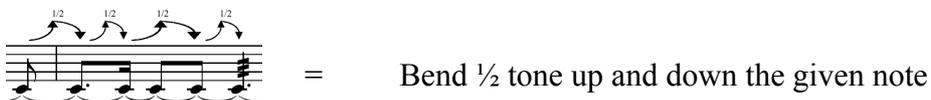
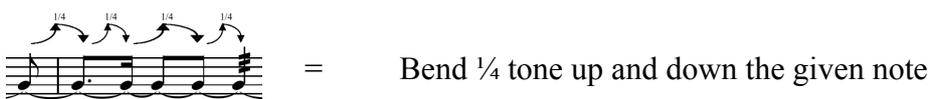
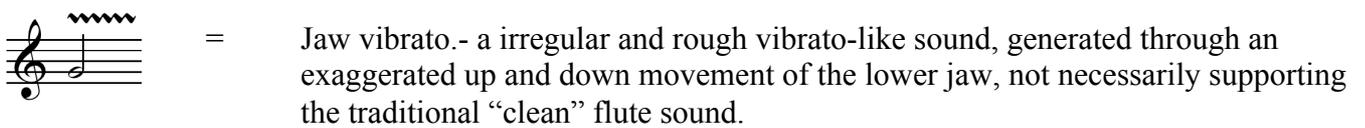
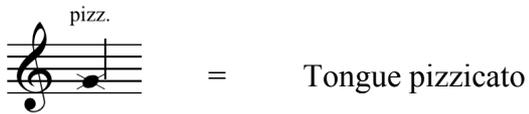
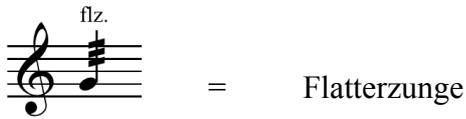
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- June 2016 Performance by Jos Zwaanenburg in “What’s on, Art, Music and Events in Medway” Festival at University of Kent, United Kingdom.
- July 2015 Performance by Jos Zwaanenburg at Fonoteca Nacional, Mexico City, Mexico.
- March 2014 Selected work at the 3rd Sond’Ar-te Electric Ensemble International Forum for Young Composers, held at Cascais, Portugal. Organized by Miso Music.
- October 2012 Performance by Jos Zwaanenburg in the Amsterdam Blockflute Festival at STEIM Studios, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
- May 2012 Performance by Jos Zwaanenburg at Leeds College of Music, United Kingdom.
- May 2012 Performance by Jos Zwaanenburg at Composers Seminar York University, United Kingdom.
- February 2012 World Premiere at the Deptford Town Hall of Goldsmiths University London, UK. Performed by Jos Zwaanenburg.

to Jos Zwaanenburg

Performance Notes



Electronics

Effects:

- [Fx 1] = chorus and delay with high feedback factor and 72 b.p.m. delay time.
- [Fx 2] = reverb
- [Fx 3] = multi pitch shifter
- [Fx 4] = brutal distortion
- [Fx 5] = spectral synth
- [Fx 6] = spectral granulator

Samples:

- [S 1] = Deep bass (constructed with prerecorded material and manipulated in LiSa X)
- [S 2] = Distorted rhythm (prerecorded material -see last page of the score-)

Buffers:

- [B 1] = Record rehearsal mark A with [Fx 2]
- [B 2] = Record rehearsal mark C with [Fx 2]
- [B 3] = Record rehearsal mark G with [Fx 2]

Equipment:

- 1 contact microphone
- 1 condenser microphone
- 1 audio interface
- 1 midi interface
- 1 midi pedal
- 1 mixing console
- 2 full range speakers (or 2 speakers with subwoofer)
- 1 audio monitor
- 1 laptop with Max/MSP 5 to run the patch

Imagery from Michael Ende's "Die Unendliche Geschichte" is translated into a conflict between live electronics and flute, in which the sound of one cannot exist without the sound of the other. Sikanda is the swiftest, most agile sword there is, just like Jos' flute.

