

SONNE 4

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Ölkreide / oil crayon, 62.5 x 88 cm

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SOUTH WEST

dedicated to Randall C. Smith, designer of Mesa guitar amps

Philipp Zürcher

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3 3 X 2 2 X 1 1 X 6 X

The musical score for 'To Coda' is written for guitar. It features a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The bass line consists of a series of chords and single notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line and a key signature change to two sharps (F# and C#), followed by a 3/4 time signature.

The image displays a musical score for the song "The Sound of Silence" by Simon & Garfunkel. The score is written for guitar and includes a guitar tablature (TAB) section. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The guitar part features a complex, arpeggiated melody. The TAB section shows fret numbers and techniques like bends and slides.

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ASH NAZG II.

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$\text{♩} = 63$

Guitar

The first system of guitar notation consists of a treble clef staff with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 63. The staff contains four measures of music, each starting with a whole rest followed by a descending eighth-note scale: F#4, E4, D4, C#4, B3, A3, G3, F#3. Below the staff is a six-string guitar diagram with fret numbers: 0, 4, 0, 4, 0, 4, 0 for each measure.

The second system of guitar notation continues the piece. It features a treble clef staff with a key signature of three sharps and a 4/4 time signature. The first measure has a whole rest followed by a descending eighth-note scale. The second measure has a whole rest followed by a descending eighth-note scale. The third measure has a whole rest followed by a descending eighth-note scale. The fourth measure has a whole rest followed by a descending eighth-note scale. Below the staff is a six-string guitar diagram with fret numbers: 5, 4, 6, 4, 0, 4, 0, 4, 0, 0 for the first measure; 4, 5, 7, 4, 6, 4, 6, 2, 4, 4, 0, 4, 0, 4, 0, 0 for the second measure; 0, 4, 0, 4, 0, 4, 0, 0, 4, 0, 4, 0, 4, 0, 0 for the third measure; and 0, 4, 0, 4, 0, 4, 0, 0 for the fourth measure.

The third system of guitar notation continues the piece. It features a treble clef staff with a key signature of three sharps and a 4/4 time signature. The first measure has a whole rest followed by a descending eighth-note scale. The second measure has a whole rest followed by a descending eighth-note scale. The third measure has a whole rest followed by a descending eighth-note scale. The fourth measure has a whole rest followed by a descending eighth-note scale. Below the staff is a six-string guitar diagram with fret numbers: 5, 4, 6, 4, 0, 4, 0, 4, 0, 0 for the first measure; 5, 4, 6, 4, 0, 4, 0, 4, 0, 0 for the second measure; 4, 5, 7, 4, 6, 4, 6, 2, 4, 4, 0, 4, 0, 4, 0, 0 for the third measure; and 0, 4, 0, 4, 0, 4, 0, 0 for the fourth measure.

The fourth system of guitar notation continues the piece. It features a treble clef staff with a key signature of three sharps and a 4/4 time signature. The first measure has a whole rest followed by a descending eighth-note scale. The second measure has a whole rest followed by a descending eighth-note scale. The third measure has a whole rest followed by a descending eighth-note scale. The fourth measure has a whole rest followed by a descending eighth-note scale. Below the staff is a six-string guitar diagram with fret numbers: 6, 2, 4, 0, 6, 4, 0, 4, 0, 0 for the first measure; 6, 4, 0, 4, 0, 4, 0, 0 for the second measure; 0, 4, 0, 4, 0, 4, 0, 0 for the third measure; and 0, 4, 0, 4, 0, 4, 0, 0 for the fourth measure.

Meno mosso

The fifth system of guitar notation continues the piece. It features a treble clef staff with a key signature of three sharps and a 4/4 time signature. The tempo is marked as 'Meno mosso'. The first measure has a whole rest followed by a descending eighth-note scale. The second measure has a whole rest followed by a descending eighth-note scale. The third measure has a whole rest followed by a descending eighth-note scale. The fourth measure has a whole rest followed by a descending eighth-note scale. Below the staff is a six-string guitar diagram with fret numbers: 5, 6, 6, 5, 0, 6, 0, 4, 0, 5, 0, 3 for the first measure; 3, 4, 4, 5, 6, 7, 4, 5, 5, 6, 3 for the second measure; 5, 6, 7, 5, 6, 4, 5, 5, 6, 3, 2, 0, 4, 4, 4, 3 for the third measure; and 3, 3, 0, 0 for the fourth measure.

