

# Ihmix

*for*

*Chinese Orchestra*

**Jukka Tiensuu 2015**

**Jukka Tiensuu:**  
**Ihmix (2015)**  
for Chinese orchestra

**Orchestra:**

Dizi: 2 Bangdi, 2 Qudi, 2 Xindi  
Sheng: 2 Soprano Sheng, , 2 Alto Sheng, 1 Bass Sheng  
Suona: 2 Soprano Suona, 2 Alto Suona, 1 Tenor Suona, 1 Bass Suona  
Guan: 1 Soprano Guan, 1 Alto Guan, 1 Bass Guan, 1 Double Bass Guan  
1 Yangqin  
1 Zhongruan  
1 Daruan  
1 Sanxian  
1 Zheng  
1 Yunluo  
Strings: Gaohu, Erhu, Zhonghu, Gehu, Bass Gehu

**Performance note:**

- *staccato*, about half of the written note length
- ' *staccatissimo*, always very short regardless of the written note length
- *tenuto*, play the note to the full written length (only, no accent is intended).
- sf* all *sf* should be loud, "angry" stosses.
- o For string instruments indicates an open string.
- > o *al niente*, let the sound die away completely. (If the sound dies away sooner than intended, do not reattack)
- / The *glissandi* are played continuously during the indicated time (*not portamento*). Note-stems without head in the middle of a glissando are for orientation only, they are not to be articulated. The end note of the *glissando* should not be articulated separately. Where change of bow is necessary, it should happen before or after the beat, and not synchronized (i.e. individual bow changes) within a section.  
**Accidentals** apply to the remainder of the measure, but are sometimes repeated to facilitate reading.
- ♯ ♭ Quarter-tone sharp and flat, respectively.
- ↑ ↓ Slight (about a sixth-tone) sharp or flat, respectively.
- tr* All trills start on the main note. They are played till the end of the note even when this is tied over.
- L.V. *Let vibrate*. Let strings resonate (do not damp). This is the default for **Yunluo**, **Yangqin** and **plucked strings**. L.V. is cancelled with a written pause, caesura ('), *staccato* dot, or *ord*.

**Specific:**

Unless otherwise indicated by *solo*, or *div.*, the **winds** are playing a 2 throughout the piece. However, on softer (**pp-mp**) very long notes they should take turns (to avoid gaps in the sound), joining always on louder tones (<*sf*>, *f* &c). Also, it might be advisable to use two wind instruments of different transposition simultaneously in one part. This allows dividing awkward passages between the two players.

On long continuous sounds the **strings** should make individual (non-synchronized) bow changes in order to avoid gaps.

The players of transposing instruments should choose the instrument they find the most appropriate and, if necessary, switch to another during the piece.

The **plucked strings** and **Yunluo** are played *L.V.* unless otherwise indicated. Open strings should be used whenever possible.

**Sheng** **bars 63, 69, 73 and 97:** If no shengs with open holes are available, the alternative for *glissandi* is that the two players play a chromatic scale "not synchronously", i.e. while both will start and finish the "gliss" at the same time, in between they avoid the unisono by one player playing consistently a bit behind the other, so that there is always a minor (occasionally major) second between them.

**bar 102** Everybody sings *f* the vowel [a] on G or D at whichever octave is most comfortable for his or her voice. The wind players who play on the 1<sup>st</sup> beat start singing as soon as possible after that. The strings continue singing while starting to play on bar 103 as indicated (voices fade out as playing fades in).

**bars 105-9** **Erhu, upper division** should play the B *slightly* flat in order to match the *natural B* in Gaohu and Bass Gehu. **Other strings** play their harmonics always on open strings.

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1  $\downarrow < 60$  misterioso

Yangqin  
Zhongruan  
Daruan  
Sanxian  
Zheng  
Yunluo

Gaohu  
Erhu  
Zhonghu  
Gehu  
Bass.gehu

**Performance Instructions:**

- all strings: individual bow changes to avoid gaps in sound

10  $\downarrow \sim 112$

Sh.s  
Sh.a  
  
G.  
E.  
Z.  
Ge.  
GB.

**Performance Instructions:**

- fp 3
- ord.
- (slow gliss.)



20

D.

Q.

X.

Sh.s.

Sh.a.

Sh.b.

Su.s.

Su.a.

Su.t.

Su.b.

Gu.s.

Gu.a.

Gu.b.

Yq.

Zr.

Dr.

Snx.

Zh.

Yun.

G.

E.

Z.

Ge.

GB.

p

ppp

p

ppp

1.

p

ppp

ff

ff

3

1.

ppp

ppp

ff

(pp)

ff

pizz.

ff

pizz.

ff

pizz.

ff

ff

rall.

(♩ ~ 56)

26

D.  
Q.  
X.

Sh.s.  
Sh.a. *mp*  
Sh.b. *mp* *p* *pp*  
*pp*

Sus.  
Su.a.  
Su.t. *mp*  
Su.b. *mp* *p* *ppp*

Gu.s.  
Gu.a. *mp*  
Gu.b. *mp* *p* *ppp*  
*ppp*

Yq.  
Zr.  
Dr.  
Snx.  
Zh.  
Yun. *p* *g*

G.  
E.  
Z.  
Ge.  
GB.

rall.

