

THE FLUTTER A' FOLDS

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FOR SSAA CHORUS AND SMARTPHONES

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First there is movement -
the expansion of breath;
the exhalation of air
running,
rushing;
then the flutter of folds
and the resound of bone and flesh.

Performance Notes:

Set Smartphones to full volume, only lower if there is distortion.

Vowels noted are all latin vowels and should be sung with a clear, sine like tone. This is meant to match the Smartphone tone so that they are not always distinguishable.

-- KEY --

Triangle followed by a cresc. or decresc. indicates that this is created by moving the arm up or down (using p. 1 of the MobMuPlat Application)

T = triggered change (ex. T at the end of a note means a triggered cut off where a button is pushed to stop the sound or it can mean to push a button to change the pitch)

R1 = 1 second recording of loop (p. 2 of MobMuPlat App)

1* = playback of 1 second recording

R1* = recording and then immediate playback of loop

R2 = recording of a phrase (p. 3 of MobMuPlat App)

2* = stop recording and playback of phrase (lower button on p. 3), 2* can also retrigger a playing of the the phrase when the lower button is pressed again.

---- = gradual shift between vowels, for ex. on p. 4-5, shifting from o to u to a gradually.

*It is important to review octave displacements (down and up)

**Reverb can be set in the space according taste and dynamic needs, notice that the reverb on p. 2 and 3 are additive, turning one off does not turn the other off.

***Directors can add small speakers or acoustic enhancements like cups as needed to amplify the sound of the Smartphones.

****m. 209-226 the SI Smartphone volume may have to be adjusted for the high octave shift. This part should be audible within the texture and interesting without being piercing.

Program Note:

This piece is meant to lie somewhere between dance and music . Years ago, I decided that music, at its root, is actually dance. It is a dance of soundwaves: the striking of the ear drum, the fluttering of the vocal folds, and the flow of breath. This piece is composed of independent lines that are meant to interact like the gestural movements of Merce Cunningham choreography. Flutter a' Folds is also an experiment in the ways that technology can extend our human abilities. I have been wanting to write for chorus and smartphone for sometime. The smartphone answers some of the biggest problems for chorus and electronics. Smartphones are portable, available, and with the right programming, they are reliable. They also have their limitations. The speakers are small, they don't have a great low end, feedback makes real time vocal processing impossible, and time synchronization is difficult without more equipment. Working within these parameters, I wanted to create something that explores the potential of this ubiquitous tool while also creating a deeply musical performance piece. My gratitude to Dan Iglesia for his application MobMuPlat and his advice on the creation of the MobMuPlat patch for this piece.

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*J = 56 Solo **p** < **mf***

Soprano 1 {
All Smartphones {

Soprano 1 part: Treble clef, 2/4 time, note heads with 'u' underneath. Dynamics: **p**, < **mf**. Articulation: short vertical dashes under notes.

All Smartphones part: Treble clef, 2/4 time, note heads with 'o' underneath. Articulation: wavy lines under notes. Performance instruction: Δ .

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S 1 {
All SP {

S 1 part: Treble clef, 2/4 time, note heads with 'u' underneath. Dynamics: **p** < **mf**, **p** < **mf**. Articulation: short vertical dashes under notes.

All SP part: Treble clef, 2/4 time, note heads with 'o' underneath. Articulation: Δ .

16

Tutti **mf**

S 1 {
S 2 {
A 1 {
All SP {

S 1 part: Treble clef, 2/4 time, note heads with 'u' underneath. Dynamics: **mf**. Articulation: short vertical dashes under notes.

S 2 part: Treble clef, 2/4 time, note heads with 'o' underneath. Dynamics: **p**. Articulation: wavy lines under notes.

A 1 part: Treble clef, 2/4 time, note heads with 'u' underneath. Dynamics: **mp**. Articulation: short vertical dashes under notes.

All SP part: Treble clef, 2/4 time, note heads with 'o' underneath. Articulation: wavy lines under notes.

