R E K K A V.2

MASSIVE SONIC WORK n.6 FOR SIX EXTENDED VOCAL SOLOISTS, TWO PERCUSSIONS AND A CROWD OF HUNDREDS OF VOICES AND PERCUSSIONS

by YUVAL AVITAL



REKA V.2 by YUVAL AVITAL

Duration:

approximately 2 hours.

Orchestration :

Six vocal soloists of extended techniques, traditional and/or contemporary (detail within preface).

- Two percussion soloists - detail within preface.

- A Crowd Music ensemble of hundreds of voices (min. 100)
- A Crowd Music ensemble of dozens of percussionists (min. 20)

- Two conductors (One for soloists, percussions soloists & general timeline, secondary for the guidance, preparation and conduction of the Crowd music).

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*Parts C-E could be provided in editable formats - see general preface.

WORLD PREMIERE :

Version One Commissioned by Warsaw Autumn Festival - September 2014 Version Two - Premiere at Teatro Valli, Reggio Emilia, October 2016

Preface to REKA / Yuval Avital

I am happy to present in this score the most challenging work I wrote so far which sums-up many different musical and artistic experiences that were a center of my research in the recent years:poly-cultural creation and creation of experimental works with non-European musicians; massive sonic works which use large scale ensembles; notation solutions for non "classical" performers or non-musicians; Crowd music and much more.

REKA is a sonic investigation of the essential role of two primal elements in music, art and culture: The first is the human voice - the most essential and ancient sonic tool of all. The voice is an expression of singularity and collectivity; of the traditional nested cultural identity and of the creative idiosyncrasies of individual elements; a prosodic instrument of precise communication and an abstract generator of sound - always connected to its past and present, always vulnerable to a deviation from its specific cultural context. The second is the perceptive, aesthetic and structural complementarity between protagonist and background, between definite and indefinite, between individual and collective.

The orchestration of REKA, coordinated simultaneously on the scene by two conductors, is based on the interaction between 4 groups :

- A vocal "Crowd" formed by a heterogeneous group of participants with no need of previous musical knowledge following a "user-friendly" graphic/textual score.

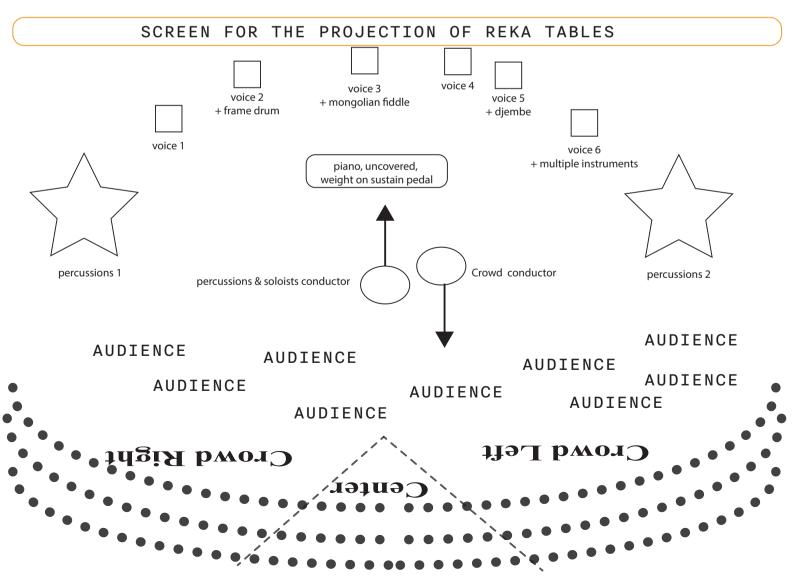
- A Percussions "Crowd" formed by a heterogeneous group of participants from different cultural and stylistic backgrounds, following a "user-friendly" graphic/textual score.

- Six soloists of extended vocal techniques (sometimes also self accompanied by instruments) - the initial intention of this work is to use carriers of different traditions but in future performances the soloist parts could be performed also by contemporary or experimental vocalists as well, provided their familiarity with requested basic techniques and roles In the world premiere are present soloists from Tibet, Sardinia, Mongolia, South-Africa, Bukhara and a contemporary experimental soloist from Iceland.

- Two solo percussionists playing a complex set of gongs and metals and also the insides of a concert piano.

Each of these groups create a system on its own and the overall work is experienced as an equilibrium between parallel complex systems rather than as a solution based on traditional structural paradigms.

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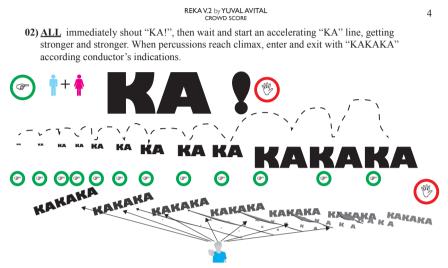


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The Vocal Crowd :

The vocal crowd in REKA V.2 is composed of hundreds of residents of city were the work will be performed which will be invited to form an unusually large organic. Opposed to the traditional choir, the Crowd does not require prior musical knowledge or experience as a graphic and textual score will suggest immediate musical elements, imitations of the natural world, pre-linguistic sounds and onomatopoeic phonemes, creating complexity instead of hierarchy and diversity instead of homogeneity. The score of the crowd should be unchanged, but could be translated to the language of the local performers. **The vocal crowd should include at least 100 people with no maximum number of participants.**

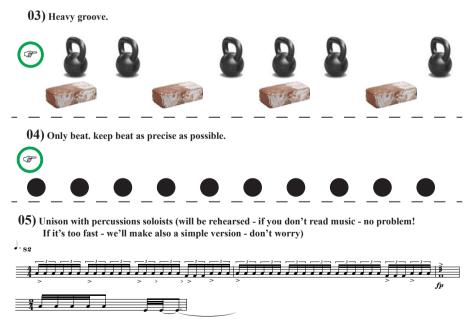
Example of a segmant from the Vocal Crowd score:



The Percussions Crowd :

The percussions crowd in REKA V.2 is composed of dozens of residents of city were the work will be performed which will be invited to form an unusually large organic. Thought for percussionists from a variaty of cultural and stylistic backgrounds, they too have graphic and textual score will suggest immediate musical elements, loops and drones, imitations of the natural world and reactions to the soloists, also using the voice as a beatbox. The performers can create their own sets, using one or more instruments - but avoiding clear pitch. The percussions crowd should include at least 20 people with no maximum number of participants.

