

Sonatina for tuba and electronics

INSTRUCTIONS

TUBA

Notation in concert pitch

Accessories needed: mute, a coin

Tuba is amplified with a microphone



Long airy sound



Short airy sound: different unpitched sounds are obtained changing the lips position.



Half-valved sound, obtained by pulling out one of the tubes in order to obtain a sound resembling a didgeridoo. Pitches are arbitrary although they should follow the melodic contours.



Long pause



Short pause (shorter than long one)

The cadenza at the end of Movement 2 should be freely improvised and based on selected fragments previously played, and optionally on fragments belonging to contemporary tuba repertoire. In the Appendix 1, one can find the cadenza as it was played during the first performance of the piece (19th of April 2012, Andy Johnson on tuba).

Tuba samples

The piece uses treated samples, which should be pre-recorded by the tuba player using the following material:

<u>WIND SOUND</u>: unpitched airy sounds obtained by blowing slowly into the instrument for about 5 to 8 seconds, with following dynamic shapes:

- wind 1: *pppp* — *pp* — *pppp*

- wind 2: *pp* ____ *pp*

- wind 3: $p \longrightarrow mf \longrightarrow p$ (+ valve fingering noise)

- wind 4: mp = f = mp (+ valve fingering noise)

<u>FINGERING NOISE</u>: sound of the valves being played quickly without blowing, with following dynamic shape:

PHRASES AND CHORDS FROM MOVEMENT ONE (all in bass clef):



<u>PERCUSSIVE SOUNDS</u>: strike the bell with a coin on different parts of the tuba to achieve roughly 3 pitches

hit 1: lowhit 2: mediumhit 3: high

DRONE: a low Bb0, quite unfocused (rather than pitched), as long and sustained as possible

SINGLE PITCHES

GROUP A: a chromatic scale from Eb1 to Eb3, each note about 8 seconds long, at p dynamic

GROUP B: a chromatic scale from Eb1 to Eb3, each note very short, accented, with mute at *mf* dynamic

<u>TUBA PLAYER VOICE</u>: the voice of the tuba player during the recording session should be recorded, either talking, laughing or other

ELECTRONICS

Equipment needed for performance: laptop computer, soundcard, MIDI keyboard

Software needed for sample preparation: any wave editor, any DAW software

Software needed for performance: any DAW software

Additional samples provided

The following samples are included in the CD attached to the score:

CHORD 1 to 3

BURST1LONG

BURST2LONG

EXPLOSION

PERCUSSION BURST

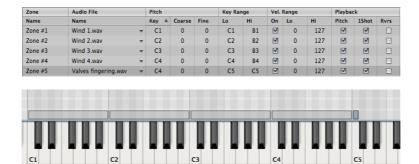
BACKING TRACK

Live session settings

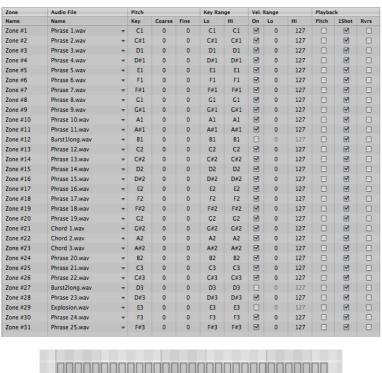
A Logic Pro 8.0 session with 8 tracks is included in the attached CD. The session contains inserts (effects) and each track needs to be arranged in the following way:

TRACK 1: this is an audio track for the live tuba.

TRACK 2: this is a MIDI track used for the prelude. The software instrument contains the samples WIND 1-4 and FINGERINGS (see Tuba samples paragraph for description). Below is the instrument mapping and keys:

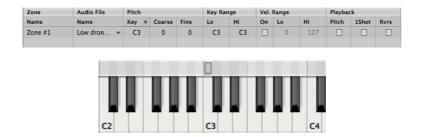


TRACK 3: this is a MIDI track used for the first movement (Andante espressivo). The software instrument contains the samples PHRASE 1 to PHRASE 25, CHORD 1 to CHORD 3, BURST1LONG, BURST2LONG and EXPLOSION (see Tuba samples and sample preparation paragraph for description). Below is the instrument mapping and keys:

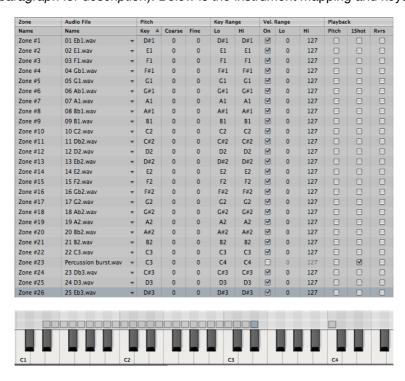




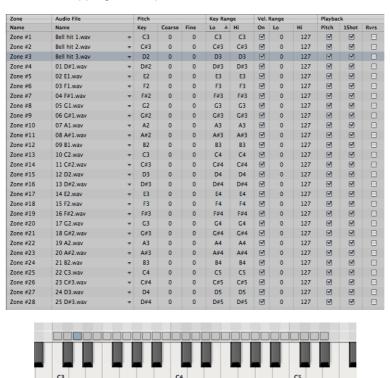
TRACK 4: this is a MIDI track used for the drone at the end of the first movement. The software instrument contains the sample LOW DRONE (see Tuba samples paragraph for description). Below is the instrument mapping and keys:



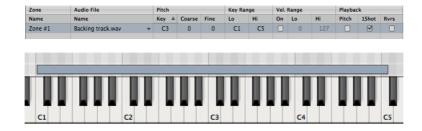
TRACK 5: this is a MIDI track used for the drones and the percussion burst in the second movement (Adagio cantabile). The software instrument contains the samples Eb1 to Eb3, GROUP A and the PERCUSSION BURST sample (see Tuba samples and sample preparation paragraph for description). Below is the instrument mapping and keys:



TRACK 6: this is a MIDI track used for the interactive section between movement 2 and movement 3 (Mosso infuocato). The software instrument contains the samples Eb1 to Eb3, GROUP B and BELL HIT 1 to BELL HIT 3 (see Tuba samples paragraph for description). Below is the instrument mapping and keys:



TRACK 7: this is a MIDI track used for the backing track in movement 3. The software instrument contains the sample BACKING TRACK (see Tuba samples and sample preparation paragraph for description). Below is the instrument mapping and keys:



TRACK 8: this is a MIDI track used for movement 3. The software instrument contains the samples Eb1 to Eb3, GROUP B (*see Tuba samples and sample preparation paragraph for description*). Below is the instrument mapping and keys:

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Zone #3	03 F1.wav		F1	0	0	F1	F1	✓	0	127		✓	
Zone #4	04 Gb1.wav	*	F#1	0	0	F#1	F#1	✓	0	127		✓	
Zone #5	05 G1.wav		G1	0	0	G1	G1	✓	0	127		✓	
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Zone #8	08 Bb1.wav	*	A#1	0	0	A#1	A#1	✓	0	127		✓	
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MIDI controller assignments

For ease of control during the performance, the following parameters should be assigned to faders, knobs and buttons on the MIDI keyboard:

Fader 1 = volume

Knob 1 = pan

Fader 2 = channel eq. peak 3

Fader 3 = channel eq. peak 4

Button 1 = previous track

Button 2 = next track

Button 3 = delay ON/OFF

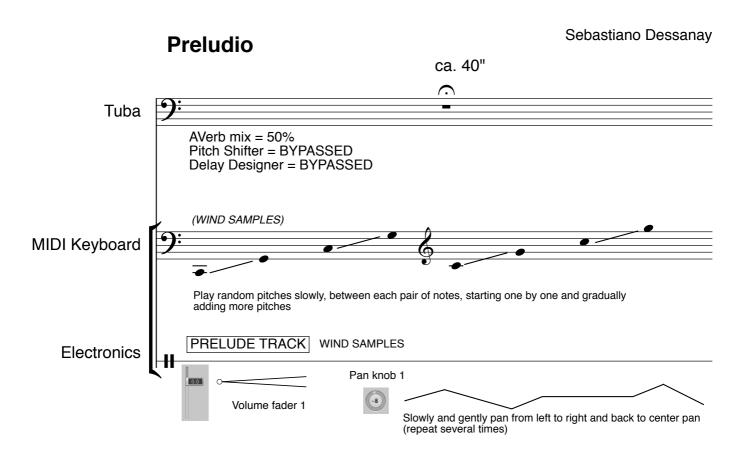
Button 4 = pitch Shifter ON/OFF

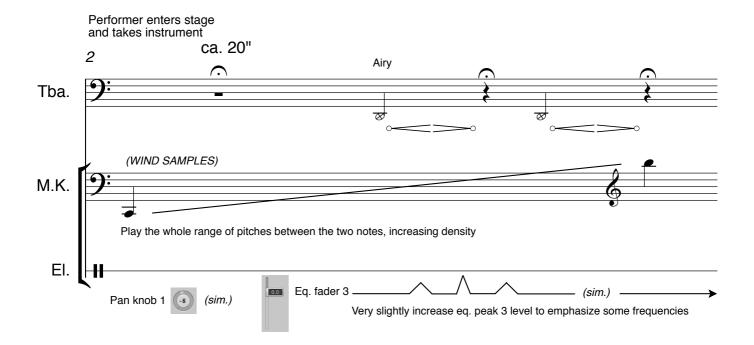
Button 5 = pitch Shifter semitones UP

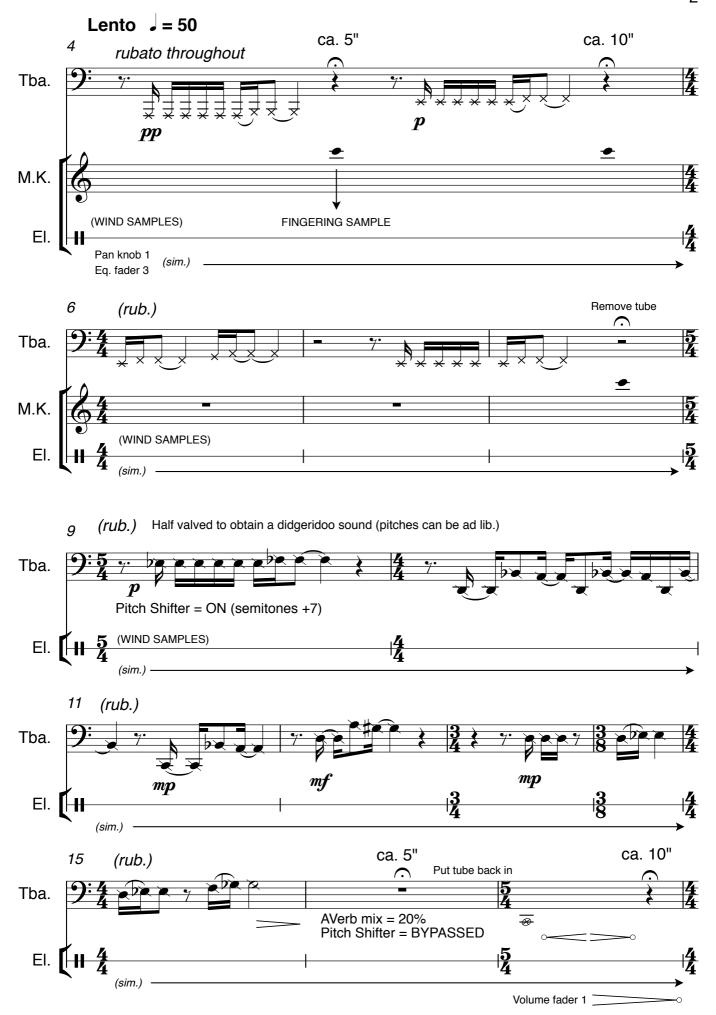
Button 6 = track record enable/disable

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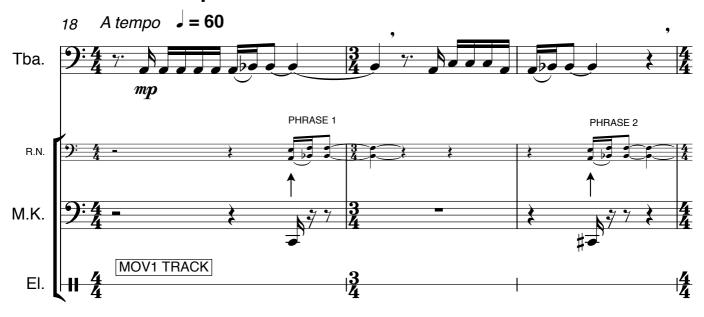
for Andy Johnson

