

NATURE STUDY NOTES

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Improvisation Rites 1969

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HSDNO1 Any number of drums. Introduction of the pulse. Continuation of the pulse. Deviation through emphasis, decoration, contradiction.

CCIR2 Initiate an improvisation in the following way: All seated loosely in a circle, each player shall write or draw on each of the ten fingernails of the player on his left. No action or sound is to be made by a player after his fingernails have received this writing or drawing other than music.

Closing rite: each player shall erase the marks from the fingernails of another player. Your participation in the music ceases when the marks have been erased from your fingernails.

PDIR3 Form a standing circle. Nominate a leader, who stands in centre with eyes blindfolded. The remainder of group rotate slowly around him/her. At random the leader indicates a quarter of the group number by touching each individual. Indicated ones leave the group and become 'outers'.

The leader removes his blindfold, and establishes a rhythm and a note of his choice. The group together sing the note, which once established may be enlarged upon freely; but with voice only.

At any time during above proceeding an 'outer' may touch one of 'inner' group, who must immediately cease part in the performance and assume role of non-participating 'outer'. 'Outer' automatically becomes an 'inner' and must begin to perform a new sound or activity. One not produced by the voice.

Thus an outer may terminate any one person's participation at any time.

When the leader is touched, he forfeits his role and so doing shouts 'Porridge'. All activities and sounds must cease immediately, whereupon the new leader is blindfolded and rite begins anew. The new leader must decide upon a new group activity once 'outers' have been re-indicated. No verbal instruction must be given. He must begin the performance; the group imitate and enlarge upon it. Each successive rite must follow the same ritualistic pattern.

FRMEVR4 Each person entering performance space receives a number in order. Anyone can give an order (imperatively obeyable) to a higher number, and must obey orders given him by a lower number. No 1 receives his orders from the current highest number (the most recently entered player); the highest number can give orders only to No 1.

HMSIR5 For any number of people, preferably unknown to each other, making any kind of vocal or physical sound; no instruments to be used.

Performance to take place in any large area, inside or outside, with everyone scattered throughout whole area, widely separated from each other as possible. A person stays in the same place throughout the performance; physical motion of all kind to be kept to a minimum.

Sounds can be of any kind produced from the person, i.e. vocal sounds (singing, speaking, whispering, shouting, crying, laughing, hissing, etc.) or from the body (hissing, slapping, clapping, etc.).

Sounds are made mainly in response to other sounds, therefore a sound made should have some meaning to the person making it. This meaning can be verbal (conversational) or aural (musical), or a combination of both. A response can be immediate (spontaneous reaction to

some kind of sound, probably verbal) or reflective (probably musical). He can also arouse the response of other people by some sound; or he can just listen. In general the nature of the improvisation should be still and reflective.

The performance ends for each person individually when he has nothing more he wants to do. He may then get up and leave, this being the only physical movement he makes.

FRFR6 Announce a collective improvisation in which anyone can take part. The announcement should be accompanied by the following text:

"Look around and let yourself be drawn to a person whom you like. Study his face, gestures, movements for a while. Then take a sum of money, preferably all you have in your pocket, and give it to him. Then start again."

Musicians attempt to be more likeable than the general public. It is not important whether or no money is actually raised. End is open.

CCSB7 Take a stupid book. A reader reads aloud from it while the rest improvise. The role of reader may wander, a) through the reader presenting the stupid book to someone else, and b) by someone wresting the stupid book from the reader. A reader may attempt to terminate proceedings by ceasing to read aloud from the stupid book.

HSIR8 The group assembles, one of the members being elected BIG LEADER. When there is silence, the BIG LEADER makes a sound, as short and quiet as possible. He is then challenged, the challenging member attempting to produce a sound even shorter and more quiet than the first. In the midst of great celebration, the challenger becomes BIG LEADER. The process then continues until all members have had a chance of becoming BIG LEADER. The challenger who last becomes BIG LEADER is named as the SUPER BIG LEADER. There is great celebration; drinking, music, &c.

MC9 17 people play simultaneously at one piano.

MC10 Wash

MC11 Measure length, breadth and height of room of performance, taking account of any consistent prominences. Use the figures in any way to organise sounds.

MC12 Two classes of performers: improvisers and stone-throwers, the former class to contain more members than the latter.

The stone throwers throw stones to miss the improvisers and cause no damage, with a vigour proportionate to the intensity of the sound.

HSIRNT13 When you're not playing, look for a girl in red stockings.

HSIRNT14 Before playing, do something inappropriate. Keep doing it until it seems inappropriate to start playing. Start playing [15 and 15A overleaf]

CCPR16 Within a certain overall playing-time each player determines by random means one or more stretches during which he will play, for the rest remaining silent.

Players with access to mechanical or electrical equipment may make 2 parts, one of which would be performed by the mechanical or electrical equipment, the player simply switching it on and off at the appropriate points.

CCART7 At a signal all players commence playing a continuous accompaniment. As the spirit moves them, individual players rise and play solos. After soloing, rest. After resting, play more accompaniment (the same as before or different). Cease playing at a signal.

Definition: An accompaniment is music that allows a solo - in the event of one being played - to be appreciated as such.

CHTHOR15 1. Each member of the group finds an object from outside the performing area (preferably from the streets, fields, etc.). Any member of the group who is reluctant to work alone may team up with another or others who are similarly inclined (do not work in groups of more than 3). They choose one object between them, but each has the full number of guesses (see below). A time-limit (eg. 45 minutes) may be set, at the end of which time all the members of the group must have returned to the performing area with their objects.

2. After finding his object each member of the group covers it with a handkerchief, scarf, newspaper, etc, in such a way that the identity of the object is not immediately apparent.

3. Upon re-entering the performing area, each member of the group places his object in front of him and begins to play. If he moves he should take his object with him or, if this is impractical, write his name on a card and place it beside his object.

4. At any time during the rite a member of the group may go over to another and attempt to guess the identity of his object (the objects may not be touched). He may only make a certain number of guesses for each object (see below), making these together or at two, three or four visits to that object. Having made the fixed number of guesses, he may make no more regarding that object, but may move to another, etc. Each member should have by his object a sheet of paper, on which other members, coming to try to guess the object, write their name and the number of guesses they make. Upon returning they will be able to see whether or not they are entitled to make any more guesses, and, if they are, how many.

5. The system regarding the number of guesses each member of the group may make for each object is: Where less than 8 people are participating, each has 4 guesses for each object. Where there are 8-16 people, each has 3 guesses per object. Where there are 16-24, each has 2 guesses per object, and where there are more than 24, each has 1 guess per object.

6. When a player's object has been guessed, he must uncover it and stop playing. He can, however, continue to guess other people's objects as before, until his allotted number of guesses has been made.

7. Members of the group should not reveal to others, or demand of others, what guesses those members have made concerning any of the objects. However, if towards the end of the rite there are one or more objects which have defied identification, the members of the group who are qualified to make guesses regarding the object(s) concerned may club together to discuss the object(s), or the guesses already made, and may pool the remaining number of guesses available to each. These members may not ask the remaining members (those no longer qualified to guess the objects concerned) about their guesses.

8. The rite ends a) when all the objects have been identified, or b) when one or more objects, all the available guesses having been made, remain unidentified. The owner(s) of the object(s) should then reveal their identity, with all due ceremony.