Example of a segmant from the Percussions Crowd score:



The World Wide Web carries an important role in this project: social networks, mailing lists and forums should be used through an opencall to "recruit" the vocal crowd; online video tutorials and downloadable scores (present already on my website and on youtube) are used as an essential part of the formation process.

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Percussions preface:

PERCUSSIONS:

Each of the 2 percussions players have 5 pentagrams in the score:

I. dedicated to standard cymbals (mounted regularly) and to china cymbals (mounted upside down)

2. dedicated to various gongs (large tam-tam, wind gong, 2 chineese opera gongs), orchestral bass drum, small and large tibetan/japaneese meditation bowls.

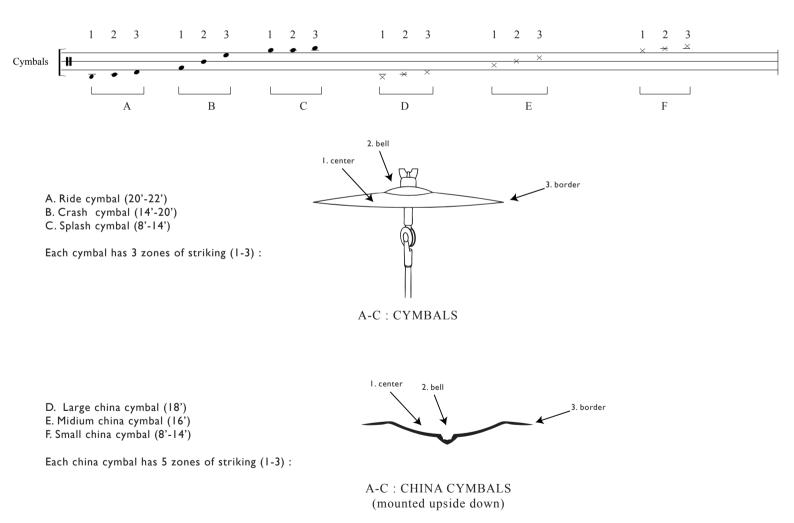
3. crotales (two octaves, divided between the 2 players).

4. intonated gongs (one octave, c3-c4, divided between the 2 players).

5. elements to be played inside the concert piano (uncovered, sustain pedal always push with a weight, keybord covered).

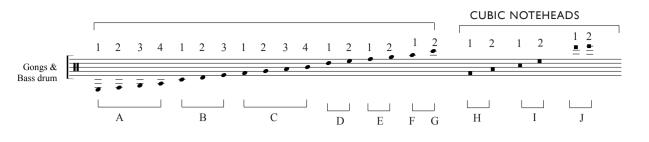
NOTATION :

CYMBALS CLEF:



* The striking zones should be respected the most possible, but could be compromized in the case of fast passages or quick alternations of instruments.

GONGS, BASS DRUM & BOWLS CLEF :



A 1-4 . Large gong with curved edge (Chou-low or tam-tam)

** X noteheads - scratching of the surface (with superball, metal mallets or the opposite side of other mallets); L.V.

B I-3 . Large gong without curved edge (Feng-luo or wind gong)

** X noteheads - short scratching of the surface (with superball, metal mallets or the opposite side of other mallets); *L.V.*

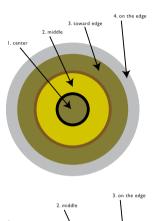


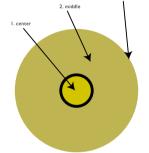
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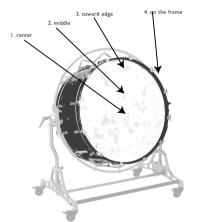
D1-2, E1-2 Chineese opera gongs (9'-12') - D larger, E smaller

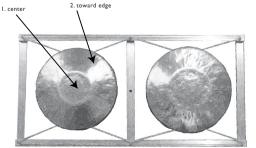
* cubic noteheads - long scratching of the surface (with superball, metal mallets or the opposite side of other mallets). L.V.

** X noteheads - short scratching of the surface (with superball, metal mallets or the opposite side of other mallets). L.V.











F, G Rim bowls or Tibetan bowls - F very large, G small with thin edge.

Both bowls should have the adapted mallets adapted to provoce long continuous sound. The smaller bowl will be used also as a mallet, and should be small enough to be held with one hand.

GONGS, BASS DRUM & BOWLS CLEF (continue) :

H Concert Tom-toms - 1 low tom 2 low-mid tom - Cubic noteheads

 * the diameters of the toms could be different between the 2 percussions soloists, maintaining a relative relations of high-low (the lowest of P.I should not be higher than the low-mid of P.2 for example).

I Bongos - 1 low 2 high - Cubic noteheads

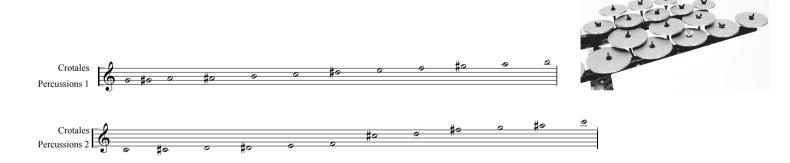
* the diameters of the bongos could be different between the 2 percussions soloists, maintaining a relative relations of high-low (the lowest of P.I should not be higher than the low-mid of P.2 for example).

