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***A pebble  
on a distant shore***

**bass txistu**

**accordion**

**percussion**

**commissioned by**

**Zukan Trio**

**2016**

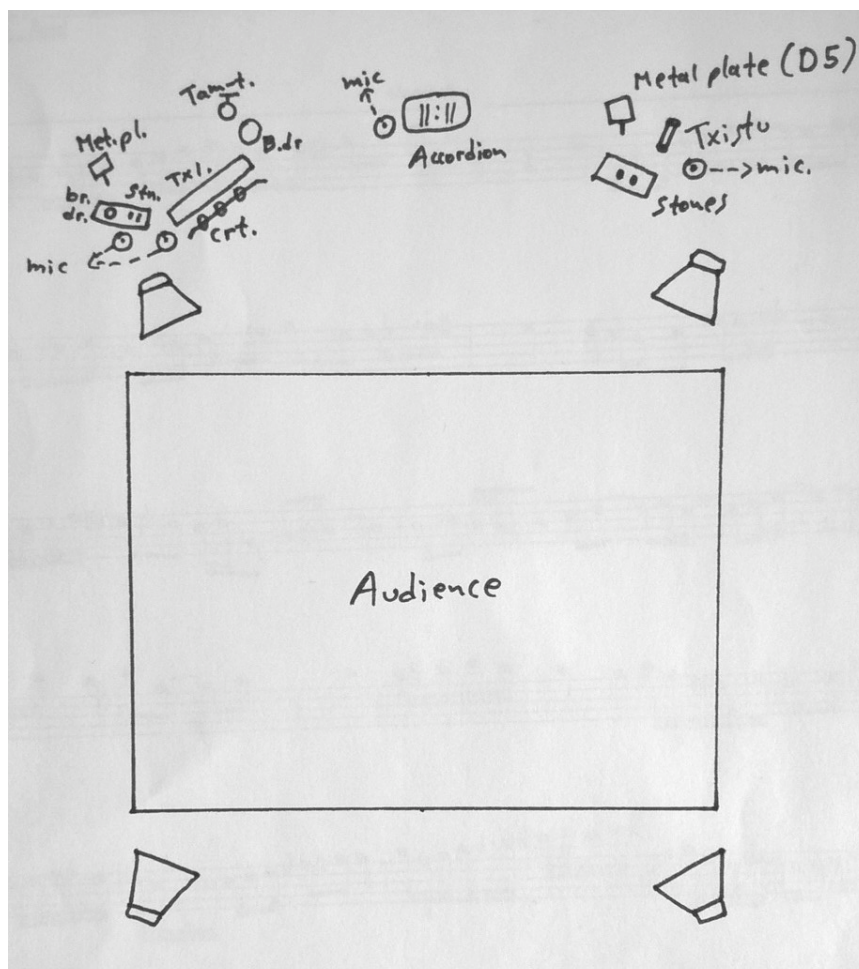
## Program note:

In a system of combined sound information, our ears categorize each one differently altering the focus and concentrating on the sounds that seem to be more important. Although each and every single sound, as small and subtle as it can be, is a part of the general body of sound. A pebble on a distant shore doesn't seem to be that important and the attention is driven to the broader picture of the collection of pebbles.

In this composition I concentrate on a single pebble; a few fragile sounds from each instrument, bringing them in the foreground with the goal to explore their sound possibilities while they interact and develop along the piece.

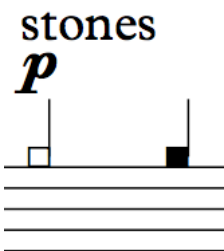
## Stage layout:

There are 4 microphones and 4 speakers. The 2 front speakers need to be a bit quieter than the 2 at the back. Microphones to be switched on at parts C and the last two bars of D. At C the amplification should be in a scale of around 50-60% and at D (last 2 bars) around 80-90%.



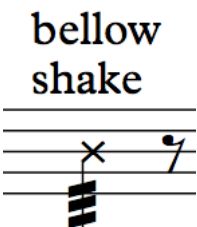
Notation symbols:

Bass Txistu

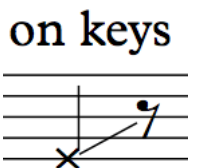


Hold the one stone and hit the other.

Accordion



Without producing a pitch or particular rhythm.  
(could be combined with air button)

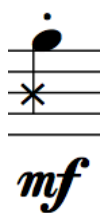


Slide your nails on the keyboard without producing  
pitch but only percussive sound.

Percussion



(Notation)



Dead stroke. Hit without releasing.

# A pebble on a distant shore

## for Zukan trio

Transposed score

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**A** Sudden, ♩=110  
Microphones OFF

♩=65  
stones  
*p*

(≈5")

Bass Txistu

Accordion

Crotales  
Txalaparta

Stones  
Metal plate  
Break drum  
Tam-tam  
Bass drum

First system of the musical score. It features five staves. The top staff is for Bass Txistu, the second for Accordion (treble and bass clef), the third for Crotales/Txalaparta, and the bottom two for percussion (Stones, Metal plate, Break drum, Tam-tam, Bass drum). The time signature changes from 3/4 to 4/4 and then to 2/4. Dynamics include *sfz*, *ff*, *p*, and *pp*. A crescendo hairpin is shown. A box labeled 'medium' is above the Crotales staff. A note on the percussion staff is marked 'edge --- middle l.v.' with a crescendo hairpin. The system ends with a repeat sign.