CHSTBOR15A Having completed the above rite, the members of the group play, using their objects, until the objects are broken or in some recognizable way different from how they were before. The rite ends when all the objects are broken or changed. Be careful not to break

anything other than the objects (this rite is better performed out of doors, in a large open space).

CCSR18 An elected soloist undertakes to repeat an action over and over again. The electorate accompanies it. A changeover of soloist may or may not be attempted during a performance.

CHSBR19 The players are paired off. Each player must be prepared to engage in some activity which will not necessitate his moving around. One small brush (eg. nail-varnish or paint brush) is distributed to each pair. The first player in each pair begins his activity, while the second gently strokes the lips of the first player with the brush. When the first player finds the stroking intolerable the roles are reversed, the second player engaging in his activity, the first player brushing the lips of the second. When the 2nd player finds the stroking intolerable the roles are reversed, and so on. The rite ends when no-one can bear to have his lips stroked any longer. [20 on next page]

MPNR21 Place comfortable mattresses about the room. Those who feel tired lie down. The others play or sing relaxing music. A player who feels tired may also lie down. Ends when any or all of those lying down are asleep.

Follow one of these instructions at a time: 1) play or sing more quietly than someone near you. 2) play or sing more continuously than someone near you. 3) play or sing at lower pitch than someone near you. 4) play or sing with purer timbre than someone near you. (Move around)

CCTG22 Commence improvising discontinuous music. In the gaps in your playing: without masking their expression, allow your eyes to wander amongst your fellow players. On meeting the eyes of a fellow player: play in accordance with their expression.

CCAOR23 Part 1: Consideration of an object absent from the performing space (either individually - a private affair - or communally, in which case decide on an object with which all are acquainted). Make seven sounds (named SOUTH, NORTH, EAST, WEST, SPACE, EARTH, SHADOW respectively) as follows: The first sound describes the object from the front. The second sound describes the object from behind. The third sound describes the object from the right. The fourth sound describes the object from the left. The fifth sound describes the object from above. The sixth sound describes the object from below. The seventh sound describes the object as it exists in you (your regard for it, its shadow in you, what it means to you). Bear in mind the possibility that the sounds may not only describe the object but define it too. Part 2: Departure from the object.

CCIR24 Construct a silver pyramid. Bathe it with light. Play.

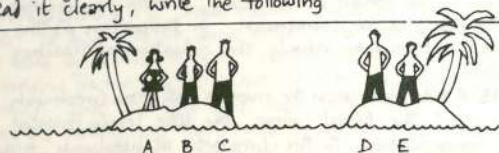
CCIRTSOW25 Reflect.

CCSR26 Before playing all sing a song in unison.

CH27 ... watch what you are doing. Do nothing. / Occasionally, raise your head and watch someone. / If they raise their head and watch you, / play for a short time, / watching what you are doing. If, while you are / watching what you are doing, doing nothing, / you feel that someone is watching you, / play for a short time, / watching what you are doing, or / raise your head and watch the person who is / watching you. If someone is watching you, / play for a short time. / If no-one is watching you ...

HSIRNF28 Do something. Undo it. Do it again - but louder. Undo it again. Do it while undoing it. Undo it while doing it.

CHTGR20 The following should be read only by the instigator of the rite. It should not be read out to those who are playing.
On a large card, large enough to enable all performers to read it clearly, write the following



Above are two islands. On one are a woman (A) and two men (B & C). On the other are two men (D & E). They are all shipwrecked. A on one island is in love with D on the other. Unable to swim, she asks B to get her across. B says he is too busy building a radio transmitter to bring help. She asks C. He agrees, provided that she lets him make love to her. She consents. The deed done, C takes A to the other island where D, on hearing of the bargain, says he will have no more to do with the girl, who then marries E. Going on the above information, list these 5 people in order of your preference, writing the 5 letters down the left hand side of a piece of paper, and affixing to each letter a numeral in order 1-5 as in the example at right.

C	1
D	2
A	3
B	4
E	5

When all the performers have written their lists tell them that A represents sex, B = intelligence, C = power and opportunism, D = morality, and E = security, and that their lists show the order of importance those things have in their lives.

To realise the lists in musical terms the following categories have been prepared. Others may be substituted, depending on the wishes of the instigator and on the people performing the rite (the following tables, for example, assume that these people are musicians). But try to keep a correspondence between the identity of the categories (sex, intelligence, etc) and the actions they are made to represent.

Referring to the tables below, each performer should write down the 5 categories of activity, indicated by the five letter/number combinations on his piece of paper.

- A1. Play short, loud bursts of sound
- A2. Play short, soft bursts of sound
- A3. Play long stretches of sound with much activity
- A4. Play long stretches of sound with little activity
- A5. Play very little
- B1. Play musical notes, carefully chosen
- B2. Play musical notes, freely expressed
- B3. Play noises, carefully chosen
- B4. Play noises, freely expressed
- B5. Play any old thing
- C1. Play an instrument in your possession that no-one else possesses
- C2. Play an instrument or object in the room of which there is only one
- C3. Play an instrument which you and everyone else possesses
- C4. Play an instrument or object in the room of which there are many

- C5. Play an instrument or object in the room not being used by others
- D1. Play with utmost regard for yourself and others, play unobtrusively, do not misuse the instrument or object
- D2. Play with utmost regard for yourself, not necessarily noticing other people
- D3. Play according to the other instructions (or just play) noticing but not necessarily responding to other people
- D4. Play with little regard for yourself or others
- D5. Play without regard for yourself, for others, or for the instrument or object you are using (it is not at all necessary to be wantonly destructive)
- E1. Play sounds which you know can be produced
- E2. Play sounds which you think can be produced
- E3. Play sounds of whose possibility of production you have doubts
- E4. Play sounds which you know cannot be produced
- E5. Play sounds not caring about whether they can be produced or not

Performers may view the categories as being grouped in the following ways (representing the movements of the five people): 1) ABC/DE 2) B/AC/DE 3) B/ACDE 4) BC/ADE 5) BC/AE/D

PDIR 29 Mainly think in rhythms. Pursue rhythm with melody. When your mind is of melody only, empty it. Investigate the spaces with appropriate sounds. End when your mind wanders on restlessly.

PDPT 30 Pass time. If passing time bores you, pause to listen. If listening to time passing bores you, invent a distraction to pass time by.

PD31 If you have something to give, give it. Don't hesitate to give, yet choose the time or space. If you have nothing to give, receive. By receiving, you are under no obligation to give, yet it is better to give than to receive. Stop making music when you please, but don't stop giving.

CF532 All performers sit in circle. Instruments, if any, within circle. All sit perfectly still (eye movements, blinking, twitching, breathing, etc. do not count as movement). The 1st person to move must start playing his instrument (or make any sounds). As each person moves he must start playing. Only 3 people may play at any one time. So, as a 4th person starts playing, the person who has played longest stops. He resumes his stillness. Continuous stillness should be the aim, rather than playing. People must play their instruments or make their sounds whenever and as often as they break their stillness. The music made by the players should be in sympathy with stillness. Should no participant have moved within the first quarter hour, the piece is abandoned.

The piece ends by ① If one, two or three players have played for a quarter hour without interruption. ② At a given time the player who has played longest stops. He resumes his stillness. After this no new person can play again. 5 minutes later the next player who has played longest stops and resumes his stillness. This leaves one lone player who plays on for 5 minutes, then stops. There is one minute of stillness to end the piece.

