

**around around**  
for saxophone quartet

durata: ca. 5' 30"

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for  
Current Saxophone Quartet  
and  
Stockholm Saxophone Quartet

soprano saxophone  
alto saxophone  
tenor saxophone  
barytone saxophone

score is transposed

## notation and performance

**dynamics** are written in two different ways:

mp = resulting dynamic: mezzo piano. a great amount of action/power might be necessary to reach the written dynamic level.

"ff" = action dynamic: fortissimo. sounding result is probably much softer.

**staccato** is always as short as possible no matter the note length

## playing techniques

The image shows five examples of musical notation on a five-line staff:

- Top example:** Shows a dynamic marking *mf*, a staccato note with a vertical bow sign, and a dynamic *f*. Note heads are placed on different lines to indicate relative register.
- Second example:** Shows a vertical bow sign above a note head.
- Third example:** Shows a vertical bow sign below a note head.
- Fourth example:** Labeled "low soft-sounding multiphonic (approx. fundamental)" and includes a key signature of one sharp. It shows a note head on the lowest line with a vertical bow sign.
- Fifth example:** Labeled "short noise sounds" and "ppp". It shows a dynamic marking *ppp* and a note head on the top line with a vertical bow sign.
- Sixth example:** Labeled "C5". It shows a note head on the top line with a vertical bow sign and a wavy line extending from it.
- Bottom example:** Labeled "soft percussive sounds [raindrops]" and "ppp". It shows a dynamic marking *ppp* and a note head on the top line with a vertical bow sign.

air sound, blow into saxophone. note lines indicate relative register of the sound (not fingering!) ; lowest line: low air sound, highest line: high air sound etc.

breath in (through saxophone) if “breath in” sing [up bow sign] is written (staccato note in example to the left), in other case breath out.

slap tongue, always dry and short.

tongue ram. flute technique performed without mouthpiece only.

choose a multiphonic that is possible to play in very soft dynamics. always play the same one.

make fast repetitions of short soft noise/air sounds in individual, irregular tempi. change and vary sound and tempo gradually and/or abruptly ad lib. keep intense and soft.

glissando with left hand and trill with C5 key. as quick and light as possible, not to mechanic.

key clicks and soft percussive reed sounds played ad lib. with individual/irregular spaces in between. much lower density than 'short noise sounds'.

*Soprano*

*alto*

*Tenor (without mouthpiece)*

*Baritone*

*C5*

*quasi unisono*

*trumpet pitch quasi unisono*

*f*

*mp*

*pp*

*p*

*3*

*5*

*mp*

*p*

*ppp*

*p*

*3*

*5*

*mp*

*p*

*ppp*

*p*

*3*

*5*

*mp*

*fpp*

*mp*

*f*

*3*

*5*

*mp*

*mf*

*mp*

*f*

*pp*

*5*

*mp*

*mf*

*mp*

*3*

*f*

*3x*

*3x*

6

sopr.

alto

ten.

bari.

C5

*low soft-sounding multiphonic (approx. fundamental)*

*low soft-sounding multiphonic (approx. fundamental)*

*low soft-sounding multiphonic*

2

10

sop.      low soft-sounding multiphonic

alto      low soft-sounding multiphonic

ten.      ten.

bari.      bari.

*p*

*pp*      *pp*

*mf*      *f*

*low soft-sounding multiphonic*

*mp*      *p*      *ppp*      *mp*      *fpp*      *pp*

*mp*      *mf*      *mp*      *f*      *pp*      *mp*      *mf*      *mp*

15

sop.      quasi unisono

alto      trumpet pitch quasi unisono

ten.      ten.

bari.      bari.

*p*

*ppp*      *mp*      *fpp*

*pp*      *pp*      *ppp*      *mp*

*pp*      *pp*      *ppp*      *mp*

*ppp*      *mf ppp*      *ppp*

*short noise sounds*

*short noise sounds*

*short noise sounds*

*short noise sounds*

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sop. *mp pp <f p p pp*

alto *mp p ppp p mp*

ten. *f' mp fpp*

bari. *mp mf mp 3 f*

*C5* *low soft-sounding multiphonic*

*3x*

*p*

*mf f*

*low soft-sounding multiphonic*

*3x*

*mp pp <f p p pp*

*mp p ppp p mp*

*f' mp fpp*

*mp mf mp 3 f pp*

*C5* *low soft-sounding multiphonic*

*6*

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sop. *ppp*

alto *mf ppp*

ten. *ppp*

bari. *ppp*

*short noise sounds*

*C5*

*pp mp pp <f 3 p p pp*

*short noise sounds*

*pp mp pp*

*f' mp fpp*

*short noise sounds*

*pp mp pp f*

*low soft-sounding multiphonic*

*C5*

*pp mp pp*

*pp mp pp*

*pp mp pp*

*pp mp pp*

*low soft-sounding multiphonic*

*2*

28 low soft-sounding multiphonic

$\text{J} = 54$

sop.

alto

ten.

bassi.