Sikanda

to Jos Zwaanenburg

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Intro Agile

♩ = 72

Flute

Live Electronics

[Fx 1] on /chorus and delay
[Fx 2] on/reverb

3

4

5

6

7

A Rubatissimo espressivo

9

pizz.

p *mf* *p* *mf*

Record live (buffer 1) [B 1]
Keep [Fx 2] on (all the piece)

[Fx 1]

2

12

p *ff* *p* *mf* *p*

15

molto rit. **A tempo**

mf *mp* *f* *mp*

(♩)

C₄

19

B **Molto rubatissimo espressivo**

(jaw vibrato)

mp *f*

gliss.

Stop recording and trigger [B 1]

③

22

accel.

p *f*

gliss.

25

A tempo

mp

gliss.

28

mp *f* *ff*

gliss.

31

accel.

mp *f*

33

A tempo **rit.**

(lunga)

p *mp* *mf*

gliss.

(lunga)

D₄ tr

C₄

Stop recording and trigger [B 1]

④

C A tempo

37 marziale, con forza

mf *f*

Trigger Deep Bass (sample 1) [S 1]
Record live (buffer 2) [B 2]

5

39

f *ffff*

tr

41

f

(♩ = ♪)

5/16 7/16

44

f

tr

5/16 4/4

D

48

f

3

[Fx 1] on /chorus and delay
Stop recording [B2]

6 [S 1] continues

50

52

54

56

58

60

62

64

64

E molto espressivo

66

68

71

74

76

79

(♩) (♩)

gliss.

F molto cantabile

82

mf 6

[Fx 1] on /chorus and delay
[Fx 3] off /multipitch shifter

8

83

6 *f*

84

6

85

6

86

6

87

6

88

6

89

6

90

6

6
91 

92 

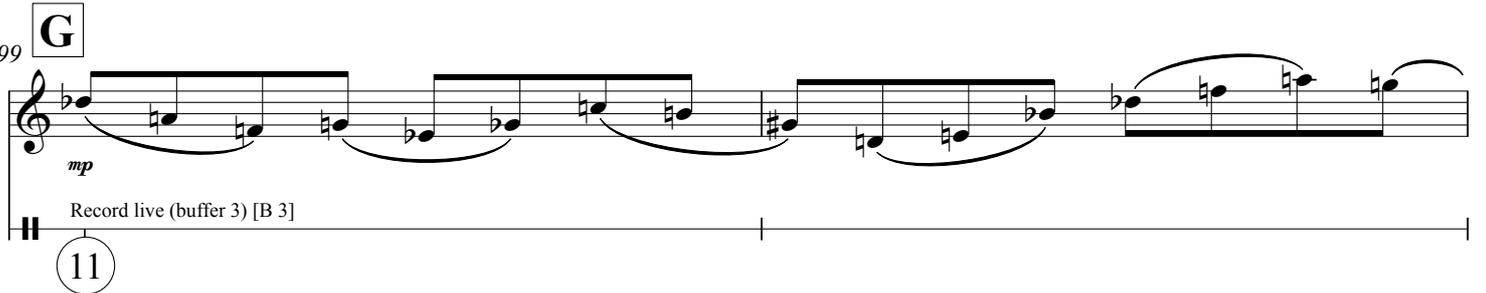
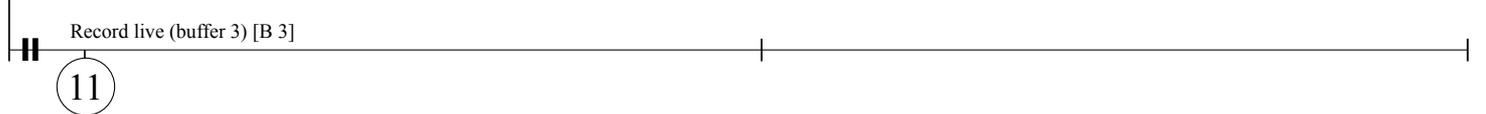
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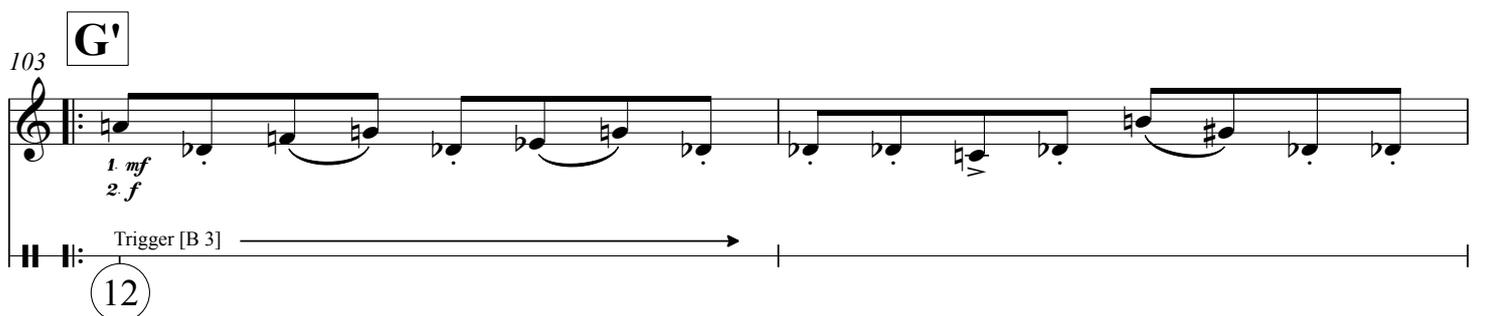
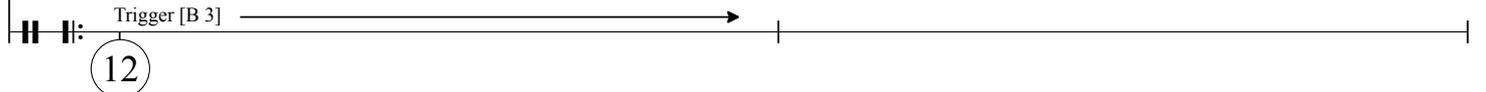
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96 