BHSGR 33 Each person present attempts in turn to pass the business end of a plastic drink stirrer between each extreme string and the resonance box of a guitar until he or she succeeds in doing so without touching the strings or the resonance box (the stirrer being switched on).

BHSR49 Each player should imagine himself entirely alone and to have been so for some considerable time. When such a state of imagination has been reached the individual should play to get back to the group and assume a gregarious state.

MINBSSR50 Choose a short sound with voice, instrument etc. Be aware of the space around you. When you feel ready to make the sound, make it. Continue in this way without worrying too much about where the other sounds are being placed. Until you feel you have understood the sounds you are making and the spaces in between. Be aware also of your breathing. Come out of it any way you wish e.g. lengthen the sound, soften the sound, or stop the sound.

HSSR51 First of all, play as freely as possible, without regard for personal safety.

HSTROJ52 Before the improvisation, tell a few jokes to get everybody into a good humour.

HSOR53 with blindfold

HSWR54 Rotate/ before starting

HSPR55 Drop everything. Do it gently for fear of damage.

HSSR56 One person starts shaving; the rest improvise loudly, getting softer as the growth is removed. When the shave is finished, dynamics are free.

HSWR57 Make detailed observations of weather conditions. The mood of the improvisation must contradict the evidence of the senses.

HSSB INTROIT Procrastinate

HSOR59 Regard instability as a function of discontent.

MCICR60 Throughout the rite sway from side to side.

CCHAC61 Let the cool relax the warm. Let the warm melt the cool.

BHDIR62 Diagram A

On top of a custard pie a mound of wrapped

circle of participants

Draw lots to find the participant who shall commence the music making.

The chosen participant takes a sweet from the top of the mound, unwraps it and eats it. The participant on his left then repeats this action and the process continues in a clockwise direction. Participants may only make music while eating a sweet taken from the mound, and further sweets are taken as their turn comes round, waiting if necessary until they have finished the previous one. The rite ends when the last sweet has been eaten and the custard pie has been given to the most deserving participant.

BGRIR63 The group chooses a suitable outdoor site and waits for rain. Meanwhile improvisation takes place in an attempt to induce rainfall.

ACRS64 A small number of people arrange themselves in a circle. One person, using his voice only, makes a clear, easily imitable musical statement. He continues to repeat this statement for the duration of the whole 'first cycle' pausing freely between repeats. Meanwhile the person immediately to the right of the first person listens carefully to the former's statement and memorizes it. When he feels that he can reproduce it exactly with his own voice he does so, adding to it his own simple musical statement. He continues to repeat this combined statement. Similarly the person just to the right of the second person listens, memorizes and executes vocally the whole combined statement of the second person to which

he adds his own. Pauses, repeats, etc. The process continues until the evolving "melody" is completed by the last person, over the repetitions of its parts.

At this point the second cycle begins. The last person repeats the whole melody as many times as there are participants. With each repeat he is joined in turn by the first, second, third, etc. singing in unison with him and each other. During this cycle each person continues to "sing" as described above until his turn to join the unison singing. The participants should seek to conserve their energies so that the unison singing is exuberant and joyous. People outside the circle may join in.

FRTP65 Collective divination music. Throw your sound into the pool. Read your future from the manner in which it sinks or floats. Play only when you can hear yourself. Move away from any loud or painful noise.

CCRR66 Commence playing lying face down on the floor radially in a circle, feet towards the centre (which may be marked in some way, for instance by a chair or other object). After a time this position may be abandoned (for instance, someone who feels acutely uncomfortable may get up and move away) but not necessarily. If the radial position is abandoned, new positions must always face directly away from the centre. Never face, or even glance towards, the centre (unless it be with eyes closed).

CCLR67 (Men) Discover a rhythm external to you. Bring it to light. Establish it.

(Men) Take an idea to which you are normally totally indifferent and believe in it passionately.

(Women) Disregard the evidence of your senses.

DJ68 Those present hiss nonchalantly to themselves. The assembly undergoes slow metamorphosis - to a snarling mob, pulling hideous faces at each other. Proceed from here in to some other activity.

DJ69 An area or place is filled knee deep with fluff. Everyone is in it. Improvise on or with the fluff. (Burrow in it, lie on or in it, etc.)

MCAVMOSS&AFVMcC&OR70 Question: In performing this rite, are you reaping your reward by the fact of your social transactions with the other performers, or by the fact of your following your calling? Answer: It depends on whether you are exploiting your abilities, or you are fulfilling a function in the rite.

CCIR71 This rite should be preceded and followed by patches of dead silence. At the sound of a champagne cork popping commence animated social intercourse. Under cover of the din, surreptitiously improvise. Cease at the sound of a gun going off.

CCR72 Use any means to decide on a conductor. He is set up in front and asked to improvise soundlessly. The rest read him like a score and play accordingly.

CCTGRFT73 They look at each other and it's as though the rest of the world had stopped, or gone behind a cloud leaving just the two of them, naked, standing in a shower of rain. [74 on next page]

CCCMR75 Find or make a mountain. From the top, blow your problems and solutions to the (four) winds.

CCR76 It's not music. It's my heart beating.

DJFR77 It glows when it's spun. Spin your dream.

CCCMR74 This is a little ~~continued~~ but basically one person sits at the top, not playing. Listening. The rest aspire (some maybe don't) to that position when one of the aspirants qualifies, the silent position is transferred to him. Wordlessly (or with words, but a physical change of position is not necessary). The previously silent one, after a period of blankness (idleness, listlessness — and here a certain amount of peripheral moving around is perhaps desirable), then in turn aspires (plays), and so it goes on.

DJCR78 Fix your eyes on some object or person in your vicinity. Imagine that your point of focus is changing colour. Change as many colours as you want. When you have mentally adjusted the colours to your satisfaction, proceed to the next activity.

DJ79 LIPSTICKS. Please choose one
Moon Rose. Tawny Frost. Pink Heaven. Honey Mist. Fresh Pink. Golden Haze. Fresh Rose. Dew Pink. Moonlight Frost. Strawberry Fresh. Dawn Gold. Fresh Red. Fresh Coral. Tiger Rose. Coral Mist. Pink-me-up. Amber Mist. Morning Rose.

When you have made your choice play as if in solitary bliss .. a reverie in scented air .. float .. away .. to .. a .. star

FR80 Talk gibberish to someone (any sounds, gestures, expressions). Have conversation with that person in gibberish. After a while notice that another pair nearby is talking the same language. Include them in your conversation. Continue until everyone is participating in the same conversation. Continue.

CJ81 There are five consecutive periods of time. The first part of each period is silent, the second part music. The lengths of the periods and their parts are free. The signal to begin each part of each period may be given by any player and must be observed by the rest.

JTDR82 Undress, folding your clothes neatly and piling them with clothes belonging to others. When you feel dressed for the occasion begin to play.

CHIR83 Stand anywhere in the room. Face in any direction. Look straight ahead of you. Turn around your own axis very slowly (perhaps only once in the time available). When your eyes meet those of another performer, acknowledge his presence; on the simplest level, by smiling in greeting and moving on; or by standing still for a time, looking at him; or by making some action which will involve him or to which he can respond, either by imitating the action or by making a complementary one. Do not contradict or fail to respond to these gestures of friendship. After you have completed an action as described above, resume your circular motion. Let this be the first performance of the rite.