$\text{J} = 76$

C5

sop.

alto

ten.

bassi.

38 C5

**20"**

**transformation**

**10"**

sop. *pp* short noise sounds *short noise sounds* soft percussive sounds [raindrops]

alto *ppp* short noise sounds *ppp* soft percussive sounds [raindrops]

ten. *p* *ff* short noise sounds *ppp* soft percussive sounds [raindrops]

bari. *mp* *mf* *mf ppp* *ppp* soft percussive sounds [raindrops]

41 C5

**3x**

sop. *pp* low soft-sounding multiphonic *low soft-sounding multiphonic*

alto *mp* *pp* *f p* *p* *ppp* *pp* *pp* *pp*

ten. *p* *mp* *mp p* *ppp* *fpp* *low soft-sounding multiphonic* *low soft-sounding multiphonic* *low soft-sounding multiphonic*

bari. *mp* *mf* *pp* *pp* *p* *p* *p*

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sop. *pp*      *mp*

alto *p*      *mp*

ten. "f"      *mp*      "fff"      *mp*      "fff"

bari. *mp*      *mf*      *mp*

*f* > *pp*      *f* > *pp*

*pp* < *f*      *pp* < *f*

*pp* < *f p*      *p*

*pp* < *f p*      *p*

*flz.*      *flz.*

subtone with air      subtone with air

*pp*      *f*

*pp*      *f*



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66 GP.

sop. *sub-tone sound*

alto *sub-tone sound*

ten. *p* *sub-tone sound*

bari. *low soft-sounding multiphonic*

*C5* = 76

*pp* *p* *pp* < *f*

*pp* *p* *mp* *mp* *p*

*mp* *"f"* *fpp*

*mp* *"f"* *fpp* *p*

*pp* *f* *mp* *mf*

*pp* *f* *mp* *mf*

*ppp*

*quasi unisono*

*C5* = 70

*p*

*ppp*

*ppp* *p* *pp* < *f*

*pp* *mp* *mp* *p*

*pp* *mp* *"f"* *fpp*

*pp* *mp* *flz.* *3* *> pp*

*pp* *mp* *flz.* *3* *> pp*

*pp* *mp* *flz.* *3* *> pp*

*ppp*

*quasi unisono*

*ppp*

*ppp* *f* *mp* *mf*

*pp* *mp* *"fff"* *subtone with air*

*pp* *mp* *"fff"* *subtone with air*

*pp* *mp* *"fff"* *subtone with air*

*quasi unisono*

*C5* = 54

*f* > *pp*

*f* > *pp*

*f* > *pp*

*pp* *flz.* *3* *> f*

*pp* *flz.* *3* *> f*

*pp* *flz.* *3* *> f*

*pp* *mp* *"fff"* *subtone with air*

*pp* *mp* *"fff"* *subtone with air*

*pp* *mp* *"fff"* *subtone with air*

*ppp*

*ppp*

*ppp* *p* *pp* < *f*

*ppp* *p* *mp* *mp* *p*

*ppp* *p* *mp* *"f"* *fpp*

*ppp* *p* *mp* *flz.* *3* *> pp*

*ppp* *p* *mp* *flz.* *3* *> pp*

*ppp* *p* *mp* *flz.* *3* *> pp*

*ppp*

*ppp*

*ppp* *f* *mp* *mf*

*ppp* *p* *mp* *"fff"* *subtone with air*

*ppp* *p* *mp* *"fff"* *subtone with air*

*ppp* *p* *mp* *"fff"* *subtone with air*

76  $\text{J} = 76$   
 sop.  $\text{C}^{\text{5}}$  quasi unisono  
 alto quasi unisono  
 ten. trumpet pitch quasi unisono  
 bari.

$\text{J} = 54$   
 sop. 3x  
 alto flz.  
 ten. subtone with air  
 bari.

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