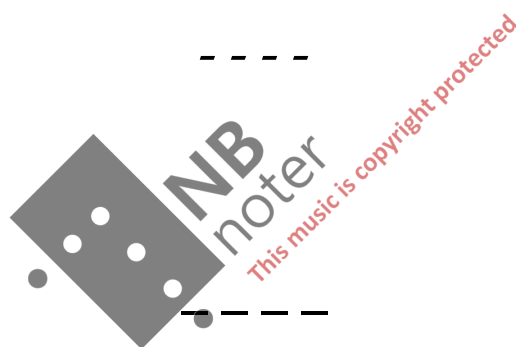


SHO(r)TS 2

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modular miniature music
for combined and/or separated solo performers
[fl, cl, vln, vla, vcl]



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The miniature pieces **SHO(r)TS 1 - 4** are composed for soloists, but can be performed in numerous ways; as group(s), individual(s), or any combination of these:

- As solo pieces, successively combined or separated in a concert program.
- As a collective of solo performances: All/Some of the performers synchronize the beginning of each piece, but follow their own tempo/phrasing.
- As an concert installation: The performers are changing places to perform, or spreads out, in a desired performance place, performing the pieces whenever the performers feels it's right, separating, chaining, or overlapping the pieces. In such scenarios, long or short periods of silence will occur.
- As live overdubbing pieces: Each of the performers has a loop-device (with microphone and speaker/amplifier), playing one of the miniatures many times, each time overdubbing the last version(s). This can be done with all 4 pieces, but one at a time.
- In any other way the performer(s) see fit.

Despite these dynamic performance instructions, the performers need to embrace the rigidity of the pieces and (if possible/if time allows) learn them by heart.

I have deep interest in musical ways of working with flock formation and group dynamics. In these pieces the rigid rhythmic structures will appear approximate, and more as *spontaneous reactions* than structured music - though based on a limited rhythmic "language"; Each performer are members of a group, voicing their belonging and individuality.

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Transposing Pitch

SHO(r)TS 2

♩ = 200

for alto flute

Legato poss.

Pitches are approximations

7/8 4/8 3+4/8 6/8 2/4 7/8

5 9 13 17 21 25

p poss. *mf* *p poss.* *mf* *p poss.* *mf*

MB meter
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29 $\frac{8}{8}$ $\frac{5}{8}$ $\frac{5}{8}$ $\frac{5}{8}$ $\frac{2}{4}$ $\frac{6}{8}$
 p poss.

33 $\frac{6}{8}$
(p poss.) (sfz) (sfz)

37 $\frac{5}{8}$ $\frac{4+3}{8}$ $\frac{6}{8}$ $\frac{2}{4}$
 mf (sfz) p poss.