At subsequent performances, if there be any, apply the principles described above to the situation where your eyes meet those of someone who is not performing (has not read this rite). Then, apply the principles described above to the situation where your eyes meet any object, animate or inanimate. Finally, you need not move to bring about the situations described above. In the early stages of the rite's history, or at any time where it is necessary to limit duration, the rite may end for each performer when he has completed one rotation. Performance suggestion: 1st rotation, act according to 1st situation. 2nd rotation, incorporate 2nd situation. 3rd rotation, 3rd situation (inanimate object). Then just play.

LHUR84 Um, er, um, — something or, about to speak — er — nails bitten, say, um, nothing or "I can't hear you" — er, or something — um, er um

HMS85 Sit Title Rite Tonite

TMSR86 Crowd around a small box containing a large number of fleas. On a signal the box is opened. Commence playing when the fleas bite.

CHLR87 Men How high the moon? Women Count.

CHRR88 Play, thinking about how to end the rite. When you have thought of a way, try it out. If it is successful, the rite ends. If it is unsuccessful, stop playing (everyone else continues). The rite ends: a) if someone's method of ending it was successful. b) when all the players except one have been eliminated, they may conspire to stop the last player. If he can think of a way to stop himself or the others from proceeding, he should put it into practice at once.

CHMR89 Play, lying full-length on your stomach. Cushions, pillows, and other aids to comfort should not be used. Stop playing when you feel too uncomfortable to continue.

CHHR90 All parameters and dimensions are equal and as one.

CHGR91 Follow the movement of the needle on a playing gramophone (real or imaginary).

DJACR92 "What is a caucus-race?" said Alice ... "Why," said the Dodo, "the best way to explain it is to do it." ... First it marked out a race-course, in a sort of circle ("the exact shape doesn't matter," it said), and then all the party were placed along the course, here and there. There was no "one, two, three and away," but they began running when they liked, and left off when they liked, so that it was not easy to know when the race was over. However, when they had been running half an hour or so ... the Dodo suddenly called out "The race is over!" and they all crowded round it, panting, and asking, "But who has won?" This question the Dodo could not answer without a great deal of thought ... At last the Dodo said, "Everybody has won, and all must have prizes."

BHTO893 Play in a circular fashion. Increase the diameter of the circle. (The music should finally be ingested by its own fundamental orifice).

HMSR94 Do something while smiling because: What you are doing makes you smile; What someone else is doing makes you smile; You just smile. Stop smiling because: What you are doing no longer makes you smile; What someone else is doing no longer makes you smile; You do something that doesn't make you smile; You just don't smile.

EFM095 Be still. / if your environment disturbs you, let it until / it / doesn't. / make a sound when you are sure that you want to. / make it softly. / if you desire to make loud, disturbing sounds / think / until you / don't. / continue ..

MSIR96 Write the words of everything Bob Dylan sings; put them around the walls. Play continuously and in chronological order every record made by Bob Dylan. Respect the quality of sound. Use lights, people, incense, darkness, dancing, peace, soft floor, smoke.

MSIR97 Walk in single file through deep freshly fallen snow. Do not speak between trees.

DJTB R 98 Converse with pigeons (real or imaginary) Establish a rapport.

Converse with ducks (real or imaginary) Establish a rapport.

Converse with chickens (real or imaginary) Establish a rapport.

PIIRNT99 1) Play without making a noise

2) Make a noise without playing

PIIRNO100 1) Make that which is DEAD, ALIVE

2) Make that which is ALIVE, DEAD

(without killing it).

When that which was ALIVE is dead, bury it.

When that which was DEAD is alive, run.

RSIRNT101 Any number of players. Each player has a book with which he is totally unfamiliar, and a lighted candle. He reads silently by candlelight. When he comes upon a word or words suggesting absence of light — i.e. darkness, night, blackness — he blows out his candle and begins to play. When more than ten people are playing, those who have been playing the longest re-light their candles and return to reading, repeating the same procedure as before. And so on.

CCFR102 Give your instrument to an onlooker.

Indicate 1) that he should play it, and (if necessary)

2) some hints as to how this is done. Listen to him play.

If you must do something imitate bugle calls. Reveille.

Retreat and Last Post spring to mind. When your

instrument is given back to you (possibly at your

request), improvise. If your instrument is not given

back to you express the emotions associated with

bereavement in one of a number of conventional

and readily recognizable ways. Breast-beating, teeth-

gnashing, groaning and wailing spring to mind.

HMSUR103 Only one person knows at first. He

communicates to one or more of the company of

what is to happen without stating anything definite,

(for he might not know for certain himself at this point)

by suggesting, demonstrating, implying, questioning.

As he communicates thus to some, so they in turn commu-

nicate to others and out of ideas, actions emerge,

at first by individuals but gradually by groups of people

getting larger and larger and less and less as the actions

converge on each other with increasing concordance of

aims. In this way the implications of the start form

the actions of now. The rite ends when everyone is

doing the same thing.

HMSCR104 One person from the gathering is elected

as a speaker to commentate on anything (something,

many things) present in a way audible to everyone else

who act out this anything in a way communicated by the

mood or tone of the speaker's commentary — his use of

words, tone of voice, gestures etc.

MSIR105 Each member of the group cuts a slice of

bread from a crusty loaf, spreads it thickly with butter,

and then very thickly with strawberry jam. Everyone

now hands his slice to the person he knows least well.

Eat and grunt with satisfaction.

MPIR106 Each person takes a number, between 1

and x (the number of people taking part). Numbers

are chosen starting with the highest and counting

downwards. If there is a disagreement about who

should have a given number, it may be decided by tossing

coins, by voting, or any other method. Each person must know who has the number immediately below his own, and all must remember who has the highest number. When numbers have been assigned, No 1 begins performing. Some time after No 1 has begun, No 2 begins; sometime after this No 3 begins, and so on until all are performing. If desired, a maximum and a minimum interval may be decided in advance (e.g. if a maximum of 10 minutes and a minimum of 10 secs. is chosen, you can begin not less than 10 secs. and not more than 10 mins. after the person with the previous number). However, if it is not desired to fix a minimum or maximum interval, then this is free. To end: The person who begins last (i.e. the person with the highest number) decides when to end. When he ceases performing, everyone else stops.

CCEFUIRR107 Easily contact. Exchange of

instruments (goods, objects). Cleaning operations.

Courtesy.

MSCR108 Sit in a circle. Choose one word from

one of the following topics: Your name (christian

or surname); The weather; Entertainment (sport,

films, TV, theatre, etc); Health (or ill-health); a

typical issue. Say this word three or four times in

any way you like (sing, shout, whisper, etc). Then

repeat the word three or four times that your neigh-

bour on your left has been saying. "If you don't

know what he has been saying, say, "I beg your

pardon." You can say the new word in any way

you like, except that if it has been whispered,

you must whisper it too. Stop when you have said

as many words as there are people in the circle.

A pencil and paper will help — write down the

words the person on your left says and tick them

off as you say them. Be polite, and try not to

speak when someone else near to you is speaking.

MPIR109 The time available is divided by the number

of people taking part. Each person then plays for

this fraction of the total time. He can split it

up any way he wishes.

DDNW0110 1. In the situation in which you now find

yourself, what is the most surprising thing you could

do? 2. This may or may not influence what is to

follow. 3. In view of the above, what is now the most

surprising thing you could do? 4. Repeat 2 and 3 until

the novelty of each occurrence is no longer surprising.