J Woodblock - 1 low 2 high - Cubic noteheads

* the diameters of the bongos could be different between the 2 percussions soloists, maintaining a relative relations of high-low (the lowest of P.I should not be higher than the low-mid of P.2 for example).

CROTALES :

Two octaves, divided by the two percussion players in the following mode:



INTONATED NIMPLE GONGS (Thai gongs, gamelan gongs):

One octave, divided by the two percussion players in the following mode:





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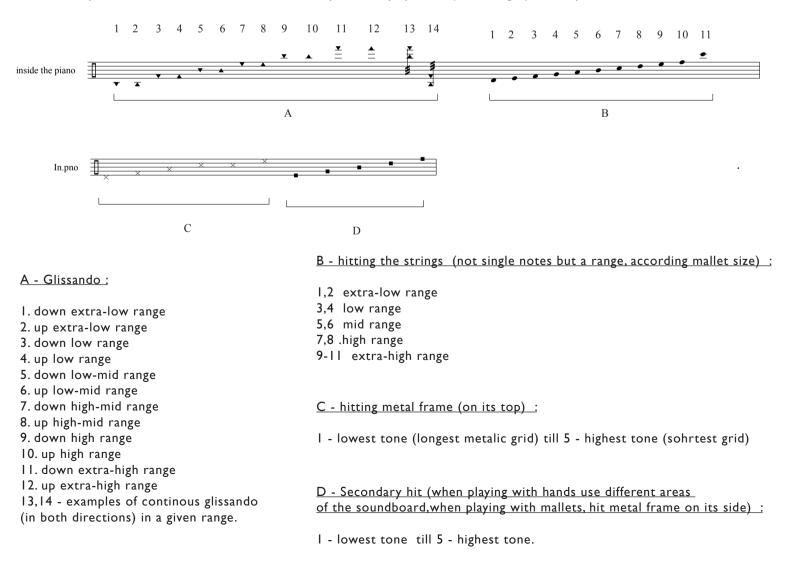


MALLETS:

| 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 I -hard mallet 2- mid-hard mallet 3- soft mallet 4-large gong mallet 5-superball 6-hard rounded mallet 7-wood drum mallet 8-metal mallet 9-brushes 10-bow 11-palm 12-finger 13-coin 14-small tibetan bowl (scratch) 15-small tibetan bowl (scratch in rounded movement) | T | P | T | \bot | S I | • | \succ | 1 | ¥ | arco | en la compañía de la comp | $\langle \rangle$ | E | \bigcirc | \mathbf{D} | D € | | |
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| l6-small tibetan bowl (scratch in vertical movement) l7-small tibetan bowl (scratch irregularly) | 2- mid 3- sof 4-larg 5-sup 6-hard 7-woo 8-met 9-bru 10-bo 11-pa 12-fin 13-co 14-sm 15-sm | d-hard ft malle ge gong erball d roun od druu cal mall shes w lm ger in nall tibe nall tibe | mallet et g mallet ded ma m malle let etan bo etan bo etan bo | allet et owl (scra owl (scra owl (scra | atch ir atch ir | ı verti | cal move | | , | | | | | | | | | |