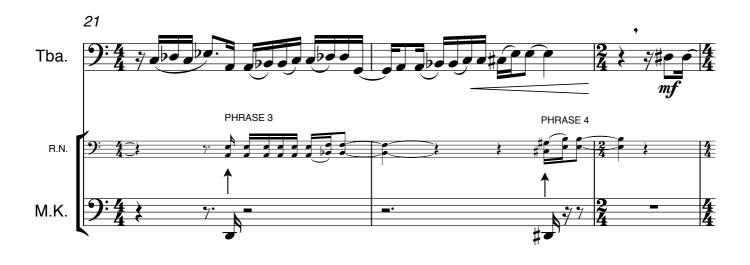


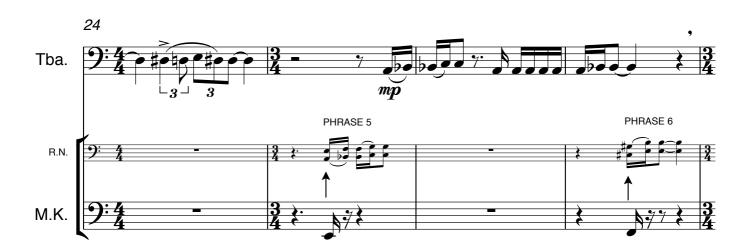




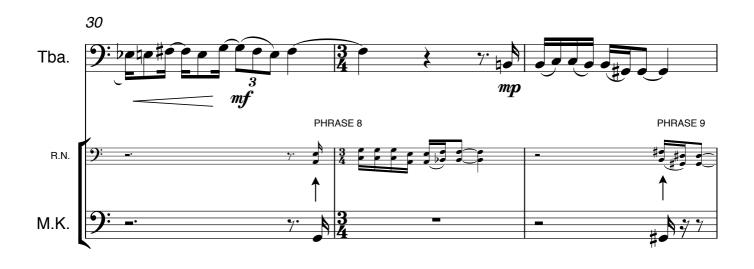
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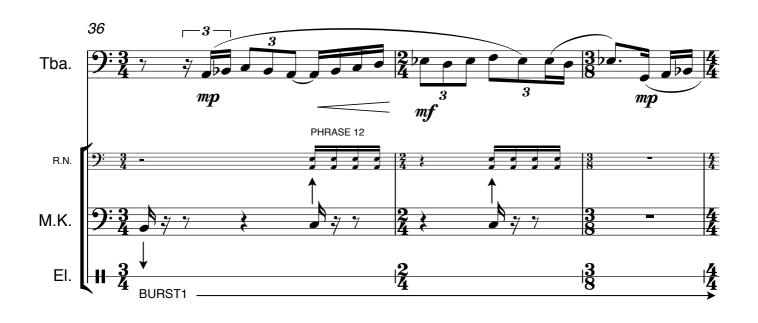