Record Loop

Reverse Loop

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Record Loop

Reverse Loop

Musical notation for the Record Loop and Reverse Loop. The notation is in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The Record Loop section consists of two measures of music, each followed by a rest. The Reverse Loop section consists of two measures of music, each followed by a rest. The notation includes various note values, rests, and accidentals.

Loop: Full Speed

Loop: Full Speed

Musical notation for the Loop: Full Speed section. The notation is in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The section consists of two measures of music, each followed by a rest. The notation includes various note values, rests, and accidentals.

Loop: Half Speed

Loop: Full Speed

Loop: Half Speed

Loop: Full Speed

Musical notation for the Loop: Half Speed and Loop: Full Speed sections. The notation is in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The Loop: Half Speed section consists of two measures of music, each followed by a rest. The Loop: Full Speed section consists of two measures of music, each followed by a rest. The notation includes various note values, rests, and accidentals.

Loop: Half Speed

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Musical notation for the Loop: Half Speed section. The notation is in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The section consists of two measures of music, each followed by a rest. The notation includes various note values, rests, and accidentals.

Loop: Full Speed

First system of musical notation for 'Loop: Full Speed'. It consists of a treble clef staff with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a melody with eighth and quarter notes, including a triplet of eighth notes in the third measure. The bass staff contains a bass line with octaves (0, 5, 6, 4) and some chords. The first system covers measures 1 through 4.

Loop: Half Speed

Second system of musical notation for 'Loop: Half Speed'. It features a treble clef staff with a key signature of three sharps. The melody is slower, with many notes beamed together. The bass staff contains a complex sequence of fingerings (numbers 1-7) and some chords. The second system covers measures 1 through 4.

Loop: Full Speed

Third system of musical notation for 'Loop: Full Speed'. It continues the piece with a treble clef staff and a key signature of three sharps. The melody and bass line follow the same pattern as the first system. The third system covers measures 5 through 8.

Loop: Half Speed

Fourth system of musical notation for 'Loop: Half Speed'. It continues the slower version of the piece with a treble clef staff and a key signature of three sharps. The melody and bass line (with fingerings) follow the same pattern as the second system. The fourth system covers measures 5 through 8.

Erläuterungen

1. zum Album

Die Musik zum vorliegenden Album ist auch als Audio-CD erschienen und kann im webshop von www.mem.li gekauft werden.

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Dieses Heft ist die erste und bisher einzige autorisierte Ausgabe meiner Gitarrenkompositionen. Die Noten und Tabulaturen habe ich zur selben Zeit aufgeschrieben, in der die CD aufgenommen wurde.

Auf der CD sind drei Stücke zu einem Medley vereint: Blue Chrome, Arithmetica und no-eth-no-tek-no. Blue Chrome habe ich für dieses Heft dreistimmig notiert. Von no-eth-no-tek-no nur das Thema. Zu Arithmetica existieren bislang keine Noten.

Heliophone (S.34) ist auf der CD nicht zu hören. Eine Live-Aufnahme aus dem Entstehungsjahr 1999 steht jedoch im Internet zum Download bereit unter www.mem.li/mp3/Heliophone.mp3

2. zur Technik

Alle Stücke des Albums wurden mit Plektrum eingespielt. Ich habe praktisch überall Wechselschlag eingesetzt, ausser wo dies technisch nicht möglich oder rhythmisch nicht sinnvoll war. Einige Kompositionen sind auch sehr gut mit Fingerpicking oder mit klassischer Zupftechnik spielbar.

Für die CD-Aufnahmen habe ich ausschliesslich elektrische Gitarren verwendet. Einer Aufführung mit akustischen Instrumenten steht jedoch nichts im Weg. Vorausgesetzt, man findet für die Loop-Stellen eine alternative Lösung oder lässt sie ganz weg. Beispielsweise kann Blue Chrome sowohl von einem akustischen Gitarrentrio als auch solo mit E-Gitarre und Loopgerät interpretiert werden.