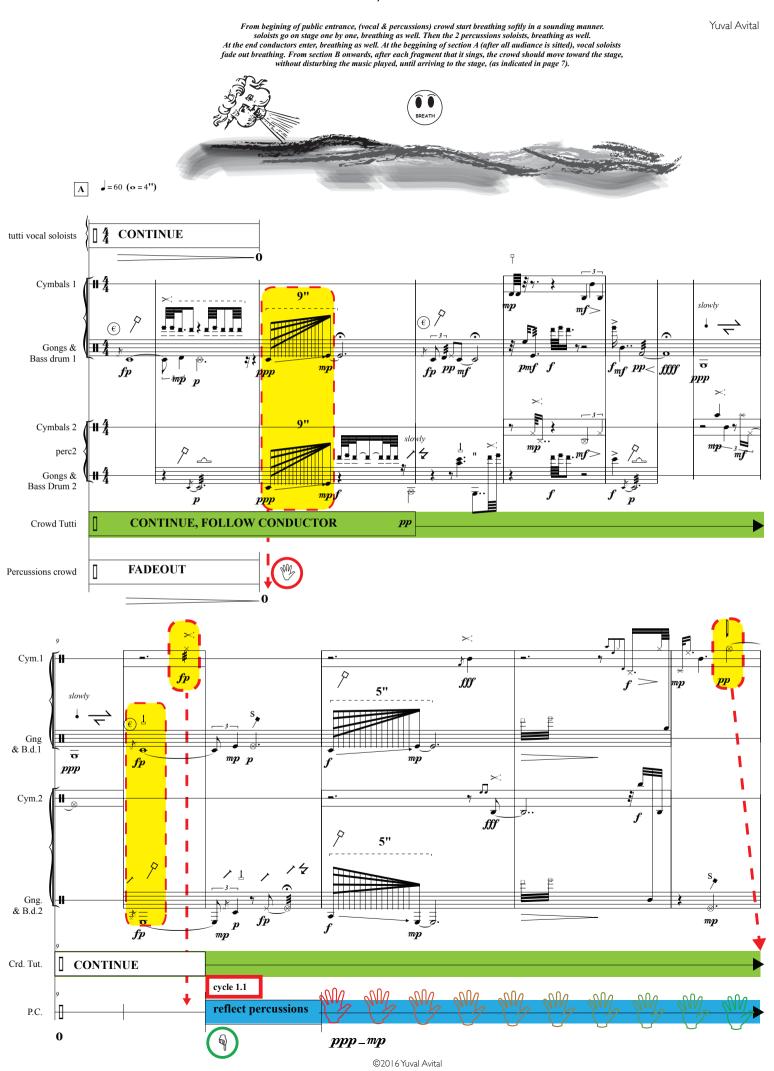
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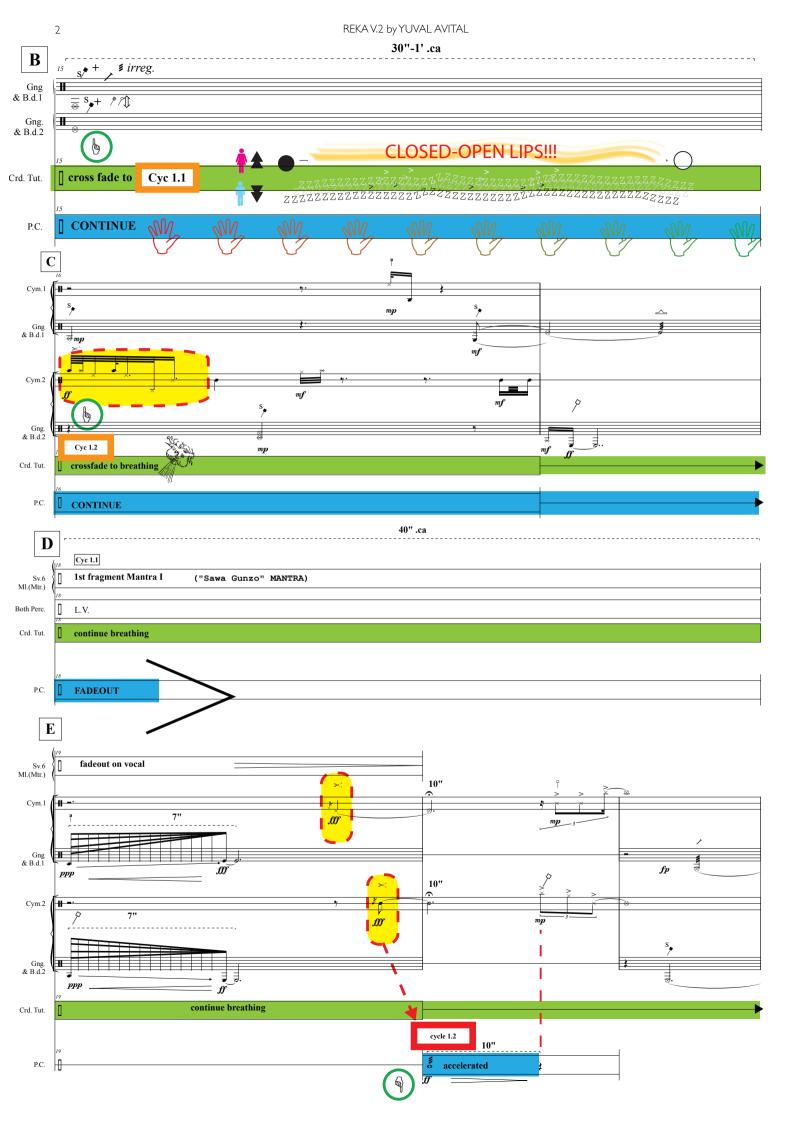
Grand piano should be uncovered with sustain petal always pushed (with weight), and keyboard covered.