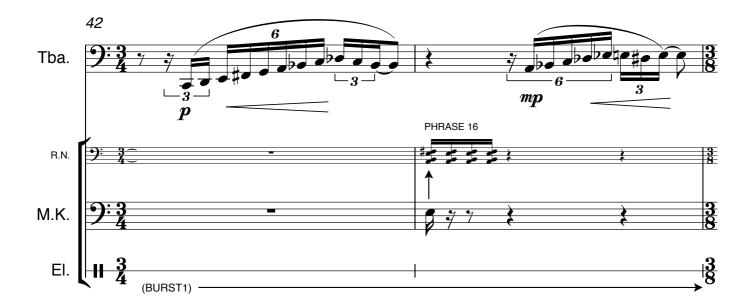




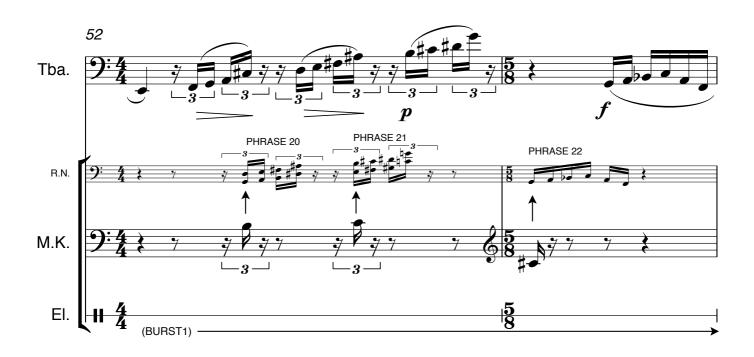


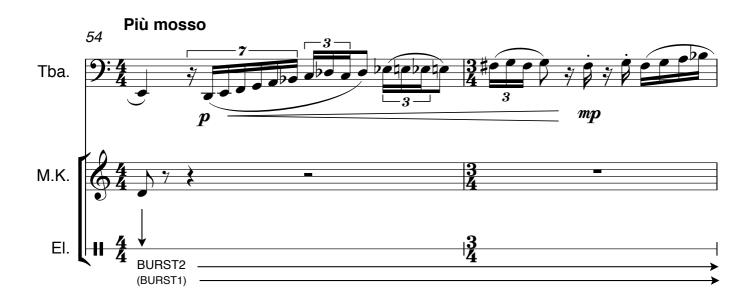




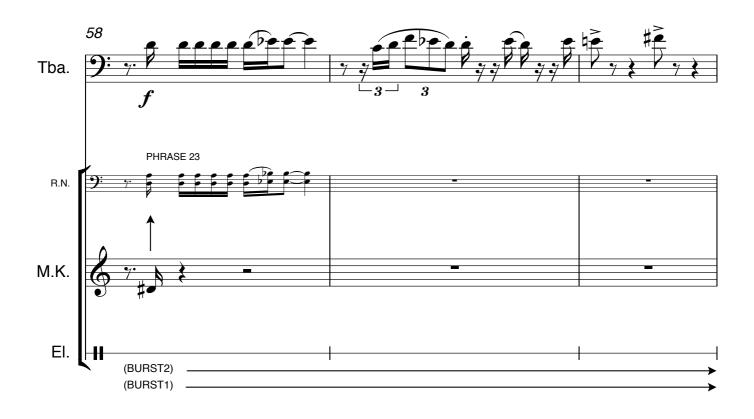


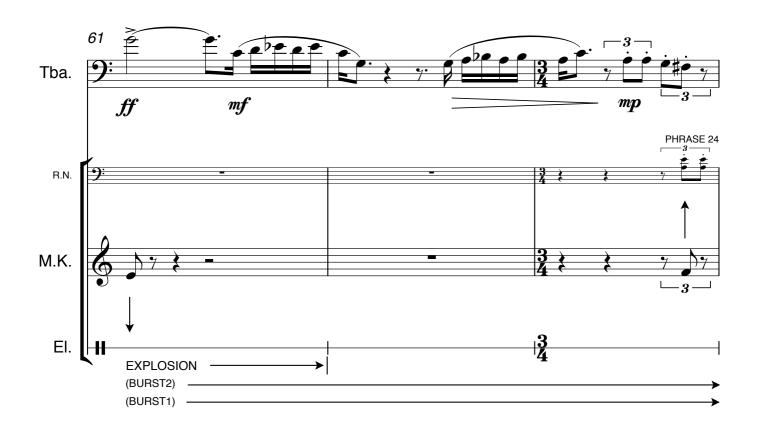


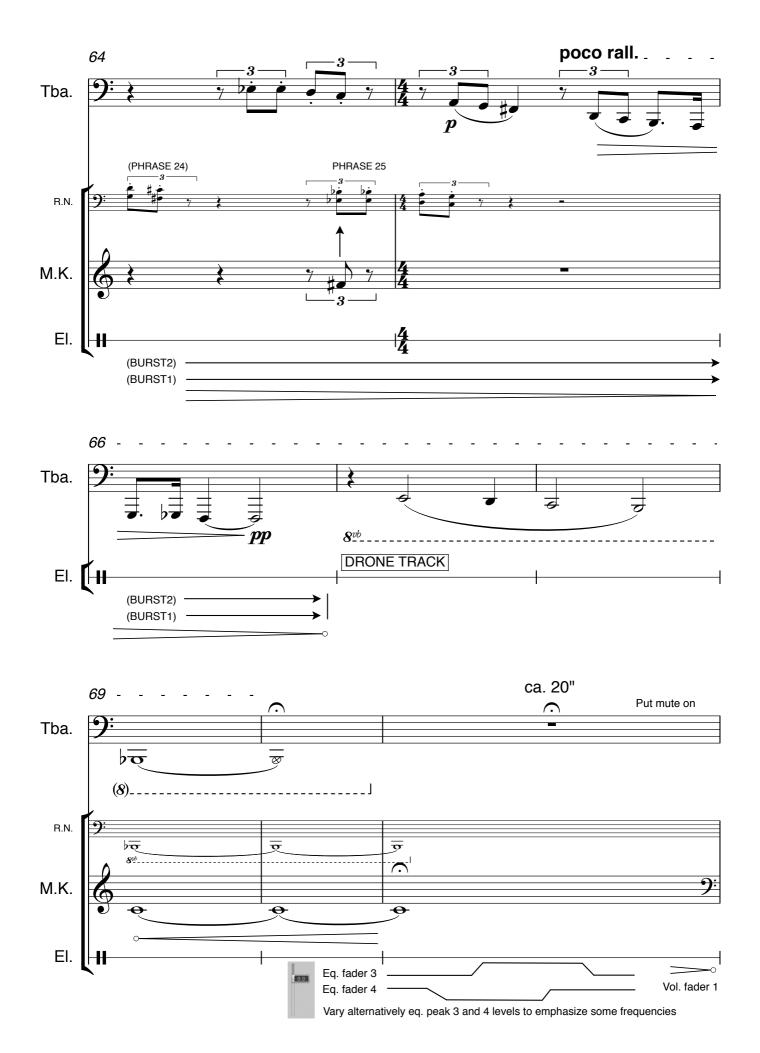






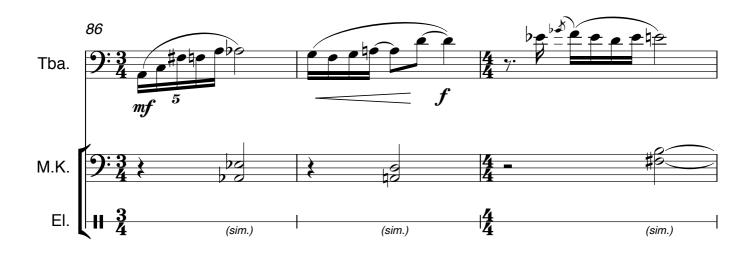


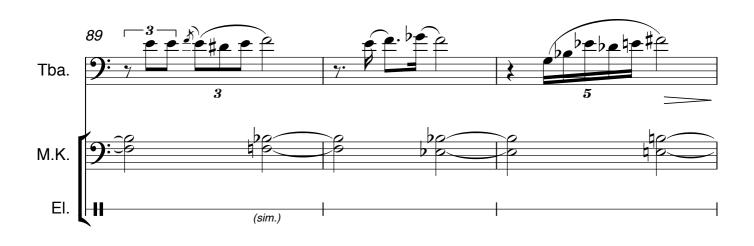


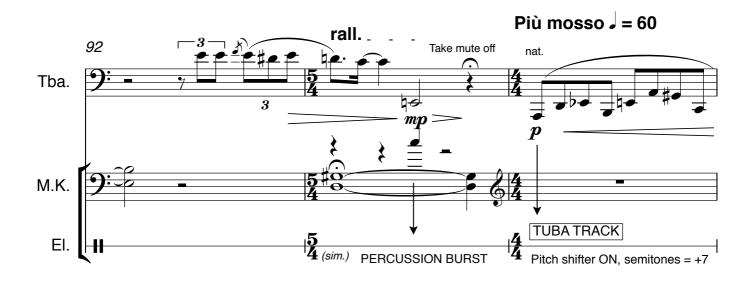


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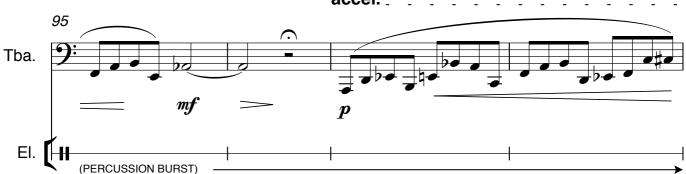






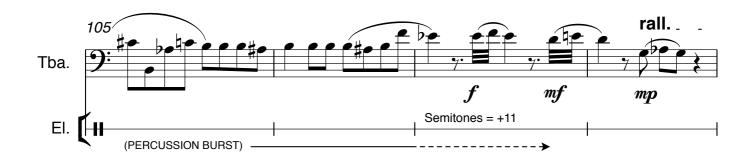


