

Rova Saxophone Quartet

Ensemble members: Larry Ochs—saxophone (composer)
Jon Raskin—saxophone
Bruce Ackley—saxophone
Steve Adams—saxophone

Title of the commissioned work: Certain Space

Instrumentation:
Four saxophones

Composer's Statement:

"For saxophone quartet: a reflection on the piano musics of Giacinto Scelsi, Morton Feldman and Cecil Taylor. The piece is composed for improvising artists, which means that there is both notation and improvisational instructions: a structured improvisation. There are three sections, each one dedicated to one of the composers above, plus a 2.5 minute introduction/overture. On the recording, the Scelsi section runs from 2:47 to 13:40; the Taylor section follows, beginning at 13:40; the Feldman section ends the piece, beginning at 23:07. The lengths of each section, except for the intro, are flexible, and generally the Scelsi section is minutes shorter than on this recording. Each section is a series of "foils" or "cued events" played by three players, over which (or within which) a "free agent" plays/improvises according to specific parameters.... There is also another way that this piece can be organized, using the same components, wherein the musicians move back and forth between the three sections more than once and by specific cues, but there is no recorded example of the piece being performed in this way."

Length of the work: 25–35 Minutes
Recording: Available. Please contact the artist directly.

Stated Technical Requirements:

"4 music stands, good lighting; no sound system required except in poor acoustic rooms"

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