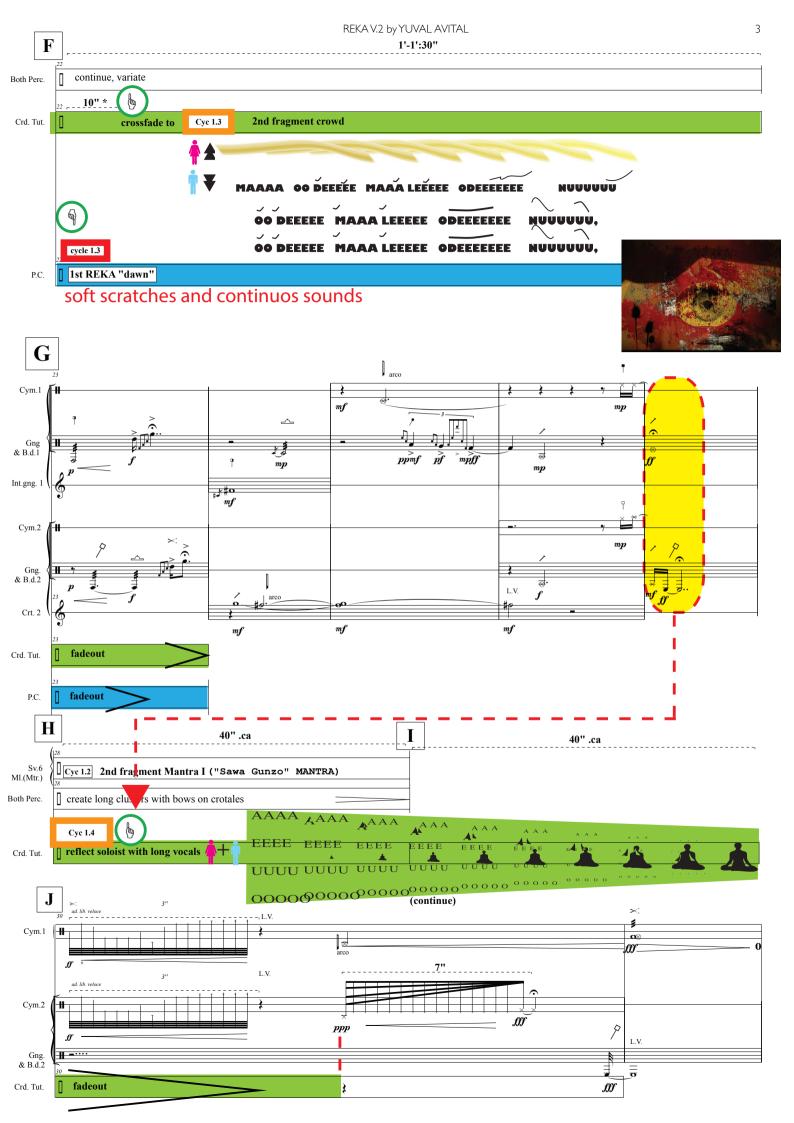


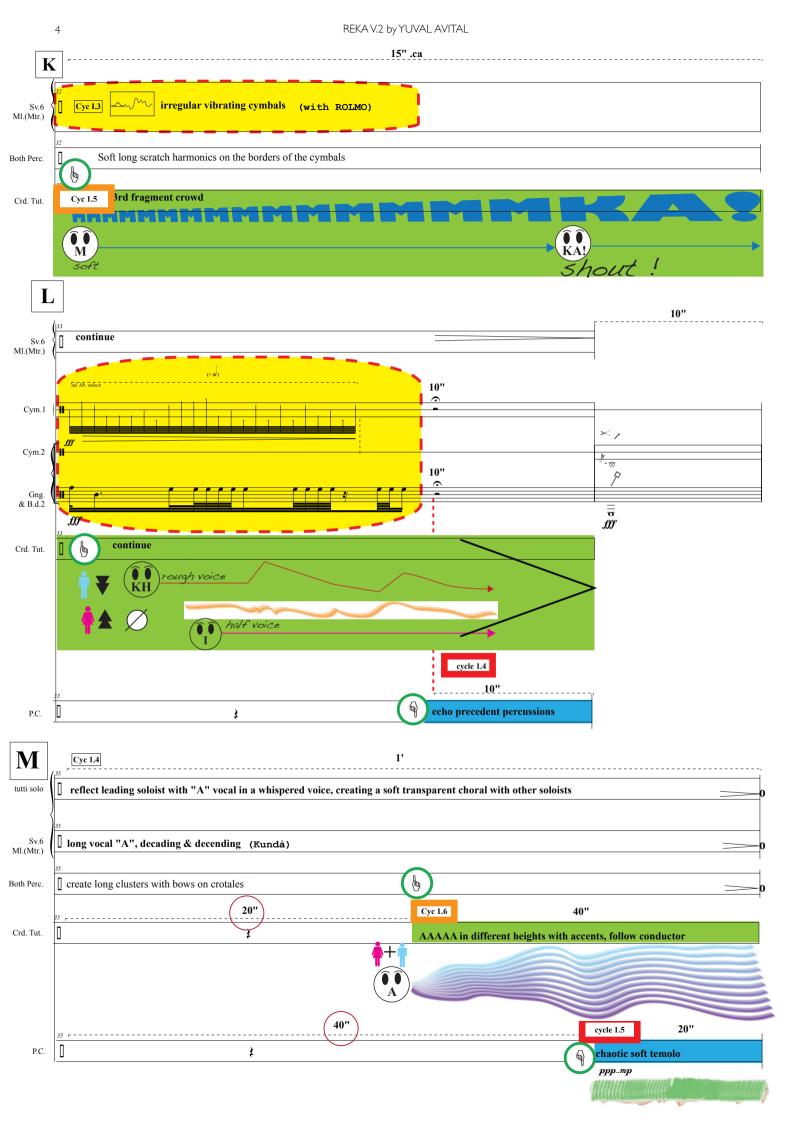
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