5. If doing something unsurprising will occasion surprise,

the piece may continue.

CMPIR111 1. You shall investigate the unfamiliar

until it has become familiar. 2. You shall impose

rhythmic repetition on the familiar. 3. You shall vary

this repetition in as many ways as possible. 4. You shall

select the most satisfying of these variations and develop

these at the expense of others. 5. You shall combine and

re-combine these variations one with another.

ABCOIR112 The important thing is of course to play

any thing but do not attempt to play any melody and

then not necessarily. After a certain amount of time,

try to "tune in" to someone else's improvisation. As

soon as you suspect that someone is tuning in to your

improvisation — try to shake them off.

ABCOIR113 Start to play. Then later: — Play

now and then, but only when somebody else is

playing.

ABCOIR114 Start to play anything. Continue to play anything. Start to attempt playing something that somebody else was playing 10 minutes ago.

ABCOIR115 Play when you are least expected to.

ABCOIR116 Play in a manner that can in no way draw attention to your self or yourself.

ABCOIR117 Watch somebody else in the Scratch Orchestra; try and play what they were/are about to play.

ABCOIR118 Play what you will be playing in twenty minutes' time.

ABCOIR119 The more ugly the sounds the more beautiful they become.

ABCOIR120 The more beautiful the sounds the more ugly they become.

ABCOIR121 Playing faster than you can the time passes slowly.

ABCOIR122 Play so slowly that it becomes your fastest speed possible.

ABCOIR123 Imitate: a well known tune played 15 times over without a break with every single note wrong and the rhythm wrong, &/or the sound being made by the player 8 places to your left &/or right.

ABCOIR124 Try to play what you think the person 8 places to left will be playing soon. Try not to play what you think the person 8 places to right was playing a short while ago.

ABCOIR125 Play what the person 8 places to your left is playing. Don't play what the person 8 places to your right is playing.

ABCOIR126 Don't start to play until someone else has started playing. Be sure to be the second person to start playing.

ABIR127 Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

ABP128 You have nine basic and different sounds which you can make during "Piece". Introduce them one by one in any order, into a performance of "Piece". When all the basic sounds have been introduced start to vary them in appearance; intensity; combination and frequency of use. As you continue try to change one basic sound gradually into another. When you have changed all of your nine basic sounds in this fashion you should then play them all once each in the reverse order to that with which you started "Piece". Peace begins where Piece ends.

CCAMMR129 Look upward, move backward.

JHBBCOR130 The entire orchestra (or single performer or group of performers) spends the amount of time to be filled in setting up, arranging, adjusting and re-arranging their instruments and the environment. For 1½ minutes at the end of each performance of the rite, the performers actually play.

CCC131 The attack should be prompt and united, and as the piece progresses it should do so harmoniously, with clearness of tone and continuity of time, and so on to its conclusion.

CCDCR132 All except 2 squeeze out a thick covering sound like toothpaste from a tube, a heavy mixture, more than adequate to cover the conversation of those 2 people to be watched as under an imaginary spotlight; these 2 to get together, to do something, produce something, something

happens to them, is revealed, planned... They then split to head 2 coupling chains, that is each takes another partner (both pairs are then imaginarily spotlighted; attention can oscillate between the pairs freely) and gets together, does something, produces something, etc., etc., with the new partner. This new partner then splits to find himself a new partner in turn (choosing amongst those producing the covering sound), while the first partner emerges to musician status, but contributing to something other than the thick covering sound.

And so on. When the last person making the thick covering sound has coupled there is no more coupling and the music should still go on for quite a while, with no-one imaginarily spotlighted, individuals dropping out as they feel like it. What about a covering for the last pair to couple?

CCQR133 Rule 1: In the first third of the piece approx. 1 in 6 sounds to be loud and short (P); approx. 1 in 6 to be long (up to 20 secs) and quiet (Q); the rest to be short and quiet (R).

Method: let x be the time available in minutes, and y be the number of players participating.

$2x/y = z$ = the number of sounds (nearest whole number) to be made by each player in the first third of x . If $z \geq 12$, each player to make 2Ps, 2Qs and the rest Rs (all freely distributed).

If $12 > z \geq 6$, each makes 1P, 1Q and the rest Rs. If $z = 3, 4$ or 5 , each makes 1P or 1Q and the rest Rs. If $z = 1$ or 2 , only the occasional player to make a P or a Q, the rest make R only.

If $z < 1$: either: $\frac{1}{2}$ Rs may be attempted, with an occasional $\frac{1}{2}$ P or $\frac{1}{2}$ Q, or: a certain number of players (sufficient to make $z = 1$) should be silent for the first third of x , or: a combination of similar systems designed to uphold rule 1.

Rule 2: Proceed smoothly from the first third through the remainder of the piece.

MCTR:A134 Play or listen. If uncertain of anything at any time go to where someone (if you are performing) is listening, or where someone (if you are listening) is performing, and ask him.

CMH-CR135 Each player makes sounds only when attached to two other players by strings (about a foot long) tied to the wrists.

BHPRR136 Begin with polystyrene.

RSRIV137 1) Play just above the threshold of audibility. 2) Continue in this way until pianissimo becomes ear-shattering.

EFPR138 are you an exhibitionist ?
yes contemplate your navel
no watch everyone else then
watch someone else who watches you
and
contemplate what you like
and
what you don't like
and
are you an exhibitionist ?

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MPSACR142 Each person in turn plays or sings a solo, which is answered by a chorus of all the others. Begin and end with a chorus.

EFPR139 Think of a rose petal (choose your favourite colour) / think of a rose petal magnified a thousand times / think of a rose petal's scent, texture, existence and imagine them / magnified a thousand times / magnify your perception // of being // (after this you may play or you may be silent or you may be) // continue your perception of the imaginary petal.

BHBR140 Have a battle. (Try to avoid fatalities).

HMSSB141 "It is all very well to keep silence, but one has also to consider the kind of silence one keeps."

MPJR143 Before playing jump up and down 25 times. While playing, jump once for each sound you make. You may save up your jumps, up to 25, but not more. (i.e. you can play up to 25 sounds without jumping and then do your jumps all at once). When you've had enough, make it clear that you've not doing this rite any more.

MPEPR144 [needed: 2 eggs and 1 whistle] Choose a referee. The rest of the players divide into two teams. One person in each team is elected to push an egg, with his nose, from one end of the performing space to the other. The nose of the player who is pushing the egg must not lose contact with the egg. If the referee sees that either of the eggs is not in contact with the player's nose, he blows his whistle. The penalty for this is that the egg is moved back half the distance so far traveled by that team. The two teams begin at opposite ends. The referee blows his whistle to start. The teams advance towards each other - the object is to reach the other end first (without breaking the egg). Players advance in a group or line, always keeping behind the egg. If anyone gets in front of his team's egg he is OFFSIDE. If the referee sees a player offside he blows his whistle and a FREE kick is awarded to the other TEAM. After the game the two teams sing SONGS together.

CFIRNTFM145 A bunch of assorted flowers is provided. An impartial non-performer hands one flower to each player. Look at your flower / play music or react in any way. Take the flower to pieces carefully / play music or react in any way. Take some pieces from other players giving some of your own in return / play music or react in any way. The exchange of pieces can happen as often as you choose. When a player wants to stop, he throws the pieces he has in his possession in the air.

