

Dave Pietro Ensemble

Ensemble members: Dave Pietro - saxophones, composer
Rez Abbasi - acoustic, electric and sitar guitars
Gary Versace - acoustic piano, accordion
Johannes Weidenmeuller - acoustic bass
Adam Cruz - drums
Todd Isler - Brazilian and Indian percussion, vocals

Title of the commissioned work: "The Chakra Suite"

Muladhara (1st chakra)
Svadhithana (2nd chakra)
Manipura (3rd chakra)
Anahata (4th chakra)
Vishuddha (5th chakra)
Ajna (6th chakra)
Sahasrara (7th chakra)

Instrumentation: Saxophone - Guitar - Piano/Accordion - Bass - Drums - Percussion

Composer's Statement:

The Chakra Suite is a seven movement suite which uses the Chakra System as an organizing principle. Each individual movement was based on the concepts and energies associated with one particular chakra. The larger goal, however, was to compose dynamic music open to multiple interpretations and improvisations and not to create "literal" translations of the chakras. The suite blends elements of American jazz with harmonic and rhythmic concepts from Brazilian and East Indian music. Brazilian bossa nova (Ajna, Sahasrara), samba (Mulladhara) and baião (Svadhithana) are mixed with scales inspired by Indian ragas (Muladhara, Manipura, Anahata, Vishuddha) and Indian tahai rhythms (Manipura, Anahata, Vishuddha, Sahasrara). A CD of "The Chakra Suite" will be released in 2008.

Length of the work: 60 minutes

Recording: Available directly from artist upon request.

Stated Technical Requirements: (Exact technical rider available upon request from artist).

One professional jazz drum kit, preferably a Gretsch, Yamaha, Sonor or Pearl brand.
One cymbal stand to hang auxiliary percussion on.
One bass amp and cabinet preferably a Gallien-Krueger (400 or 700) or SWR.
A well-tuned grand or baby grand acoustic piano, preferably a Steinway, Yamaha, or Kawai.
Microphones and stands for piano (2), bass amp, saxophone (2), percussion (2) and vocal.
Four Monitors for piano, bass, sax/guitar and drums/percussion. 8 Black Manhasset stands (or similar).

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