[Fx 3] on /multipitch shifter
9 

G
99 
mp
Record live (buffer 3) [B 3]
11 

101 

G'
103 
1. *mf*
2. *f*
Trigger [B 3] 

Musical staff 105-111: Treble clef, 4/4 time signature. The staff contains a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, some beamed together. A repeat sign is present at the end of the staff.

112 **H**

Musical staff 112: Treble clef, 4/4 time signature. The staff starts with a whole rest, followed by a series of notes with glissando markings. Dynamics include *ff* and *f*. Below the staff, there are two horizontal lines: the top one is labeled 'Trigger [B 2] [Fx 4] on /brutal distortion [Fx 5] on /spectral synth' with an arrow pointing right; the bottom one is labeled '13 [B 3]' with a circle around the number 13 and a line ending in a dot.

Musical staff 115: Treble clef, 4/4 time signature. The staff contains a melodic line with eighth notes and glissando markings.

Musical staff 118: Treble clef, 4/4 time signature. The staff contains a melodic line with eighth notes and glissando markings.

Musical staff 121: Treble clef, 4/4 time signature. The staff contains a melodic line with eighth notes, glissando markings, and wavy lines above the staff.

Musical staff 124: Treble clef, 4/4 time signature. The staff contains a melodic line with eighth notes, glissando markings, and the instruction 'legatissimo' above the staff.

Musical staff 127: Treble clef, 4/4 time signature. The staff contains a melodic line with eighth notes, glissando markings, and a large slur over the staff with the number '3' written below it.

Musical staff 129: Treble clef, 4/4 time signature. The staff contains a melodic line with eighth notes, glissando markings, and a large slur over the staff.