CFIRT146 Page one of the Evening Standard current on the day of the performance. Each performer has a copy which he will use as his score. Performers decide individually how they wish to interpret the score and perform accordingly for a given length of time.

CFOIR147 Instruments on floor, players all around. To start: Players go to instruments and select one not their own. They may then play; any player who did not get the instrument he wanted (because someone else got it first) may pursue the player who has this instrument and let him know - physically, verbally or musically - that he desires it. If the other player is willing, they will exchange instruments; if he is not and no further pleading will make him change his mind, then the refused player should give up pleading and accept the instrument he has, or go after another player whose instrument he would like. At some time

during the rite each player should exchange his first instrument for at least one other (still not his own), either when asked to, or by doing the asking himself. After having played two strange instruments the player is free to accept his own instrument if it is offered to him, or to go to whoever has it and ask him for it (the player who has it may refuse if he wants).

Any number of exchanges may be made before a player returns to his own instrument, the only rule being that at least two strange instruments should have been played. Force must not be used in trying to get a desired instrument from a player who is not willing to exchange. Once everyone has his own instrument back the rite can stop. So, if no-one wanted to go back to his own instrument, the rite could go on for ever? When an individual wants to stop playing he must get his own instrument back before stopping.

CFSNAP!R148 Groups of 4-8 players. Each group plays its own individual game. Play as ordinary 'Snap' (see notes for rules) but "SNAP!" must be a sound, not verbal. At least 3 groups are desirable. All groups start play simultaneously. At the end of one game, rite is over (one-pack game would be very short, two-pack game would take longer - This should be decided on before play starts). When a group finishes they wait quietly for the others to end. When all groups have completed one game, rite is over.

CCIR149 At some point in an improvisation let the absence of something strike you. Set to detecting its hidden presence and exposing it (drawing it out).

CCWR150 Wand instruments may be divided into 2 categories: 1) Strikers, 2) Stokers. The uses of each of these types of instrument can fluctuate between a) extreme brutality, b) extreme sensitivity. Representatives of the two extremes in each category are chosen some time in advance of the performance by the group as a whole (an arbitrary example: 1a) Sledgehammer, 1b) cricket bat, 2a) Saw, 2b) bow). For the improvisation each player provides himself with a specimen of one of these representatives and either starts with it and moves away from it, or starts with anything and moves towards it (and reaches it).

DJ151



HSDNT152 The drum is without form. A simple extension of the soul.

Notes

- ABCOR112-126 AB = Alan Brett. Compositions or improvisation Rites.
- ABIR127 Improvisation Rite from Psalm 100 verse 1.
- ABP128 Piece
- ACSR564 Alvin Curran: Sitting Room Song
- BCRIR63 Bob Guy: Red Indian Rite
- BHBR140 Bryn Harris: Battle Rite. Father: Beethoven.
- Ancestry: Military music.
- BHDIR62: Dessert Island Rite. F: C. Hobbs. A: spelling mistakes and forfeits.
- BHPRR136 Polystyrene Rite Revisited. F: "Make sounds with Polystyrene..." (etc. as Wolff's "Stones") A: wrongdoings
- BHSQR33 Stirring Guitar Rite. A time limit for each person should be set before commencement, and if the task has not been successfully completed within the time limit, that person must leave the group temporarily to contemplate his lack of dexterity.
- BHSR49 Solitude Rite. F: BHDIR62. A: Human endeavor.
- BHTOOR93 The Cozulum Cozulum Bird. F: the Wild West Show. A: Rugby songs.
- BHUSR36 Unwritten Score Rite. F: BHUSR35. A: Every score never written.
- BHWSR35 Written score rite. F: CC. A: Every score ever written.
- CCAMMR129 Cornelius Cardew. AMM Rite. Adamski also related.
- CCAOR23 Absent Object Rite. Conceived originally as introductory to CTG22
- CCAR17 Accompanying Rite. F: Scratch Music
- CCC131 quoted from Confucius, Analects Bk III sect. 23. translated by Soothill. The section begins: "The Master discoursing to the state Bandmaster of Lu on the subject of music said: "The art of music may be readily understood. The attack ... etc." Ezra Pound's rendering: "One can understand this music; a rousing start in unison, then the parts follow pure, clear one from another, (brilliant) explicit to the conclusion". This text may be used as a variant rite.
- CCCMR74 Conceptual Mountain Rite. The ancestry here being the continuity of history, little importance is attached to the mechanisms chosen for beginning and ending. A simple solution: the silent one is seen to be wearing a hat; the rite ends when the hat is no longer in evidence.
- CCCMR75 'Concrete' Mountain Rite.
- CCDCR132 Daisy Chain Rite. A: Regeneration and the end of a dynasty. Maxim: In general keep 'imagines' to a minimum. The situation: After the initial couple, there are always 2 pairs coupling, both under scrutiny. The rest are playing either a) the covering sound (if they have not yet been in a coupling chain) or b) other improvisation (if they have). Each person (except the initial couple) is involved in sequence in: 1) thick covering sound, 2) two couplings (one only if you are the last in one of the chains) (in the first you are chosen, in the 2nd you choose), 3) improvisation.
- CCEFU11RR107 'Elements for Use in Improvisation Rites' Rite. F: George Brecht. A: Ritual.
- CCFR102 Filler Rite. A: creating and filling empty space.
- CHAC61 Hot and Cold. A: entropy
- CCIR2 Improvisation Rite. F: 'Games for Musicians'

by Richard Reason. Groups of two or more late-comers may use the same rite to join in an improvisation that is already in progress.

- CCIR24 F: Eddie Piovos's 'Mystery'
- CCIR42 Interest Rite. F: MC ("Interest serves to stabilise the situation") A: GEM, Jealousy, Jewellery, Greed, Stockpiling, the arbitrary attachment of permanent (permanently increasing) value to objects). Note: In this rite, stability equals silence, I guess, since infinite interest takes infinite time to accrue.
- CCIR71 F: Guerilla warfare. A: Animal behaviour.
- Possibility notes: a) many people, b) short time, c) huddle.
- CCIR149 A decadent variant: Provide an improvisation with something the absence of which has struck you. Ode: Water in desert sand / Love in an estranged marriage / Silence at the seaside /

(space for more lines).

Water in desert sand can be exposed by constructing a 'solar still': Dig a hole in the sand and place a cup in the bottom. Cover the hole with a plastic sheet weighted with stones around the edge, then place a stone in the centre of the sheet so as to draw it down in the shape of a cone whose apex is just above the cup. Sunshine is needed, and this is the kind of thing the improviser may have to provide. (In the decadent variant he would have the much easier option of simply making water in the sand.)

