STRINGS + ORGAN

The questions we have about form are the score / there must be a score

The score is mostly text because of interest in multiplicity of approaches to the instrument

Only 1 and 6 use music notation

It's important that no one is overall louder than anyone else

1a + 1b (4')

see music notation

strings:

each note played for 15" as signaled by organ, 15" pause between 1a & 1b upper note should be one slow up-bow

lower note should be bowed in a circle around the bridge. eg. down-bow on speaking length, up-bow behind bridge. the tempo of the bowing can fluctuate; 2 seconds/rotation is a good median

* for 1a - upper note can also be played sometimes as 7th partial

organ: lower manual, lowest drawbar - 8
pedals - 2
upper manual
vibrato on, vibrato celeste II
plays sonar during 15" break
reverb II

2 (1-5')

violin and viola: artificial harmonic glissandi, take as much time as you need in order to play the glissando without losing the targeted node

cello: pizzicato. alternate a lot between meters of 3:4 and 4:4 - 3:4 is natural harmonics and 4:4 is microtonally descending scale. tempo in the middle of the organ tempos

organ: lower manual - vibrato on. lowest two drawbars 6 upper manual - no vibrato. lowest two drawbars 5 pedals - 3

lower manual plays five-note clusters up white keys, five-note cluster down black keys upper manual plays five-note clusters up black keys, five-note clusters down white keys play semi-chromatic scale up and down bass pedals

organist 1 pedals: CDEFGAB

organist 2 pedals: C# D# F# G# A# C

3 (~3')

soloist: choose a pitch, either crescendo or decrescendo until reaching steady dynamic everyone else: follow soloist's pitch and dynamic trajectory at half volume with extra wide vibrato, continue until soloist signals to person next to them to start their own solo, then follow new pitch and dynamic

organ: volume soft, lower manual no vibrato lower manual, lowest two drawbars - 3 upper manual, lowest two drawbars - 2 pedals - 2

play all open string harmonies at half volume of choir

4a (3') play 4a-4c without pause

violin: repeat any note at a steady tempo. when ready change to different pitch, change tempo with the new pitch. make sure not to slow down or speed up at all gradually. only choose new tempo simultaneously with new pitch

everyone else: try to play exactly what Adam plays

organ initiates 4b after 3'

4b (~2')

strings: repeat any note at a steady tempo. when ready to change to different pitch, change tempo with the new pitch. make sure not to slow down or speed up at all gradually. only choose new tempo simultaneously with new pitch. avoid syncing with others. after ~2' Adam will start playing slow double stop, when you notice Adam has switched to slow double stop join him on slow double stop of your choice

organ: Reverb II on [if its not crazy loud] lower manual, lowest drawbar - 6, vibrato on pedals - 3

lower manual lowest five-note cluster on naturals. D# pedal. play with white upper drawbars of lower manual

4c (8')

strings: play slow fingered double stops. tune your double stops in a pleasing way to the cello's. explore non-vibrato to extreme vibrato playing

organ: plays 4b. Reverb II off, only highest white drawbar on both manuals engaged. no vibrato

5a (4')

strings: play the string indicated by however many fingers are held up. eg. four fingers = fourth string / lowest pitched string. conductor will conduct three beats before everyone plays on the fourth beat together. holding up a zero indicates the end of the piece; stop on the fourth beat of zero

the playing duration on each string can vary widely. it is encouraged to play very long bows. the left hand fingers can move very quickly but never press the string onto fingerboard. explore what parts of string produce certain partials or have no harmonic node and make only quiet bow sound across string. explore how tone changes when bow position or pressure changes. bow anywhere from behind bridge to tuning pegs

organ: move bench toward upper manual. upper manual drawbar switch off. play the previous chord in upper preset: partially depress full organ switch very slowly

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5b (3')
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same thing but fast repeated bowing. avoid syncing-up with others' tempo

no org

6 (1' 45")

see music notation durations are approximate (no stopwatch) play each phrase for 21" followed by 5" rest except for final phrase: 5" followed by 15" rest lower manual, only lowest two drawbars - 8 pedals ~ 5

Chris assists Lauren in decresc.

7 (2-5')

cello: listen for a sound in the environment and play it everyone else: mimic cello sound as soon as hearing it next person in line listens for next environmental sound repeat until everyone has initiated sound

no org

8 (2-10')

strings: play *your* most *sentimental* <u>music</u>. avoid syncing w OTHERS. study ends when the last person finishes... .

organ: 1a +1b:
lower manual, lowest drawbar - 8
pedals - 2
upper manual vibrato on, vibrato celeste II
plays sonar during 15" break
Reverb II