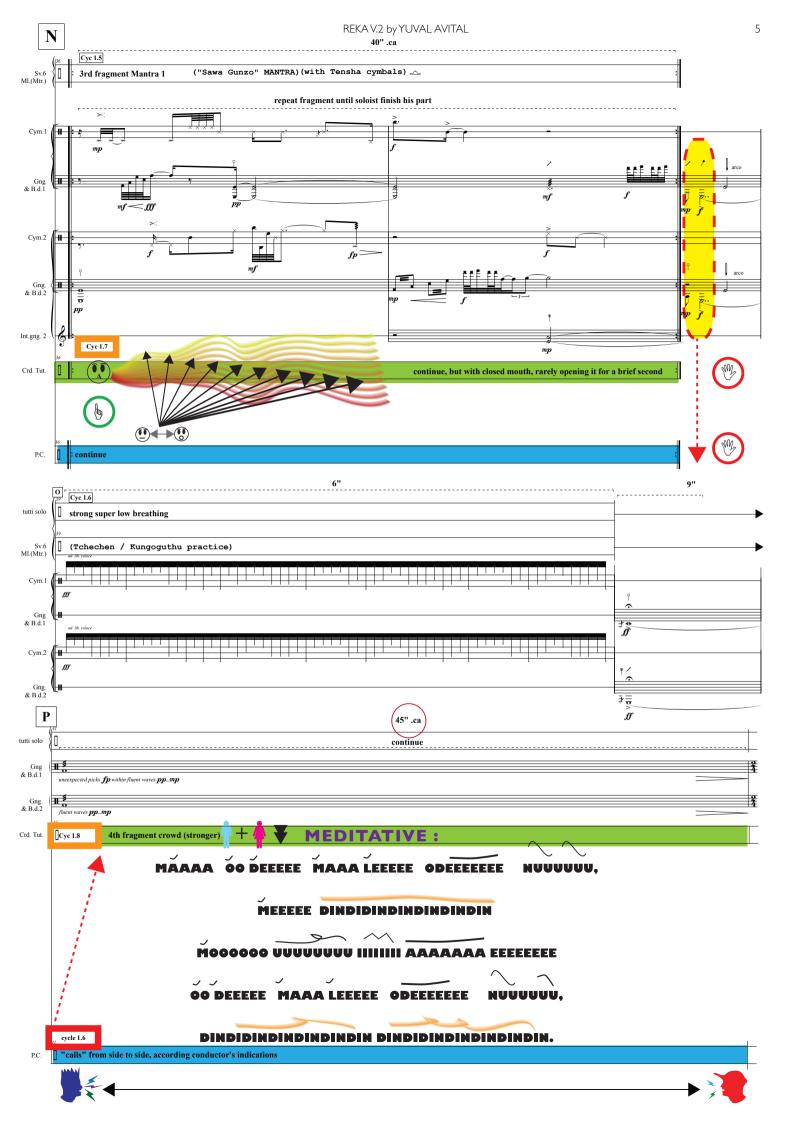
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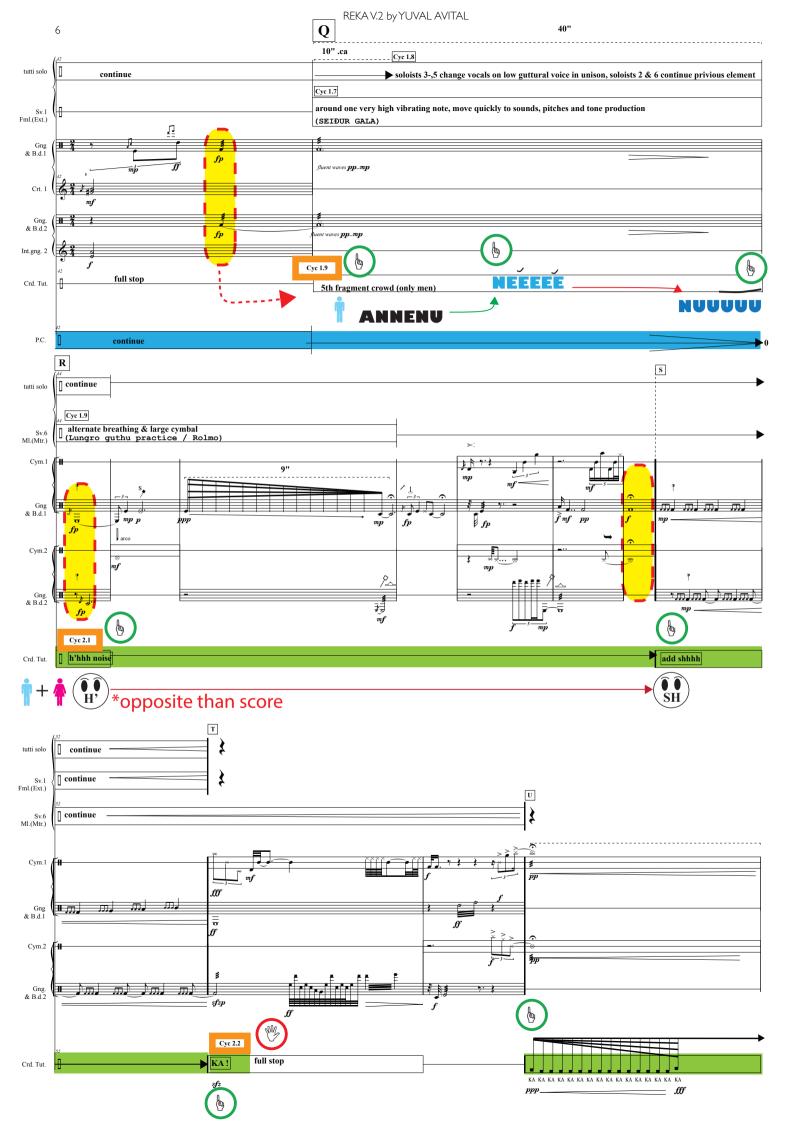