Second system of the musical score, starting at measure 7. It features four staves: B. Tx. (Bass Txistu), Accord. (Accordion), Crt. Txl. (Crotales/Txalaparta), and a percussion staff (Stn. Met. pl., Br. dr., Tam-t., B. dr.). The time signature changes from 2/4 to 4/4 and then to 2/4. Dynamics include *f*, *p*, and *mp*. Fingerings (3, 5) and articulation (accents) are marked. A box labeled 'l.v.' is above the Crt. Txl. staff. The system ends with a repeat sign.

11 whistle tones

B.Tx.

mf

Accord.

pp

ppp

mf

8va

Crt. Txl.

(norm.)

mf

Stn. l.v.

Met. pl.

Br. dr.

Tam-t.

B. dr.

pp < mf f

**B** ♩=55

17

B.Tx.

f

mf

mp

soft Metal plate (actual pitch D5)

Accord.

f

p

p < >

Crt. Txl.

f

l.v.

bow actual pitch C#5

l.v.

soft norm.

Stn.

Met. pl.

Br. dr.

Tam-t.

B. dr.

p < f

mf

mp

23

B.Tx.

mf p mp

Accord.

vib. norm. vib.

pp f mp p mp

Crt. Txl.

p mp p mf

Stn. bow l.v. norm.

Met. pl. Br. dr. Tam-t. B. dr.

p f mp p

29

B.Tx.

Accord.

mf p mp p

Crt. Txl.

Improvise on txl. & stn.  
Include written material

p

Stn. Met. pl. Br. dr. Tam-t. B. dr.

mf

Improvise on given pitches.  
Include written material

35

B.Tx.

Accord.

Crt. Txl.

Stn.  
Met. pl.  
Br. dr.  
Tam-t.  
B. dr.

*p* *mp* *p*

*mp* *mf*

41

B.Tx.

Accord.

Crt. Txl.

Stn.  
Met. pl.  
Br. dr.  
Tam-t.  
B. dr.

stones

*f* *ff* *mp* *p* *f* *ff*

*mf* *f* *ff* *mp* *p* *f* *ff*

*f* *ff* *mp* *p* *f* *ff*

*ff* *mp* *p* *f* *ff*

l.v.

l.v.

**C** Cycles, ♩=75  
Microphones ON

46 (3+4+3) tap

B.Tx.

Accord.

Crt. Txl.

Stn. Met. pl. Br. dr. Tam-t. B. dr.

*p*

register button

*p*

air

51 air tongue ram

B.Tx.

Accord.

Crt. Txl.

Stn. Met. pl. Br. dr. Tam-t. B. dr.

*p*

55

B.Tx.

*mp*

stones

on keys

Accord.

*mp*

bellow shake

Crt. Txl.

*mp*

gliss with stone

Stn. Met. pl. Br. dr. Tam-t. B. dr.

*mp*

59

B.Tx.

*mf*

*mp*

Accord.

*mf*

*mp*

Crt. Txl.

Stn. Met. pl. Br. dr. Tam-t. B. dr.

*mf*

63

B.Tx.

metal plate

breathy

mf

mp

Accord.

Crt. Txl.

Stn. Met. pl. Br. dr. Tam-t. B. dr.

mp

mf

mp

mf

mp

67

B.Tx.

simile

mf

Accord.

mp

mf

gliss.

Crt. Txl.

mf

Stn. Met. pl. Br. dr. Tam-t. B. dr.

mf

★ Carefully balance dynamics

70

B. Tx.

Accord.

Crt. Txl.

Stn.  
Met. pl.  
Br. dr.  
Tam-t.  
B. dr.

8vb

8va

8va

74

B. Tx.

Accord.

Crt. Txl.

Stn.  
Met. pl.  
Br. dr.  
Tam-t.  
B. dr.

8vb

8va

8va

77

B.Tx.

Accord.

*pp*

8<sup>vb</sup>

Crt.  
Txl.

*pp*

Stn.  
Met. pl.  
Br. dr.  
Tam-t.  
B. dr.

*pp*

81

B.Tx.

*mf*

8<sup>va</sup>

8<sup>vb</sup>

Accord.

*mf*

8<sup>va</sup>

8<sup>va</sup>

Crt.  
Txl.

*mp*

*mf*

Stn.  
Met. pl.  
Br. dr.  
Tam-t.  
B. dr.

*mf*

**D**

♩=120

Microphones OFF

85

B.Tx.

Accord.

Crt. Txl.

Stn.  
Met. pl.  
Br. dr.  
Tam-t.  
B. dr.

*p* *mf*

*p* *mf*

*p* *mf*

*p* *mf*

89

B.Tx.

Accord.

Crt. Txl.

Stn.  
Met. pl.  
Br. dr.  
Tam-t.  
B. dr.

*p* *pp* *mp*

*p* *pp* *mp*

with stone continuous sound

*p* *p* *pp* *mp*

94

B.Tx.

Accord.

Crt.  
Txl.

Stn.  
Met. pl.  
Br. dr.  
Tam-t.  
B. dr.

98

B.Tx.

Accord.

Crt.  
Txl.

Stn.  
Met. pl.  
Br. dr.  
Tam-t.  
B. dr.

102

B.Tx.

Accord.

Crt. Txl.

Stn.  
Met. pl.  
Br. dr.  
Tam-t.  
B. dr.

*p* *f* *p* 5 *ff*

*p* *f* *p* 5 *ff*

*p* *f* *p* 5 *ff*

l.v.

Microphones ON  
Hyperamplified

30"

15"

105

B.Tx.

Accord.

Crt. Txl.

Stn.  
Met. pl.  
Br. dr.  
Tam-t.  
B. dr.

Explore quiet-delicate sounds on the body of the instrument with your hands (fingers/nails).

Open bellows and explore quiet-delicate sounds using your hands (fingers/nails).

Hold stones and explore quiet-delicate sounds by bringing them into contact.