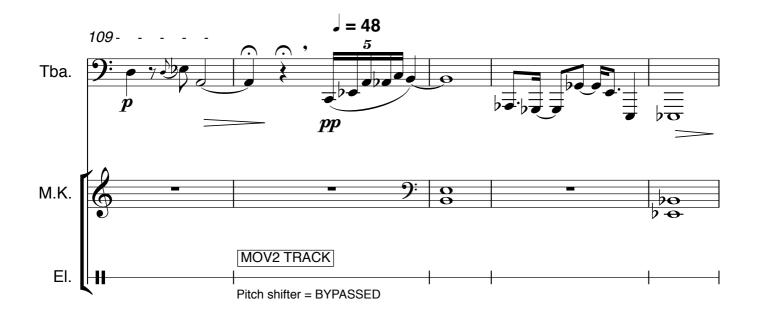






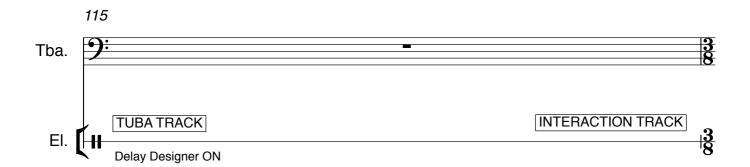






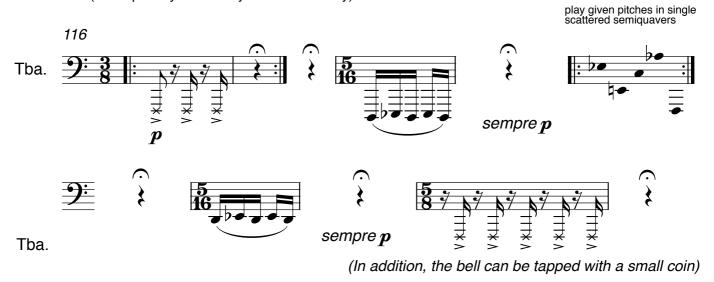
Tuba free cadenza (see instructions and cadenza in Appendix)

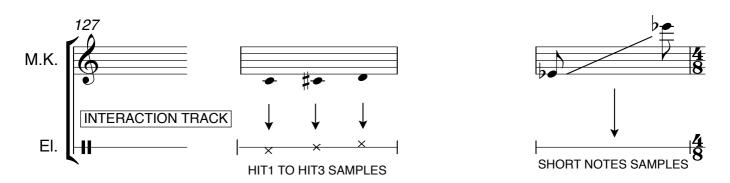




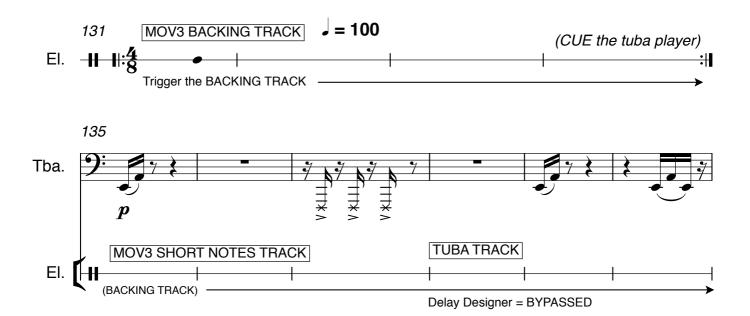
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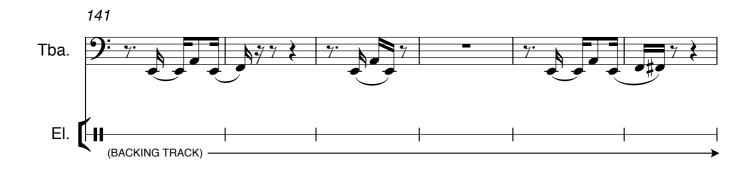
Tuba and electronics freely interact using the following, in any order (start sparsely and slowly increase density):