- CCIRT50W25 Improvisation Rite "The sheet of water".
- CCLR67 Lovers' Rites. F: untraced. The 3 rites may be played separately &/or together. Footnotes: 1) This could mean 'internalise it'. 2) If this proves impossible artifice may be employed.
- CCPR16 Poem Rite, derived from 'Poem' by LaMonte Young.
- CCQR133 Quiet Rite. F: a composition by Margery Wardle.
- CCR72 Rite. F: Keith Rowe
- CCR76
- CCRR66



- CCSBR7 Stupid Book Rite. To end, stronger measures may be necessary, eg. Destruction of the SB.
- CCSR18 Soloing Rite
- CCSR26 Song Rite. Variants: 1) At some point in an improvisation one or more should sing a song (if more than one, sing in unison). 2) Before improvising, each person plays an accompaniment. Over this combined accompaniment one or more should sing a song (if more than one, sing in unison). (see CCAR17). 'Unison' may be taken to mean 'all in the same key'.
- CTG22 Tender Glances. F: Janet Robertson.
- Ode: On receipt of a tender glance, play melodically, straight from the heart. / Look around. What does your eye light on? / On receipt of a glare, protest dramatically and waste no time. / Look around. What does your eye light on? / On receipt of the straight gaze, gaze back and keep in tune. / Look around. What does your eye light on? / On receipt of an enquiring look, answer as best you can. / Look around. What does your eye light on? / On receipt of a surreptitious glance, look the other way and keep moving. / Look around etc.
- (space for more lines).

CCTGRFT73 Tender Glances Rite for Two.
CCWR150 Wand Rite. F: 'The Music of the Arabian Nights' (in Journal of the Royal Asiatic Soc.). A: obvious. Variant rites (eg. all start with one representative and move to another one individually chosen) may be freely devised.

CFEOR147 Carol Fyner. Exchange of Instruments Rite
CFIRNFM145 Improvisation Rite No 2. Flower Music.

Alternative ending: When a player wants to stop, he collects as many of his original pieces as he can recognize and lays them out in an orderly fashion. Any other pieces in his possession can be left in a heap ready for other players to reclaim when they choose to.

CFIRT146 Improvisation Rite 3. Suggestions for playing: Play it straight through as if one was actually reading it. Play the pictures only. Play the headlines only. Play the captions only. Play the punctuation only. Play one news item only. Play the white space around the print only. Etc, etc.

Alternative version: Each player has a previously agreed upon distinct part to play (eg. one of the above, etc.). Ending can still be at a given time or whenever players feel they have finished.

CF32 Stillness. A: ^{4/4} vegetation. A second version is the same, but no instruments to be used.

Sounds may be made in any other way. A pair of useful rules: 1) Notice the last person to start playing before you. 2) While playing, notice when he stops, and thereafter you stop when the next person starts.

Variant (for easier recognition when there are many): While playing wear a hat; doff it on stopping.

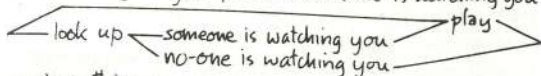
CFSNAPIR148 SNAP! Rite (or is it a composition?)
Standard snap rules. Cards are all dealt out, beginning at dealer's left; there should be none over (some players will have an extra card - this does not matter). Each person puts his cards face down in a pile in front of him. Person on dealer's left commences by taking the top card from his pile and putting it face up in front of his pile. Other players do the same in rotation until 2 cards of the same value appear face up. At this point anyone may 'sound' SNAP! Whoever 'sounds' first takes both the piles headed by the same value, and puts them face down at the bottom of his pile. The game goes on like this. If face-down cards run out, the pile of face-up cards is turned over and used again. If a player runs out of cards he is out of the game. The player who gets all the cards is the winner. Any player 'sounding' SNAP! in error has his face-up cards taken from him and placed in the centre. Anyone may claim them when the top card is matched by 'sounding' SNAPPOL.

"Naturally the excitement of the game, in the case of young children, is apt to lead to certain irregularities and these should be watched for by grown-up helpers." I would suggest that members of the audience, or any non-players, or those groups who finish their game quickly should keep a watchful eye on players for these "irregularities" and may shout (or 'sound'?) Cheat! whenever they see an irregularity.

CH27 Christopher Hobbs. F: CCTG22. Grandma: 'The Rite' (Ingmar Bergman). Grandad: 'Film' (Samuel Beckett). This rite is circular (on reaching the end return to the beginning. Commentary: An audience often looks, sometimes watches, rarely perceives.

Glossary 1. 1) Always watch what you are doing. 2) There

are three types of activity, all of fairly short duration: - a) Play, b) Watch someone else, c) Do nothing (ie. anything that is not a or b). 3) Begin with periods of c) alternating with periods of b). If, during b), the person you are watching looks back, go to a). If, during c), you get the impression that someone is watching you, either go to a) or look up and check. If your impression was correct, go to a). If incorrect, resume c).
Glossary 2. Do nothing - watch someone - no response from person you are watching - do nothing -
Do nothing - watch someone - the person you are watching looks back - play - do nothing -
Do nothing - you feel that someone is watching you -



- do nothing -
CHGR91 Gramophone Rite. F: Psi Ellison. A: returning to one's source. Notes: 1) Possibly study enlarged photos of record grooves, observing the typical movements of the needle. 2) The needle travels further to complete one revolution at the start of the record than at the end (ie. its speed in relation to the groove is decelerating). 3) Aspire to the hole at the centre of the record.

CHHR90 Heavenly Rite. F: Swedenborg. A: Relativity, Religion.

CHIR83 Improvisation Rite. F: Keith Rowe. Family: Buddhist practice. A: Communication.

CHLR87 Lunar Rite. F: untraced. A: subjugation of the female.

CHMR89 Military Rite. F: Napoleon. A: Military strategy. Note: An army marches on its stomach. Variant rite: Play, lying full-length on your stomach. Your sounds are bullets. Protect yourself against the sounds fired by the other players. If you get up, you're dead. Your participation in the rite then ceases. You may, however, begin playing the ... (CHHR90).

CHRR88 Reluctance Rite. F: untraced. A: the ending of improvisation rites.

CHSBR19 Small Brush Rite. Alternatively from end of line 9: When the second player finds the stroking intolerable he gets up and stands idle, waiting for someone else to do the same. When someone does, these two change places and start stroking their new partners' lips. Note: If it becomes plain to a player that he will never find the stroking intolerable, it would be courteous at some point to pretend to find it intolerable. Indeed, not to do so could under some circumstances be considered cruel.

CHSTBOR15A Supplement: The Broken Object Rite.

CHTHOR15 The Hidden Object Rite.

CHTIGR20 The Island Game Rite. F: Evening Standard of 14.5.69.

CJ81 Chris Jones

CMH-CR135 Chris May. Hand-Cuff Rite

CMPR111 Play-Rules. From 'The Naked Ape' by Desmond Morris, paperback edition p 121.

DDNW0110 David Dixon. Novelty Wears Off.

DJ68 David Jackman

DJ69 Note: Use kapok or some such soft, loose material. Try playing harmonica.