41 $\frac{2}{4}$ $\frac{6}{8}$
 p

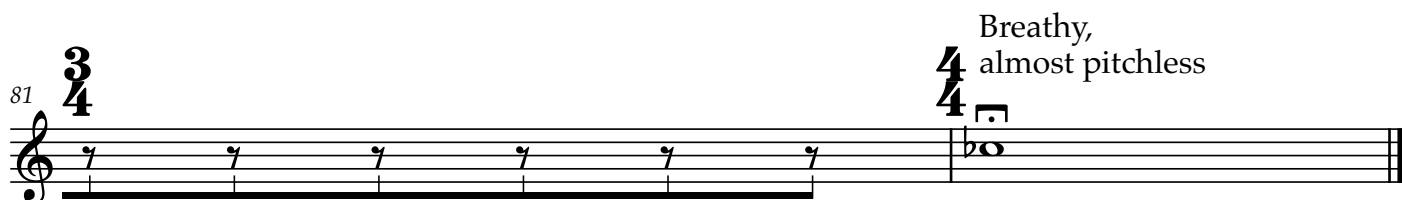
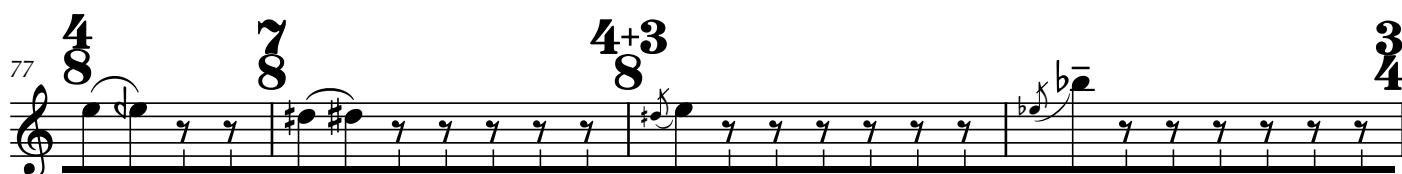
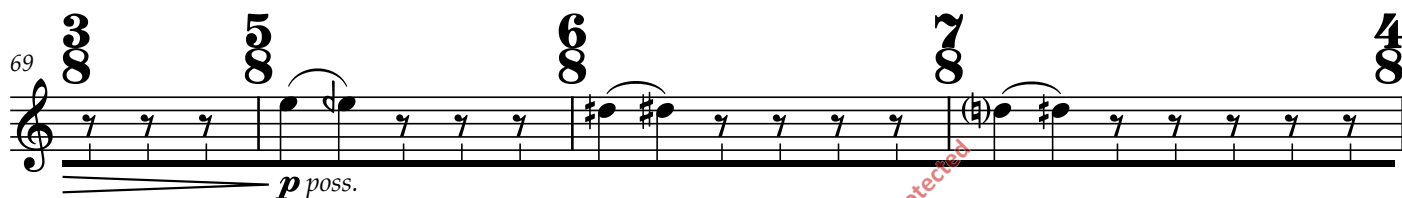
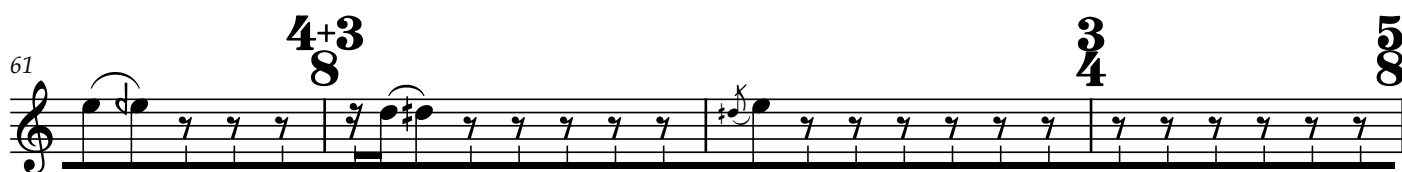
45 $\frac{5}{8}$ $\frac{4+3}{8}$
 mf sub.

49 $\frac{4}{4}$ $\frac{5}{8}$
 p

53 $\frac{5}{8}$ $\frac{4+3}{8}$ $\frac{5}{8}$ $\frac{3}{8}$
 mf (sfz) (sfz)

57 $\frac{3}{8}$ $\frac{5}{8}$
 p

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Transposing Pitch

SHO(r)TS 2

for clarinet in A

$\bullet = 200$

Legato poss.

7 Pitches are approximations

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p poss. *mf*

[illegible]

