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MT Modulation

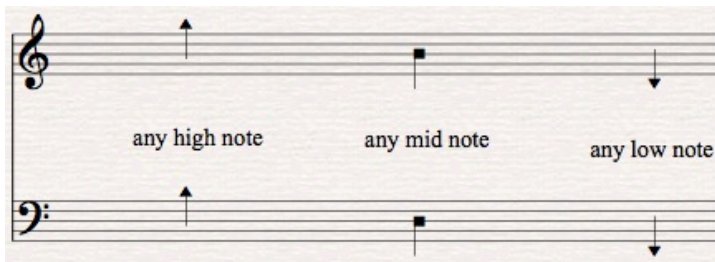
Programme Note

Maureen Tucker's drumming with the Velvet Underground reduced the groove to the most basic stream of pulses. Unchanging and direct it was the perfect foundation for the band's sonic adventures. Starting with the same idea, MT Modulation is a stream of 912 quavers at 130 beats per minute with no other note values and no gaps. It uses only whole tone scales, chromatic scales and notes chosen randomly by the players.

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Performance notes

The group should be arranged with the percussionist as a central feature. The conductor should let the group play as independently as possible, helping with cues and maintaining time where needed.



Two notes on the same staff to be played divisi.

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Part III Clarinet in B \flat

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$\text{♩} = 130$ - mechanical throughout

ff

6

13

21 **A** 19 3 strings pizz. *mf*

46 5 same two notes 4 same two notes *f*

58 **B** 4 (changing pitches) 4 same two notes *f*

68 4 strings arco *pp* *ff*

75 3

81 3 *ff*

149

154

158

162

F

18

individual players rising chromatic scale, start any time, rest, then repeat, any length, always start and end at 'nothing'. Continue until cue at H

180

continue for 1 or more minutes until cue at H

184

G

208 **H**

213

I

217

2

hand clap