24

S 1 u i u i u i u i u i u i u i u i u u i u i u i u i u i u

S 2 o o o o o o o

A 1 o o o o o o o

All SP o o o o o o o

32

S 1 u i u i u i u i u o , , fp

S 2 o o o o o o

A 1 - o o o o o fp

A 2 - - - - - - mf

All SP o o o o o o T T

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5

40

The score shows five vocal parts (S1, S2, A1, A2, All SP) and a piano part. The vocal parts perform fluttering 'a' folds. Measure 40 starts with sustained notes. Measures 41-42 show 'u' and 'a' sounds. Measures 43-44 show '3' sounds. Measures 45-47 show 'a' sounds. Dynamics include ***fp***, ***mf***, ***p***, and sustained notes.

48

The score shows five vocal parts (S1, S2, A1, A2, All SP) and a piano part. The vocal parts perform fluttering 'a' folds. Measures 48-50 show sustained notes. Measures 51-53 show 'u' and 'i' sounds. Measures 54-55 show '3' sounds. Dynamics include ***mp***, ***mf***, ***p***, and sustained notes.

56

The score shows three vocal parts (S1, S2, All SP) and a piano part. The vocal parts perform fluttering 'a' folds. Measures 56-58 show sustained notes. Measures 59-61 show 'u' and 'i' sounds. Measures 62-63 show '3' sounds. Dynamics include ***p***, ***mf***, ***mp***, and sustained notes.

64

S 1 *p* *mf*

S 2 *p*

A 1 *mp*

All SP *mf*

u u ui ui ui ui ui ui ui ui u u

u u ui ui ui ui ui ui ui ui u u

u u ui ui ui ui ui ui ui ui u

72

S 1 ui ui ui ui ui ui u ui ui ui ui ui ui ui ui ui ui ui ui u ui ui ui ui

S 2 ui ui ui ui u

A 1 ui ui ui ui *mf*

A 2 *pp* *mp* *mf* *p*

All SP u u a u a u a

80

S 1 u i i u i u i u u i i u i u i u i i u i u i u u u

S 2 o o o o o o

A 1 o o o - o o o

A 2 o o o o o o

All SP o o o o o o

mp

88 *f* *fp*

S 1 o o o o o o

S 2 o o o o o o

A 1 o o o o o o

A 2 o o o o o o

All SP - - - - - -

fp

f

fp

f

f

mf 3 3 3 3 3 3

a

< *f*

ff T

96 ***fp***

S 1

S 2

A 1

A 2

All SP

fp

solo

a

p

R1

all singers should record
a low G some time
during these two measures

105 ***tutti mf***

S 2

A 1

A1 SP

A 2

All SP

mf

do do de de do do de de

do de do de do de do de do de do do do de de do de do de do de do de do de

R2

2*

112

S 2 de do de do do do do do de de do do de de do do do do de de do de do de

S2 SP

A 1 de de de do do de do de do do do de de do do de de do do de de de

A1 SP

Rhythmic patterns include eighth-note pairs, sixteenth-note groups, and sustained notes. Measure 112 ends with a fermata over the vocal parts.

120

S1 SP

S 2 do do do de de do do do de de do do de de do do de do de do de do

A 1 do de do de do de do de do de do do do de de do do de de do do de de do

A1 SP

A 2 da ya ba da ya ba

A2 SP

Rhythmic patterns include eighth-note pairs, sixteenth-note groups, and sustained notes. Measure 120 ends with a fermata over the vocal parts.