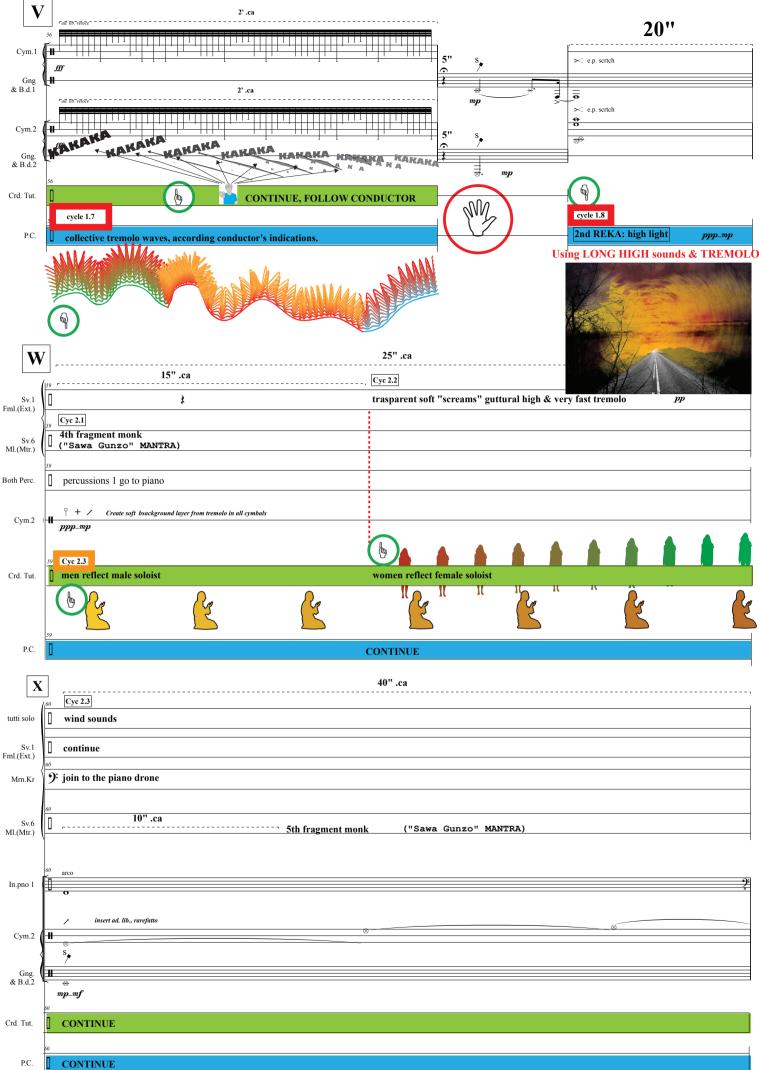




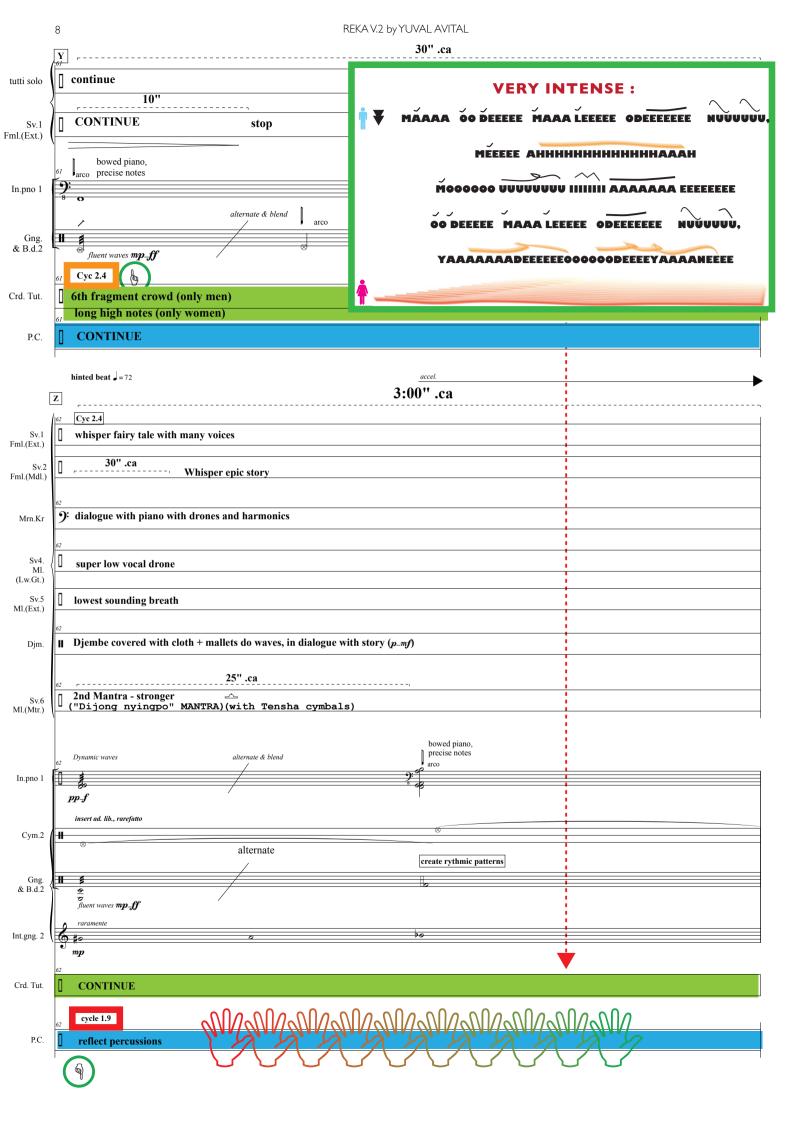


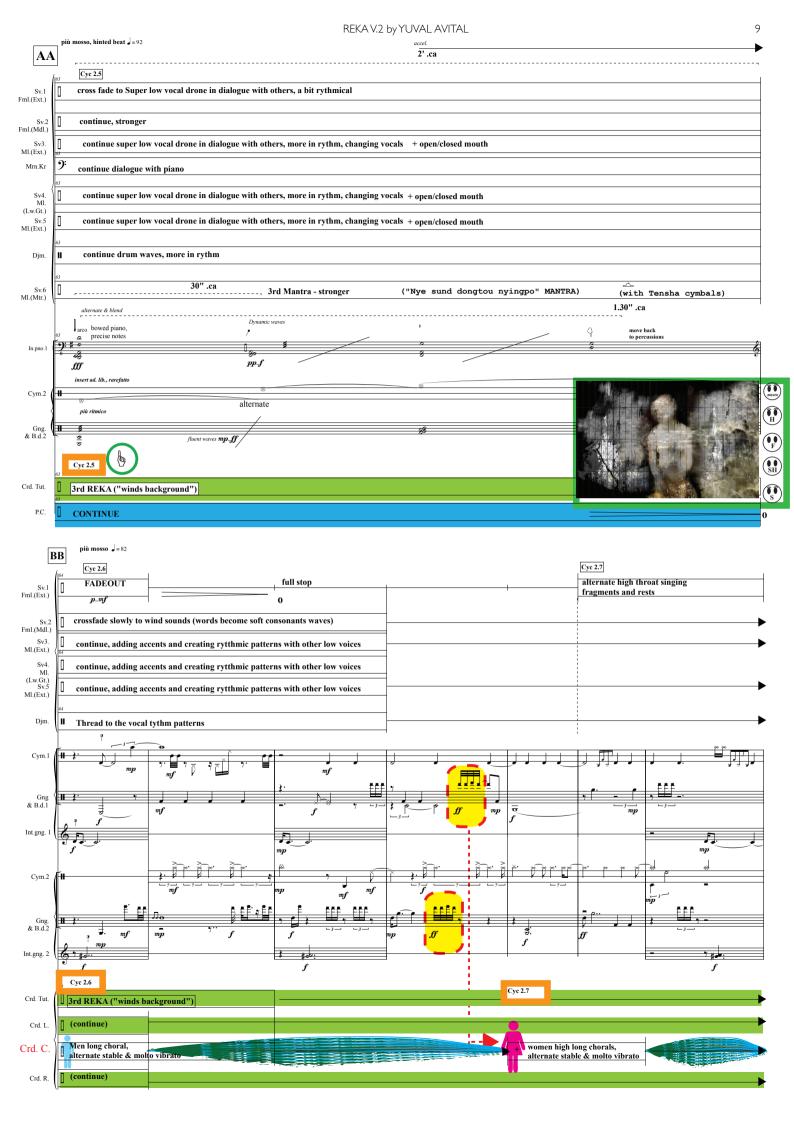