DJ79

DJ151

DJACR92 A Caucus-Race. From 'Alice in Wonderland' by Lewis Carroll.
DJCR78 Colours Rite. F: Emulsion paint. A: Ugly wallpaper.
DJFR77 Firefly Rite
DJTBR98 Three Bird Rites. F: Percy Edwards.
A: Solitude. St Francis
EFGQ95 Ed Fulton Music 1
EFPR138 Primaevial Rite. F: Nature Study Notes.
A: ee cummings, set theory. The rite is cyclic. You may make sounds when you are contemplating your novel. The rite concludes when all are participating with each other.
EFPR139 Petal Rite. F: CCGRFT73. Midwife: 'stereoscan' electron microscopy.
FRFR6 Frederic Rzewski. Fund-raising Rite.
FRLMDP47 Les Moutons de Panurge. F: Rabelais.
A: mainly sheep. Suggested theme for non-musicians: "The left hand doesn't know what the right is doing".
For Frans Brügger, iii. 69.
FRMEVR4 Musica Elettronica Viva Rite. If conflicts arise, a jury decides the issue. The jury is made up of those who do not wish to play the game.
FRR80 Rite
FRTSP65 The Sound Pool.
HMS85 Hugh Shrapnel.
HMSBR45 Beethoven Rite. F: BHWSR85. Son: HMS
Variation: Substitute any other composer.
HMSCR104 Commentary Rite
HMSIR5 Improvisation Rite. Variant: Replace first 12 lines with: — Any number of people making any sounds. Perform in a large area, as widely separated from each other as possible. Performers stay in the same place throughout, keeping physical movement to a minimum.
HMSIR43 Improvisation Rite. Variation: substitute any other area, but for the purposes of an improvisation players must use items from the same area.
HMSIR44 Improvisation Rite. F: the White Queen. God-father: Lewis Carroll. Variation: substitute for "impossible", any other word with a negative prefix, eg. improbable, unimaginable, immoral, unedifying, unforeseen, undesirable, unusual, unlovely, incorrect, unenjoyable.
HMSB141 from Samuel Beckett, who also said "Silence once broken can never be mended"
HMSR94 Smiles Rite. F: Smile / No smile / Smile by Chieko Shiomi; Marcel Marceau. A: Humour.
HMSUR103 Unknown Rite
HMSVR48 Vodka Rite. Father: Clement Freud. Son: HMS. Holy Spirit: Vodka.
HS58 Howard Skempton. F: Choir experience.
A: Parades, processions, old films, etc.
HSBR34 Breathing Rite. F: Public speaking.
A: Alleviation of nervousness.
HSDN01 Drum No 1
HSDNT152 Drum No 2
HSIR8 Improvisation Rite. Conventions: 1) Any challenge must first be announced. 2) It is generally accepted that the challenger always wins. 3) Nobody is allowed to become BIG LEADER more than once.
HSIRNE28 Improvisation Rite No 4
HSIRNT13 Improvisation Rite No 2
HSIRNT14 Improvisation Rite No 3

HSOR53 Orphan Rite
HSOR59 Opera Rite. F: Klinokinesis (a feature of invertebrate behaviour).
HSPR55 Puberty Rite
HSSR51 Swimming Rite. F: Swimming instruction.
A: General education.
HSSR56 Shaving Rite. F: Mc10. A: Cleanliness.
HSTPR41 Three-part rite. F: Aristophanes. Ancestry.
HSTROJ52 The Rite of Jokes. F: conjuring. A: all those blokes who got their girl friends into a good humour.
HSWR54 Wheel Rite. A: Clockwork.
HSWR57 Weather Rite. F: the principles of rain-making. A: Man/Nature relationship.
JHBBCOR130 Jane Hare. BBC orchestra Rite
JNWWR37 John Nash. Winning Word Rite.
F: Mornington Crescent. A: Party games, Magic.
Note: A genuine winner who decides he is fraudulent plays softly. The same goes for a fraudulent winner who decides he is genuine. Decorum should be preserved.
JTDR82 John Tilbury. Dress Rite. F: Liberace.
A: Fig-leaves, "I danced with the winds in my maiden form bra", Moss Bros. Appendix: If a garment in the pile takes your fancy, ask the owner if you might have it. This rite is dedicated to Michael Chant.
LHUR84 The bright-eyed Laura Holmes. Um Rite.
F: The inarticulate Michael Chant. The father also acted as midwife. A: time to think.
MC9 Michael Chant. A: Poverty. I originally meant loudly and continually.
MC10
MC11 A: Measured up music.
MC12 Appendix: There are no penalties for hitting an improviser or damaging an object, as it is assumed this will not occur.
MCAVMOSS&AFvMcC&OR70 Argent v. Minister of Social Security & Another Fuge v. McClelland & Others Rite. (ovum: reading of Taxation 28.vi.69).
F: Christopher Hobbs (sperm: discussion of employment).
A: subsisting, permanent, substantive positions, or otherwise.
MCICR60 Immaculate Conception Rite.
MCTR:A134 The Rite: Advice. Sex: Uncertainty. Performance suggestion: the text should be prominently displayed.
MNBBSR50 Maggie Nichols, Bob Brown. Single Sound Rite. Father: Buddha. Son: John Stevens. Children: Maggie and Bob.
MPEPR144 Michael Parsons. Egg-pushing Rite.
MPIR106 Improvisation Rite. F: ACSRS64.
A: watching, waiting, listening.
MPJR143 Jumping Rite. F: Michael Chant
MPNR21 Night Rite. Variant: it could also be done in the afternoon (MPAR21).
MPPAYPR46 Pay-As-You-Play Rite. F: Boats for hire in Regent's Park. Other relatives: juke boxes, slot machines, other leisure amenities for which payment is made by time. Also related to FRFR6, and more remotely to 'Bem' by LaMonte Young.
Variant: The rates may be varied to suit the occasion (eg. more on Sundays and Bank Holidays. A cheap day once a week).
MPR109 Rite. An example: there are 20 players and 10 minutes available for the performance: then

each person plays for a total of 30 seconds during the 10 mins. (Not necessarily all at once. It may be 1 duration of 30 secs. or 30 durations of 1 sec. or any other way of dividing the 30 secs., and he may play at any time during the 10 mins., but not more than 30 secs. in all.)

MPSACR142 Solo and Chorus Rite. F: Antiphonal singing.

MSCR108 Mike Smith. Conversation Rite.

MSIR96 Improvisation Rite. Traditional, arr. MS

MSIR97 Improvisation Rite

MSIR105 Improvisation Rite. (To be played immediately after wars)

PD31 Philip Dadson

PDIR3 Improvisation Rite. Note: the fraction in line 4 may be adjusted. Variant for last paragraph: When the leader is touched he forfeits his role, and so doing shouts "Porridge". All participation is interrupted for a fraction at "Porridge" and then resumed. Each person's first participation (coming in from 'out') after "Porridge" should be the same as new leader's activity. Suggested closing rite: When a leader considers the performance has gone on long enough, he screams a different word (not "Porridge") when touched. Whereupon all cease finally.

PDIR29 Improvisation Rite. Pedigree: Father.

Note: be free at any point to calm whomever you feel is in struggle of some sort; but do so unobtrusively, without making your presence felt.

PDPTR30 Passing Time Rite. A: Boredom.

PIIRNO100 Paul Irvine. Improvisation Rite No 1.

PIIRNT99 Improvisation Rite No 2. Variant: substitute 'sound' for 'noise'.

RSIRNT101 Roger Sutherland. Improvisation Rite No 3

RSRIV137 Rite IV. Variants: in 1) substitute 'on' or 'on and around' or 'just below' for 'just above'.

TM40 Tim Mitchell. F: Jasper Johns' make something, find a use for it.

TMCR39 Cards Rite. F: George Brecht. Pedigree: the emperor S'eun-no & Thomas de la Rue.

Note 1. For Red Cards play 'good' sounds. For Black cards play 'bad' sounds. The higher the number the better/worse the sounds. jokers are jokers are jokers.

Note 2. Diamonds are a girl's best friend.

TMSR86 Scratch Rite. F: Striptease. Pedigree: Barnham Circus. NB. If no fleas are available play as if there were.

TMTR38 Tube Train Rite. F: Treatise. Pedigree:

William Caxton, James Watt, George Stevenson.

Note: Colour code maps are useful, in case you get lost.