128

S1 SP

S 2

de do do do do do de de de do do de do do do do de de de do do de do do de de de

S2 SP

R2

2*

1*

A 1

de do do de do do do de de do do do de de do do do de de do de

A1 SP

R2

2*

2*

R2

A 2

da

da

ya ba

A2 SP

R1*

R1*

R1*

136

S1 SP

S 2

S2 SP

A 1

A1 SP

A 2

A2 SP

do do do de de de do do do de de do do de do de do de do de do de

do de do de do de do de do do do de de do do de do de do de do de

da da ya ba da

R1* R1* R1* R1*

144

S1 SP

S 2

S2 SP

A 1

A1 SP

A 2

A2 SP

do do do do do do de de de do do do do do do de de de do do do de de do do do de de do do do de de

R2 2* 2* 2* R2

ya da ya da

R1* R1* R1* R1*

152

mp

S 1

S1 SP

S 2

S2 SP

A 1

A1 SP

A 2

A2 SP

do do do de de
do do do de
do
de do
de do
de do
de do
do do do do do

do de
do de
do do do de
de de do do do
de de do do do
de de do do do
de
do do

2*

R2

da ba
da ba
da ba
ya

160

S 1

S1 SP

S 2

S2 SP

A 1

A1 SP

A 2

A2 SP

lyrics:

- S 1: da, ya
- S1 SP: da, ya
- S 2: de de do, do de, dodododododo, de de do, do de, dodododede, do do de de, do do do de de
- S2 SP: da, ya
- A 1: de do do, do do de de, do do, de do do, do do de de, do de, do de, do de, do de
- A1 SP: 2*, 2*, 2*
- A 2: da, ya, da, da ba
- A2 SP: da, ya

168

S 1

S1 SP

S 2

S2 SP

A 1

A1 SP

A 2

A2 SP

do do do de do de do de do de

do de do do do de de de do do do de de de do do do de

T

da ba da ba

176

mp

S 1

S1 SP

S 2

S2 SP

A 1

A1 SP

A 2

A2 SP

T

mp

*R1**

*R1**

*R1**

T

mp

*R1**

T 2 octaves below

184

S 1

S1 SP

S 2

S2 SP

A 1

A1 SP

A 2

A2 SP

192

S 1

S1 SP

S 2

S2 SP

A 1

A1 SP

A 2

A2 SP

T 1 octave below
R1*

1*

de _____ da di do da di do da de do de da _____

da de do da di do da di do da do de da _____

da di do da di do da di do da de do da _____

da do de da di do de da di do de do da _____

200

S 1

S 2

A 1

A 2

A2 SP

de _____ do _____ da di do da di do da de do

de _____ do _____ da de do da di do da

de _____ do _____ di do da di do

de _____ do _____ do di do de

R1* _____

208

S 1

S 1 SP

T 1 octave up
R1* _____

S 2

S 2 SP

T 1 octave up
R1* _____

A 1

A 1 SP

R1* _____

A 2

A 2 SP

$\text{♩} = 62$

216

S 1

S1 SP

S 2

S2 SP

A 1

A1 SP

A 2

A2 SP

All SP

$\text{♩} = 62$

216

S 1

S1 SP

S 2

S2 SP

A 1

A1 SP

A 2

A2 SP

All SP

224

repeated cell
to be sung as short solos sporadically
retaining rhythmic integrity

bi dl di bi dl di bi dl di

continue with all Smartphones

S1

S1 SP

S2

A1

A2

All SP

231

S2

A1

A2

All SP

237

S2

A1

A2

All SP

ui ui ui ui i ui ui ui ui i ui ui ui i ui ui ui ui i ui ui ui i ui ui ui ui i

u i ui ui ui ui i ui ui ui ui i ui ui ui i

o o o o o o o

o o o o o o o

Δ

244

S2

A1

A2

All SP

ui ui ui u u ui ui ui ui i ui ui ui ui i ui ui ui i u

ui ui ui ui i ui ui ui ui i ui ui ui i ui ui ui ui i ui ui ui ui i

o o o o

o o o o

250

S2

A1

A2

All SP

ui ui ui ui i ui ui ui ui i ui ui ui i

ui ui ui u ui ui ui ui i ui ui ui ui i ui ui ui i

o o o

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