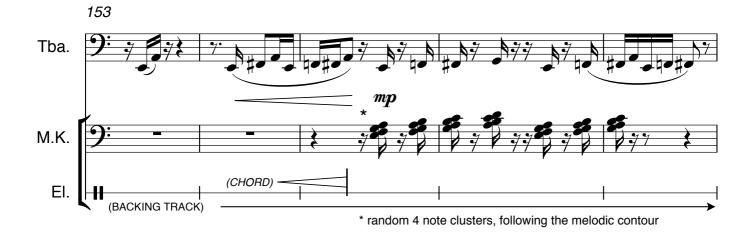


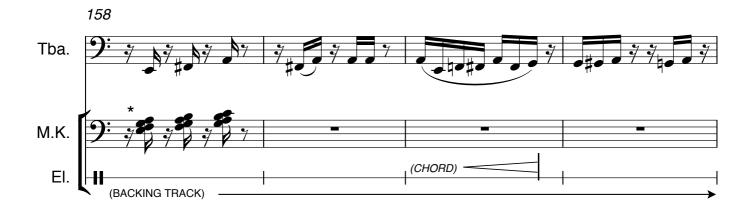
(In addition, the top of the keyboard can be tapped with the knuckles)

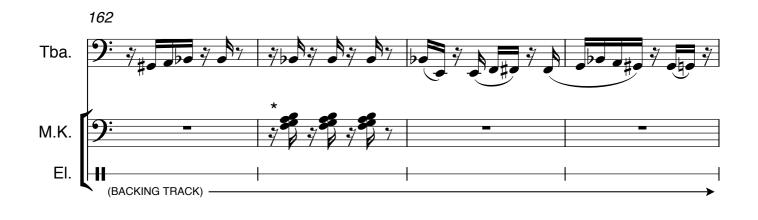


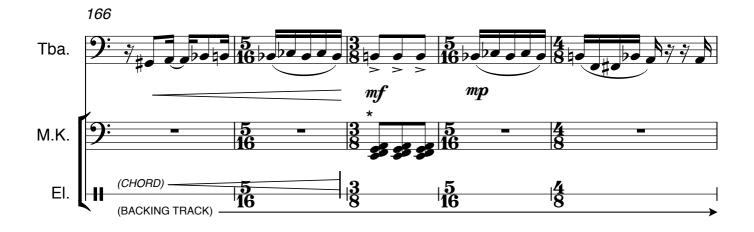




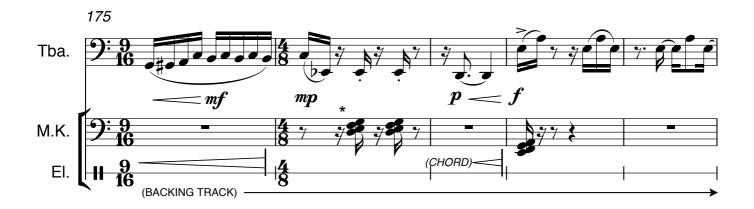


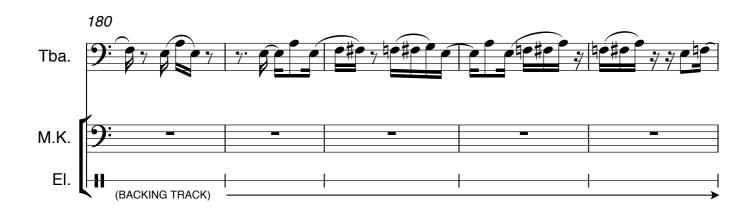


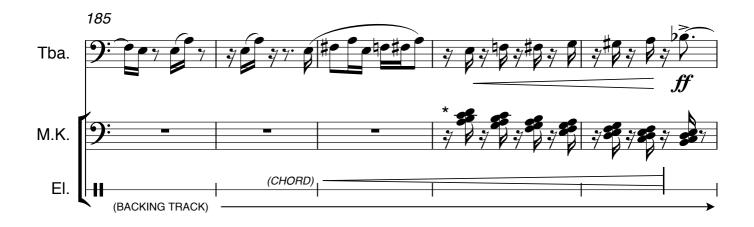






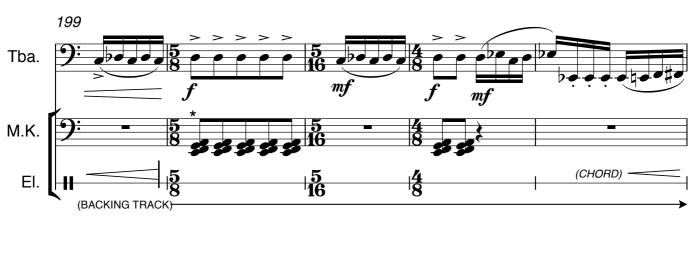