9

6

2/4

7/8

p *poss.*

13  

17

$\frac{4}{8}$ $\frac{3+4}{8}$

mf

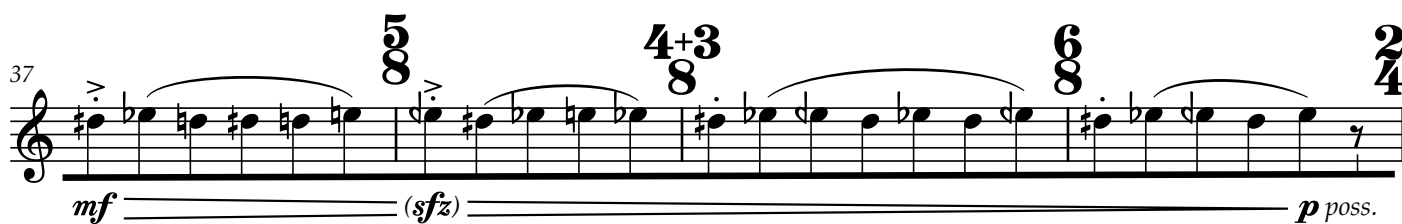
25 **4/4** **7/8**

p poss. *mf*

The first system of the musical score for 'The Little Boat' consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The time signature is 4/4, and the key signature is one sharp (F#). The music begins with a quarter rest, followed by a dotted quarter note G4, a dotted quarter note A4, and a dotted quarter note B4. This is followed by a quarter rest, a dotted quarter note G4, a dotted quarter note A4, and a dotted quarter note B4. The music then continues with a quarter rest, a dotted quarter note G4, a dotted quarter note A4, and a dotted quarter note B4. The system ends with a quarter rest, a dotted quarter note G4, a dotted quarter note A4, and a dotted quarter note B4. The tempo is marked 'p poss.' and the dynamics are marked 'mf'.

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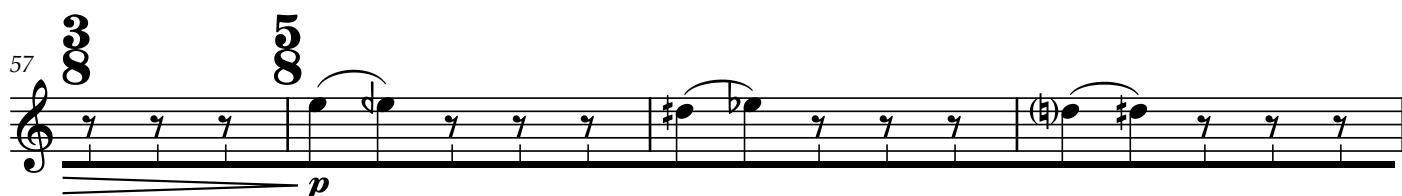
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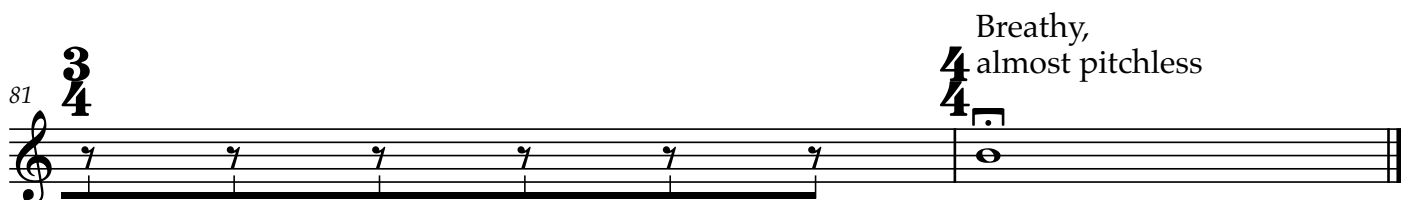
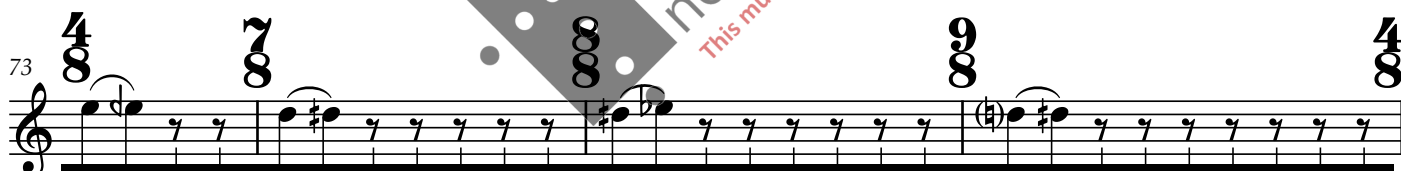
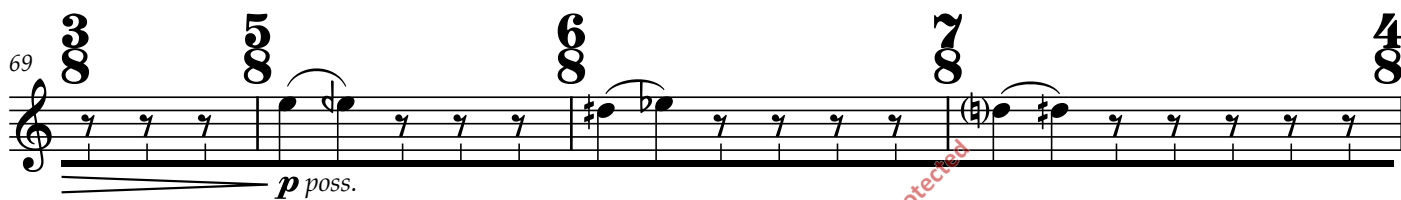
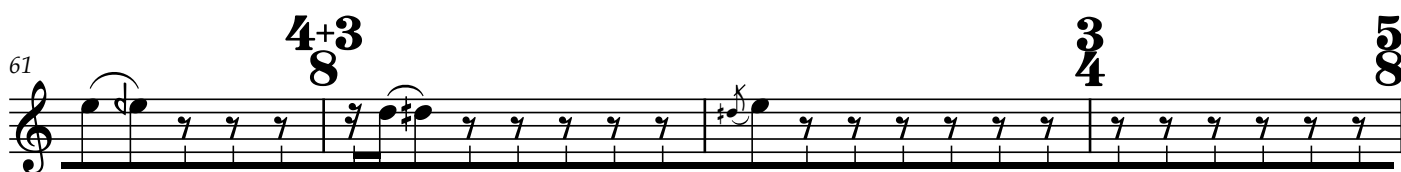
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SHO(r)TS 2