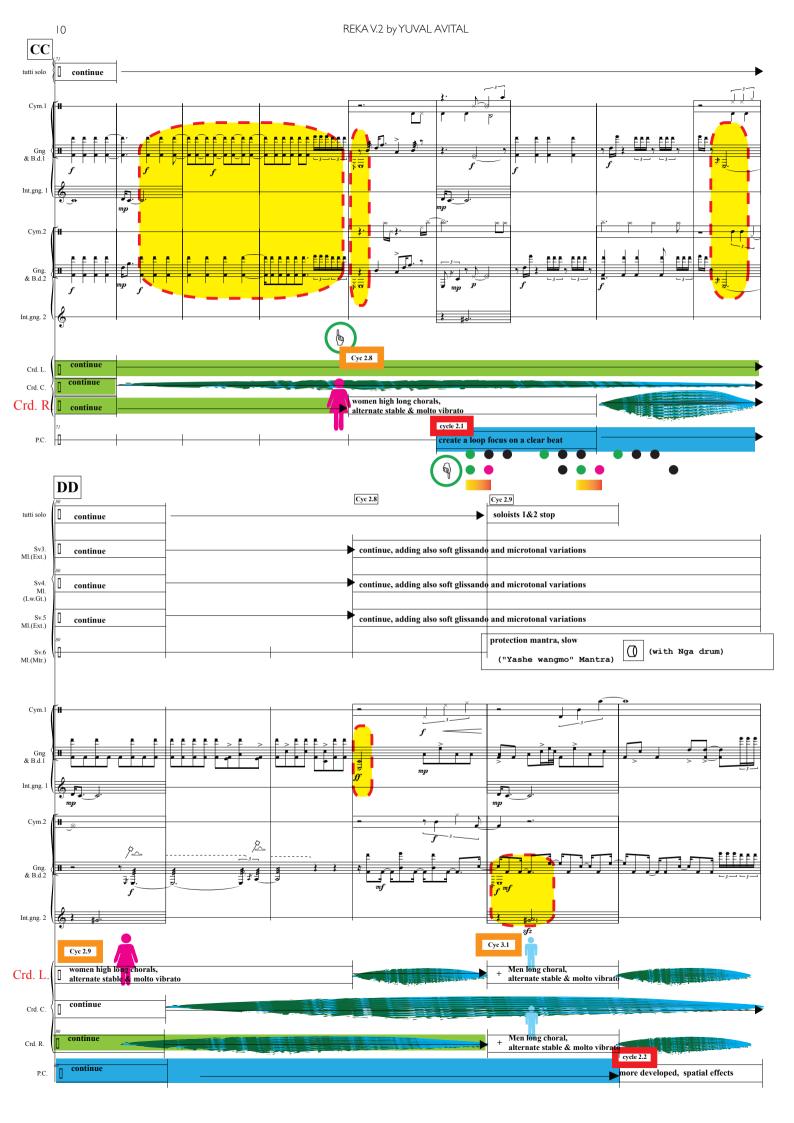




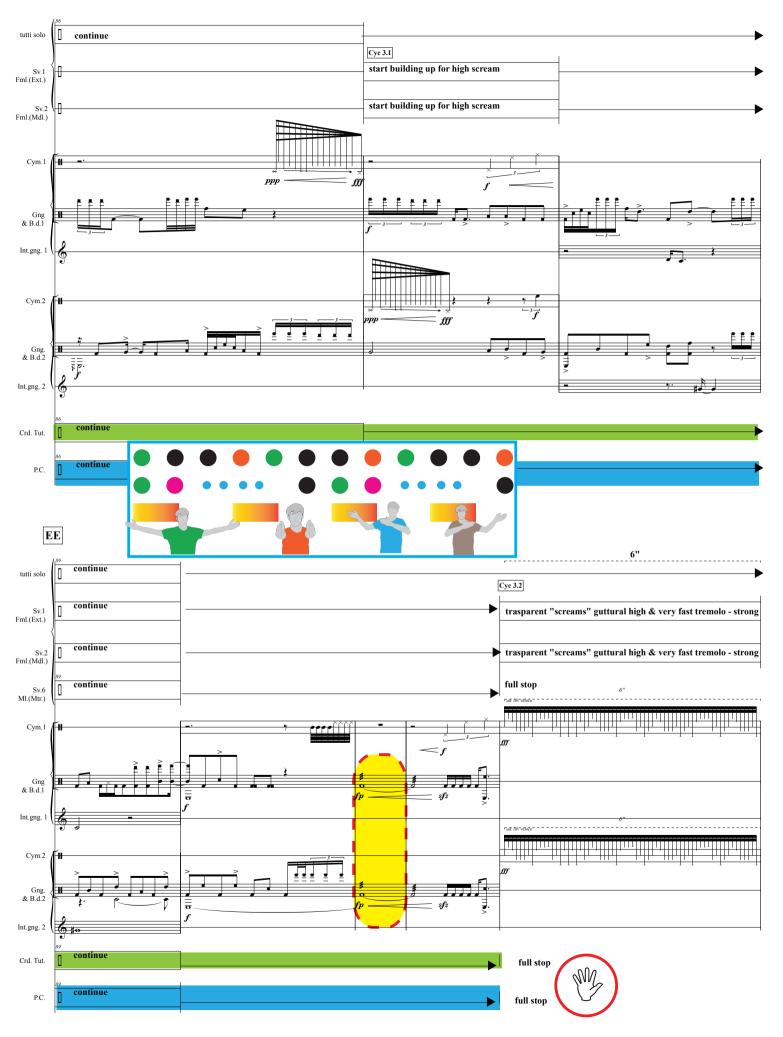
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