Für Loops verwende ich schon seit langem den Gibson Echoplex Digital Pro. Andere Geräte sind jedoch genauso geeignet, wenn sie über einige Zusatzfunktionen wie Reverse, Half Speed und mehrere Loops verfügen. Man kann aber die betreffenden Stellen ebenso gut ohne Gerät durchspielen, oder sie ganz weglassen und auf andere, musikalisch sinnvolle Art zum nächsten Teil des Stücks überleiten.

3. zur Musik

Für einige Kompositionen dienen symmetrische Skalen als harmonische Grundlage, insbesondere die Modi Nr.2 und Nr.3 nach Olivier Messiaen. Mode 2 ist auch als Halbton-Ganzton-Leiter bekannt. Um eine kleine Terz transponiert, wird diese auf sich selbst abgebildet. Mode 3 ist eine Ganzton-Halbton-Halbton-Leiter, deren Struktur sich jeweils nach einer grossen Terz wiederholt.

Vor diesem Hintergrund habe ich auf die herkömmlichen funktionsharmonischen Akkordbezeichnungen gänzlich verzichtet. Für Solo-Improvisationen zu den meisten Loops eignen sich die genannten Modi. Sie lassen sich aber auch durch anderes Material ergänzen oder ersetzen.

Zur Klangfarbe sind bewusst keine Angaben gemacht, da die meisten Stücke sowohl mit als auch ohne Verzerrung spielbar sind. Ebenso ist die Gestaltung der Dynamik grösstenteils dem musikalischen Sinn und Geschmack der Ausübenden überlassen.

Zu all diesen musikalischen Aspekten können meine CD-Aufnahmen von Sonne 4 Anhaltspunkte und Anregungen liefern. Sie sollten aber keinesfalls der eigenen Gestaltungsfreiheit im Weg stehen.

Philipp Zürcher, im Januar 2012

Explanatory Notes

1. on the Album

Sonne 4 is available on audio CD and may be purchased at the www.mem.li webshop.

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This songbook is the first and only authorized edition of my guitar compositions. I transcribed the music during the process of audio recording and editing.

On the CD, three short compositions are merged into a medley: Blue Chrome, Arithmetica and no-eth-no-tek-no. For the songbook, I transcribed all three voices of Blue Chrome, but only the main theme for no-eth-no-tek-no. No transcription of Arithmetica is available so far.

Heliophone (p.34) was not recorded for the CD. But soon after I wrote the piece in 1999, a live recording was made. It can be downloaded from the internet at www.mem.li/mp3/Heliophone.mp3

2. on Technique

The entire album is played with a flat pick. I am using alternate picking throughout, except where articulation, rhythm or common sense ask for a different approach. Some of the compositions may very well be played with a classical guitar technique or any fingerpicking style.

The sounds on the CD are exclusively from electric guitars. All compositions may nevertheless be performed on acoustic instruments, as long as you find a solution for the loops or leave them out entirely. For that matter, Blue Chrome may either be played by an acoustic guitar trio or by an electric guitarist doing some live looping.

A Gibson Echoplex Digital Pro has been my favourite looping tool for many years. However, any device that offers additional functions such as Reverse, Half Speed and Multiple Loops will work fine. If you do not want to do any looping, you may just play through the loop passages, or skip them and proceed to the next part of the composition using your own musical ideas.

3. on the Music

Some of the compositions are based on Olivier Messiaen's symmetric modes No.2 and No.3. Mode 2 is also known as the semitone-tone or diminished scale. Transposing it up a minor third will produce the same scale again. Mode 3 is a semitone-semitone-tone scale, whose structure is repeated every major third further up or down.

This particular context is the main reason why I chose not to include any of the traditional chord symbols in the score. Should you want to improvise along with any of the loops, you may use Mode 2 or Mode 3, and complement or substitute them with material of your own choice.

Since most compositions may be played with or without distortion and similar effects, I did not add any instructions regarding sound. The same applies to dynamics: for the most part, I want to let you as a performer make your own decisions according to musical taste and common sense.

As concerns these musical aspects, my CD recording of Sonne 4 may serve as a guideline. But let it by no means stand in the way of your personal creativity.

Philipp Zürcher, January 2012

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