♩ = 200

for violin

Sul G sempre

Pitches are approximations

7/8 4/8

p poss. *mf*

5 3+4/8 6/8

9 6/8 2/4 7/8

p poss.

13 7/8 4/8

(*p poss.*)

17 4/8 3+4/8

mf

21 6/8 3/4 4/4

25 4/4 7/8 8/8

p poss. *mf*

29 *p poss.*

33 *(p poss.) (sfz) (sfz)*

37 *mf (sfz) p poss.*

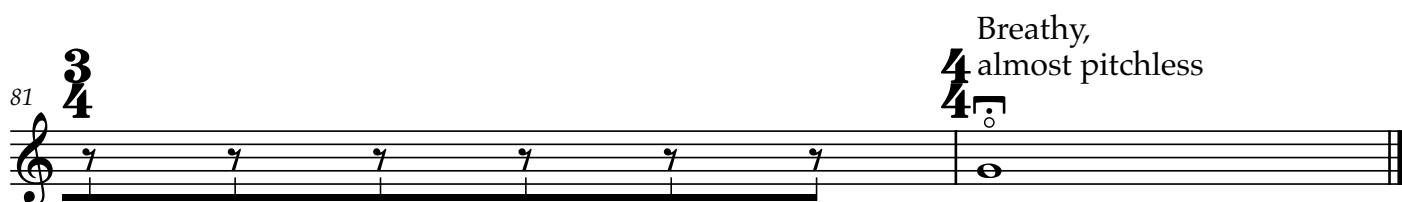
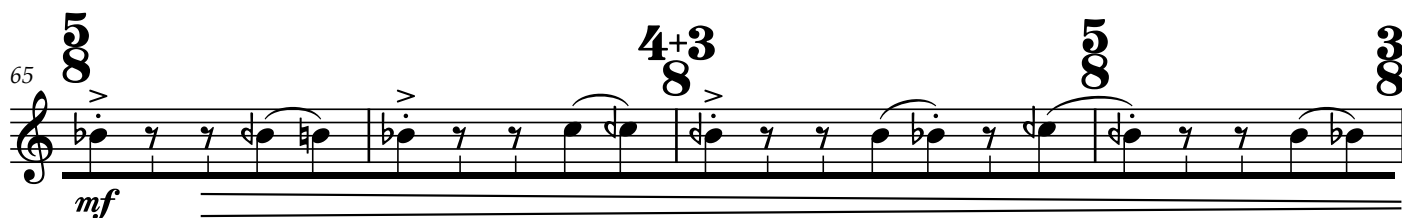
41 *p*

