

EAR-IGAMI

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INSTRUMENTATION

Conductor Score	1
Violin I	8
Violin II	8
Viola	5
Cello	5
String Bass	5
Percussion (Tom-Tom, Wind Chimes)	2

EAR-IGAMI

Ear-igami is a fascinating musical tribute to the ancient Japanese art of paper folding. Instead of a bow, each performer uses a piece of paper to make sounds and “play” their instrument. Your audience will be entranced as they watch and hear the variety of effects possible in this charming set of pentatonic variations. Premiered by the composer’s middle school orchestra, this music is sure to intrigue high school and adult musicians as well. Nothing like it!



NOTES TO THE CONDUCTOR

Bows are not used in this piece, and should be placed safely out of the way. All performers are given an 8 1/2 × 11 sheet of paper (a variety of bright colors is most effective). Performers begin the piece with paper on their lap (violin, viola, cello) or on their stand (bass).

There are several sounds used in the piece:

RUB paper on strings (m. 29) – Hold paper lengthwise in two hands, one hand at each end. Set paper on all four strings just above the end of the fingerboard. Move paper side-to-side, as if giving the strings a shoeshine. For best visual effect, begin each measure from left to right (in a “downbow” direction).

SNAP paper (m. 55) – Hold paper lengthwise in two hands, one hand at each end. Starting with hands together, quickly pull hands apart, stretching paper fully open, making a crisp snapping sound.

RUSTLE paper (m. 64) – Hold top of paper in one hand, dangling it lengthwise toward the floor. Rapidly shake the paper. Observe dynamic markings.

TAP paper with fingertips (m. 66) – Hold top of paper in left hand, dangling it lengthwise toward the floor. Gently tap right fingertips on center of paper.

Starting at measure 74, performers fold their paper during the rests, and use it to make sounds on their instrument.

TAP (m. 78) – Tap the folded side of paper on the string, like “col legno.”

ARCO (m. 104) – Set folded side of paper on string and move it just as you would a bow (be sure to follow the bow markings).

PLUCK (m. 124) – Use corner of paper like a guitar pick to pluck the string.

STRUM (m. 150 and 160) – Following the bow markings, use corner of paper like a guitar pick to strum the strings.

Ear-igami

CONDUCTOR SCORE

Duration - 4:45

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Allegretto (♩ = 100)

sempre pizz.

Violins

Viola

Cello

String Bass

Percussion

(Tom-Tom,
Wind Chimes)

Vlns.

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

Perc.

Measures 1-6:

- Violins I & II: *f*, *sempre pizz.*
- Viola: *f*, *sempre pizz.*
- Cello: *f*, *sempre pizz.*
- String Bass: *f*, *sempre pizz.*
- Percussion: Tom-Tom, *f*

Measures 7-12:

- Vlns. I & II: *mf*
- Vla.: *mf*
- Cello: *mf*
- Str. Bass: *mf*
- Perc.: *mf*

16

Vlns.

II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

Perc.

13 14 15 16 17 18

24

Vlns.

II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

Perc.

19 20 21 22 23 24

28

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

Perc.

mf

mf

mf

f

RUB paper on strings

RUB paper on strings

f

25 26 27 28 29 30

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

Perc.

31 32 33 34 35 36

Score for measures 37-42. Instruments: Vlns. I, Vlns. II, Vla., Cello, Str. Bass, Perc.

Measures 37-42 show the Vlns. I, Vlns. II, and Vla. parts. The Cello and Str. Bass parts are marked with 'x' symbols, indicating a specific rhythmic pattern. The Percussion part is marked with a 'H' symbol, indicating a specific rhythmic pattern.

Measure numbers: 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42.

Score for measures 43-48. Instruments: Vlns. I, Vlns. II, Vla., Cello, Str. Bass, Perc.

Measures 43-48 show the Vlns. I, Vlns. II, and Vla. parts. The Cello and Str. Bass parts are marked with 'x' symbols, indicating a specific rhythmic pattern. The Percussion part is marked with a 'H' symbol, indicating a specific rhythmic pattern.

Measure numbers: 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48.

53

Vlns.

Violins I and II, Viola, Cello, String Bass, and Percussion parts for measures 49-54. Measures 49-52 are in 3/4 time, and measures 53-54 are in 4/4 time. A large red watermark 'Preview Only' is overlaid diagonally across the page.

49

50

51

52

53

54

Vlns.

Violins I and II, Viola, Cello, String Bass, and Percussion parts for measures 55-60. Measures 55-58 are in 3/4 time, and measures 59-60 are in 4/4 time. Annotations include 'SNAP paper' for the strings and 'pizz.' for the cello and bass. A large red watermark 'Preview Only' is overlaid diagonally across the page.