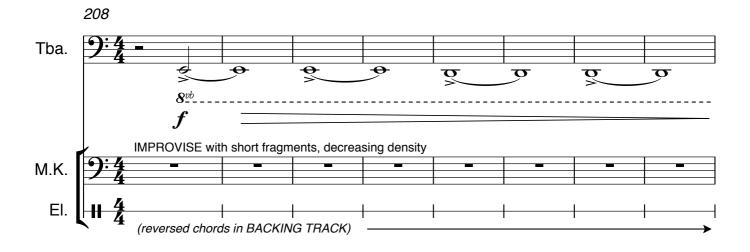


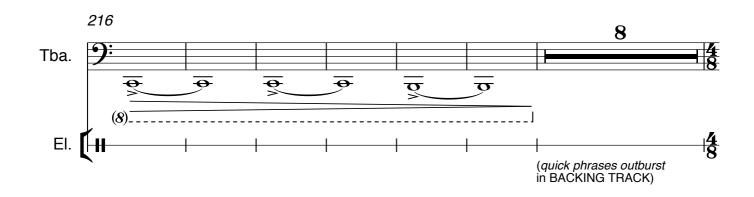




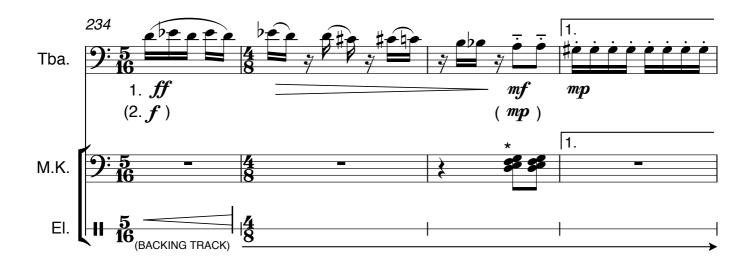


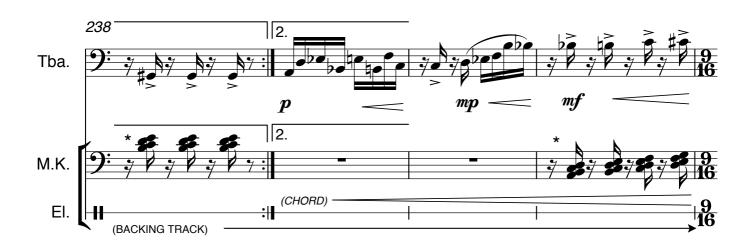


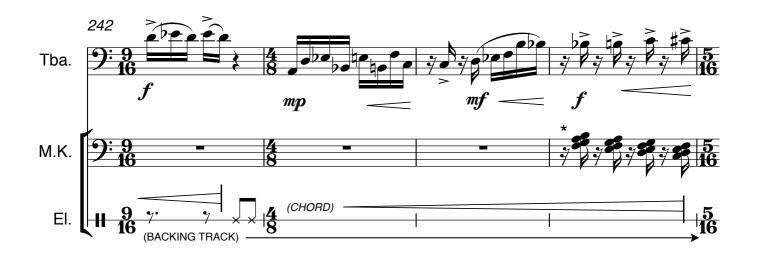


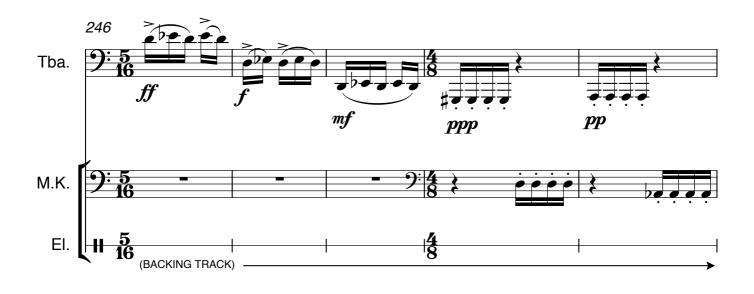


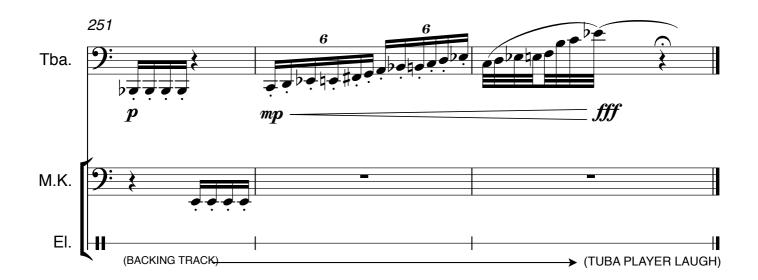












Appendix

Cadenza as played by Andy Johnson on 19th of April 2012