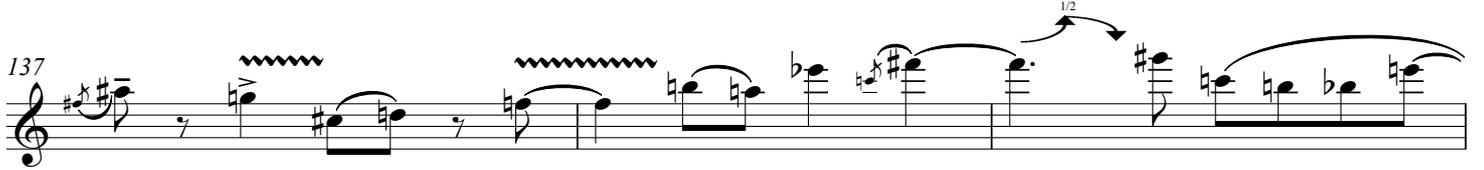
Musical staff 131: Treble clef, 4/4 time signature. The staff contains a melodic line with eighth notes, glissando markings, and a large slur over the staff with the number '3' written below it.

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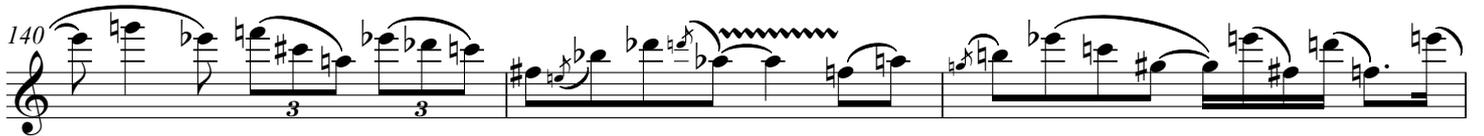
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137



140



143



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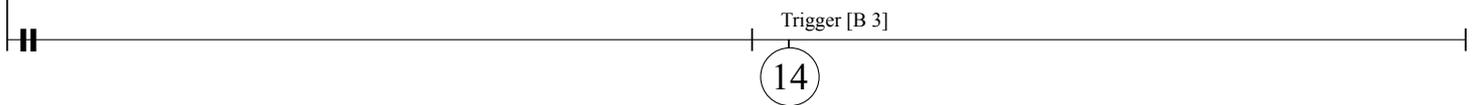


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Trigger [B 3]

14



149



151



153



154



155

156

157

158

159

I
162

[Fx4] off/brutal distortion

15 [B 2] + [B 3]

Trigger distorted rhythm (sample 2) [S 2]
[Fx 5] off/spectral synth

16

J
165

167

10

169

170

171

172

jet whistle

[Fx1] on /chorus and delay

17

K

174

flz.

mf

[Fx 1] off

[Fx 3] on /multipitch shifter

18 Distorted rhythm continues [S 2]

176

179

182

184

187

(♩) (♩)

gliss.

190

L

gliss.

gliss.

gliss.

gliss.

gliss.

gliss.

gliss.

Trigger [B 1] + [B 2]
[Fx 1] on /chorus and delay
Keep [Fx 3] on

19 [S 2] continues

192

gliss.

gliss.

gliss.

gliss.

gliss.

gliss.

194

Trigger [S 1]
[Fx 4] on /brutal distortion
[Fx 1] + [Fx 3] continues

20 [S 2], [B 1], [B 2] continues

195

196

197

3

198

13

13

199

13

13

12

11

12

200

201

203

204

M

205

[Fx 6] on /spectral granulator
 [Fx 1] continues
 [S 1] continues

21 [B 1], [B 2], [S 2], [Fx 3], [Fx 4], [Fx 5]

N

209

210

211

212

213

214

215

216

217

pp

219

220

221

222

fff *ff* *ff*

morendo
only air

[Fx 6] continues

all electronics
off

22 [S 1] + [Fx 1]

23

Pre-recorded material

♩ = 72

1 Sample 2 [S 2]
pizz.

Musical notation for Sample 2 [S 2]. It consists of a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 72. The music is a rhythmic sequence of eighth notes, starting with a forte (f) dynamic and a pizzicato (pizz.) instruction. The sequence repeats across the staff. Below the staff, there is a double bar line and the text "[Fx 4] on /brutal distortion".

Musical notation for Sample 3. It consists of a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The music is a rhythmic sequence of eighth notes, similar to Sample 2, but with a different melodic contour. It starts with a forte (f) dynamic and a pizzicato (pizz.) instruction. The sequence repeats across the staff.