45 *mf sub.*

49 *p*

53 *mf (sfz) (sfz)*

57 *p*



SHO(r)TS 2

♩ = 200

for viola

Sul D sempre

Pitches are approximations

7/8 4/8

p poss. *mf*

5 3+4/8 6/8

9 6/8 2/4 7/8

p poss.

13 7/8 4/8

(*p* poss.)

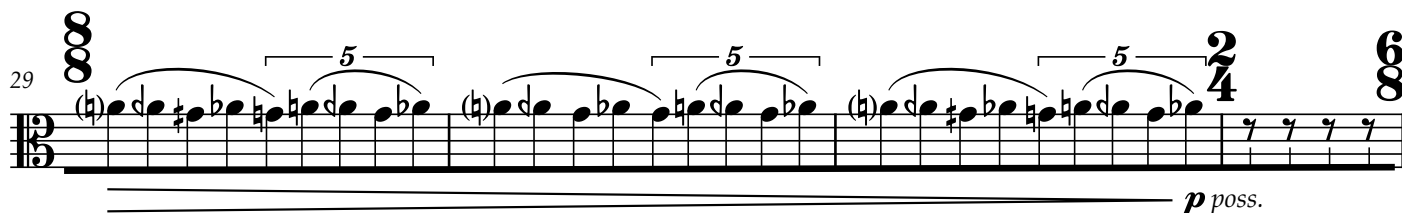
17 4/8 3+4/8

mf

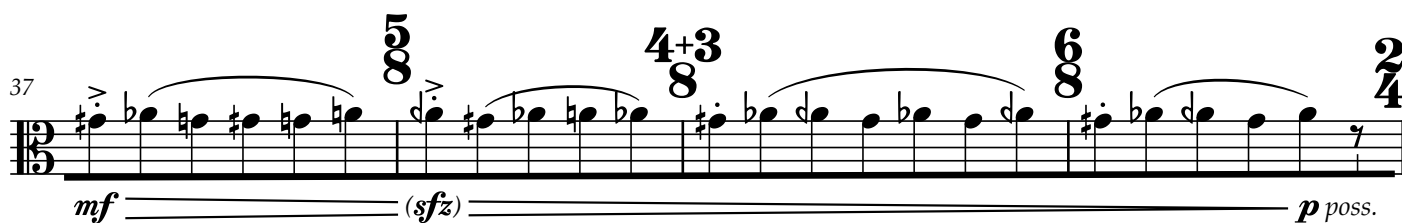
21 6/8 3/4 4/4

25 4/4 7/8 8/8

p poss. *mf*

29 

33 

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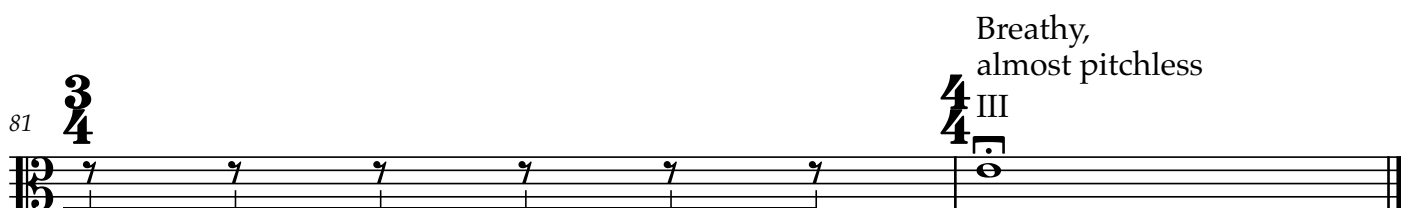
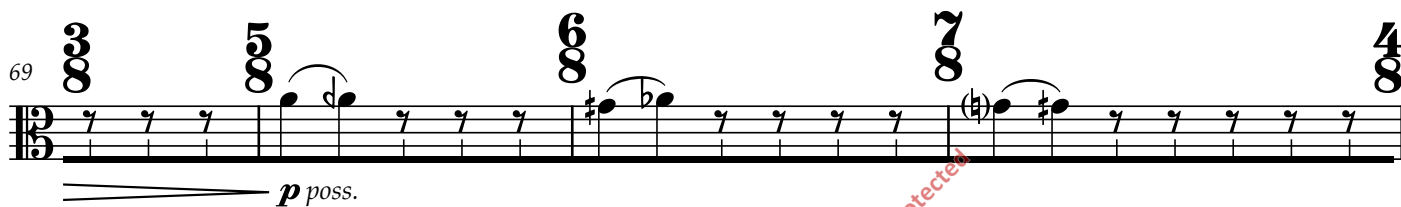
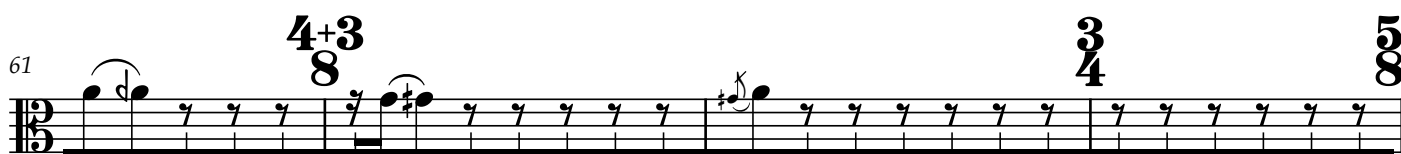
41 

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SHO(r)TS 2

♩ = 200

for cello

Sul D sempre

Pitches are approximations

con sord.

7/8 4/8

p poss. *mf*

5 3+4/8 6/8

9 6/8 2/4 7/8

p poss.

13 7/8 4/8

(*p* poss.)

17 4/8 3+4/8

mf

21 6/8 3/4 4/4

25 4/4 7/8 8/8

p poss. *mf*

29 **8** **5** **5** **5** **2** **6**
p poss.

33 **6**
(p poss.) (sfz) (sfz)

37 **5** **4+3** **8** **6** **2** **4**
mf (sfz) p poss.

41 **2** **4** **6**
p

45 **5** **4+3** **8**
mf sub.

49 **4** **5**
p

53 **5** **4+3** **5** **3**
mf (sfz) (sfz)

57 **3** **5**
p

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61 $\frac{4+3}{8}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{5}{8}$

65 $\frac{5}{8}$ $\frac{4+3}{8}$ $\frac{5}{8}$ $\frac{3}{8}$

mf

69 $\frac{3}{8}$ $\frac{5}{8}$ $\frac{6}{8}$ $\frac{7}{8}$ $\frac{4}{8}$

p poss.

73 $\frac{4}{8}$ $\frac{7}{8}$ $\frac{8}{8}$ $\frac{9}{8}$ $\frac{4}{8}$

77 $\frac{4}{8}$ $\frac{7}{8}$ $\frac{4+3}{8}$ (III-II) $\frac{3}{4}$

81 $\frac{3}{4}$ $\frac{4}{4}$ II

Breathy,
almost pitchless