55

56

57

58

59

60

63 (SNAP) TAP paper with fingertips

Vlns. I II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

Perc.

61 62 63 64 65 66

ff *pp* *ff* *pp* *p*

RUSTLE paper

RUSTLE paper

f *f* *p* *p*

70 SNAP paper

Vlns. I II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

Perc.

67 68 69 70 71 72

f *f* *f* *f* *f*

RUB paper on strings

RUB paper on strings

74 FOLD paper length-wise 78

Vlns. I II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

Perc.

TAP paper on string

f

73 74 75 76 77 78

TAP paper on string

Vlns. I II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

Perc.

f

TAP paper on string

f

79 80 81 82 83 84

88

I

Vlns.

II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

Perc.

85 86 87 88 89 90

96 FOLD paper length-wise again

Violins I

Violins II

Viola

Cello

String Bass

Percussion

91 92 93 94 95 96

f

Score for measures 97 to 102. The score includes staves for Vlns. I, Vlns. II, Vla., Cello, Str. Bass, and Perc.

Measures 97 to 102 show a rhythmic pattern in the Percussion part, consisting of eighth and sixteenth notes. The string parts (Vlns. I, Vlns. II, Vla., Cello, Str. Bass) are marked with rests, indicating they are silent during this section.

Score for measures 103 to 108. The score includes staves for Vlns. I, Vlns. II, Vla., Cello, Str. Bass, and Perc.

Measure 104 is marked with a box containing the number 104 and the instruction "ARCO" with paper. The string parts (Vlns. I, Vlns. II, Vla., Cello, Str. Bass) are marked with *f* "ARCO" with paper, indicating a forte arco performance. The Percussion part is marked with *f* and rests.

Measures 103 to 108 show a rhythmic pattern in the Percussion part, consisting of eighth and sixteenth notes. The string parts (Vlns. I, Vlns. II, Vla., Cello, Str. Bass) are marked with rests, indicating they are silent during this section.

112

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

Perc.

109 110 111 112 113 114

120 FOLD paper end-to-end

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

Perc.

115 116 117 118 119 120

f

In Banjo Position,
PLUCK string with
corner of paper 124

Vlns.

In Banjo Position,
PLUCK string with
corner of paper

In Banjo Position,
PLUCK string with
corner of paper

In Banjo Position,
PLUCK string with
corner of paper

PLUCK string with
corner of paper

PLUCK string with
corner of paper

mp

mp

mp

mp

mp

mp

121 122 123 124 125 126

Perc.

Vlns.

132

f

f

f

f

f

f

127 128 129 130 131 132

Cello

Str. Bass

Perc.

136

Vlns. I *f* *mp*

Vlns. II *f* *mp*

Vla. *f* *mp*

Cello *mp*

Str. Bass *mp*

Perc.

133 134 135 136 137 138

142 **Vivace** (♩ = 132)
FOLD paper end-to-end again

Vlns. I

Vlns. II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

Perc. *marcato* *f*

139 140 141 142 143 144

150

Vlns.

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

Perc.

STRUM strings with corner of paper

STRUM strings with corner of paper

f

145 146 147 148 149 150

In regular playing position, PLUCK string with corner of paper

f

In regular playing position, PLUCK string with corner of paper

f

In regular playing position, PLUCK string with corner of paper

f

Vlns.

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

Perc.

f

151 152 153 154 155 156

160

STRUM strings with corner of paper

STRUM strings with corner of paper

PLUCK string with corner of paper

PLUCK string with corner of paper

Vlns.

II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

Perc.

157

158

159

160

161

162

Vlns.

II

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

Perc.

163

164

165

166

167

168

169

PLUCK string with corner of paper

Vlns.

PLUCK string with corner of paper

STRUM

STRUM

Perc.

f

169 170 171 172 173 174

179

Vlns.

Vla.

Cello

Str. Bass

Perc.

STRUM strings

175 176 177 178 179 *f* 180

accel. poco a poco al fine

Vlns. I
 Vlns. II
 Vla.
 Cello
 Str. Bass
 Perc.

181 182 183 184 185 186 187 188

Vlns. I
 Vlns. II
 Vla.
 Cello
 Str. Bass
 Perc.

THROW paper straight up into air pizz.

ff *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff*

pizz. *pizz.* *pizz.* *pizz.* *pizz.* *pizz.* *pizz.* *pizz.*

Wind Chimes Tom-Tom

f *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff* *ff*

189 190 191 192 193 194 195 196