(♩ ~ 56)









51

D.

Q.

X. > f p sf p p mp sf p

Sh.s. > f p pp f p sf p p mp sf p (quarter-tone optional)

Sh.a. > f p pp f p sf p f 3 p sf p

Sh.b.

Sus. > f p sf p p f 3 p sf p

Su.a. > f p sf p p f 3 p sf p

Su.t. > f pp f pp

Su.b.

Gu.s. > f p sf p p mp sf p

Gu.a. > f p sf p p mp sf p

Gu.b.

Yq. tr tr# tr# p f p

Zr.

Dr.

Snx.

Zh.

Yun. mf

G. > f p fp fp fp

E. > f p fp fp fp

Z. > f p sf p p f 3 p

Ge. ord. > f p fp nat. > f p nat. > f p nat.

GB. > f p sf p p sf p p

**56** ♩ ~ 112 eccitato

D.

Q.

X. *mf* — *pp* *mp*

Sh.s. optional till bar 61 *mf* — *pp* *mp* optionality ends

Sh.a. *f* — *p* optional till bar 61 optionality ends

Sh.b.

Sus. *f* — *p* *mp*

Su.a. *mp*

Su.t.

Su.b.

Gu.s. *mf* — *p* *mp*

Gu.a. *mf* — *p* *mp*

Gu.b.

Yq.

Zr.

Dr.

Snx.

Zh.

Yun.

♩ ~ 112 eccitato

G. *fp* *f* *p* *fp* *fp* *fp* *fp* *fp* *fp* *fp*

E. *fp* *fp* *f* *fp* *fp* *fp* *fp* *fp* *fp* *fp*

Z. *fp* *f* *3* *>p* *f* *mp* *3* *3*

Ge. *f* *3* *>p* *mf* *fp* *mp* *slow gliss.*

GB. *ord.* *fp* *fp* *fp* *fp* *fp* *fp* *fp* *fp* *fp*

8 *ppp* *mp*

62

D.      f 3 3

Q.

X.      f 3

a 2

ff

Sh.s.      f

ossia: no quarter-tone, but one sheng plays the b already in bar 64

Sh.a.      ff  
ossia: chrom. scale (not synchronously)

Sh.b.      ff pp

pp

Sus.      f 3 3 3

Su.a.      f 3 6

ff pp

Su.t.      f 3 f ff pp

Su.b.      ff p

Gu.s.      f ff pp

Gu.a.      mf f ff pp

Gu.b.      ff mp

Yq.      f ff pp mf p

Zr.      ff mf p

Dr.      f ff mf p

Snx.      f ff mf p

Zh.      f ff mf p

Yun.      L.V. ff tr

G.      fp div. ff pp

E.      fp div. ff pp

Z.      f div. ff pp

Ge.      f 3 div. ff pp unis. pizz. L.V.

GB.      f 15ma (e) pp mf unis. pizz. L.V.

67

D.  
Q.  
X.

Sh.s.  
ossia: chrom. scale  
(not synchronously)

Sh.a.  
ossia: chrom. scale  
(not synchronously)

Sh.b.

Sus.  
ff pp ff pp

Su.a.  
ff pp ff pp

Su.t.  
ff pp ff pp

Su.b.  
ff pp ff pp

Gu.s.

Gu.a.

Gu.b.  
ff pp

Yq.  
pp f ff

Zr.  
pp f ff

Dr.  
pp f ff

Snx.  
pp f ff

Zh.  
pp f ff

Yun.  
L.V.  
ff

(All strings even 16th-notes)

G.  
E.  
Z.  
Ge.  
GB.

ff pp sub.fff pp

ff pp sub.fff pp

ff pp sub.fff pp

arco div.

ff pp sub.fff pp

arco (sul G) ff pp sub.fff pp

72

D.

Q.

X.

Sh.s.

ossia: no gliss, but start the b a bit earlier

Sh.a.

Sh.b.

Sus.

a 2

Su.a.

Su.t.

Su.b.

Gu.s.

Gu.a.

Gu.b.

Yq.

Zr.

Dr.

Snx.

Zh.

Yun.

G.

unis.

E.

unis.

Z.

unis.

Ge.

GB.

>) and decrescendos (<). There are also slurs, grace notes, and specific performance instructions like 'ossia: no gliss, but start the b a bit earlier' and 'ossia: chrom. scale (not synchronously)'."/>

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D.

Q.

X.

Sh.s.

Sh.a.

Sh.b.

Su.s.

Su.a.

Su.t.

Su.b.

Gu.s.

Gu.a.

Gu.b.

Yq.

Zr.

Dr.

Snx.

Zh.

Yun.

G.

E.

Z.

Ge.

GB.



86

a 2

D. *p* *p* *ff*

Q. *p* *p* *ff*

X. *mp* *pp* *ff*

Sh.s.

Sh.a.

Sh.b.

Sus.

Su.a.

Su.t. *mf* *mp* *pp* *ff* *mp*

Su.b.

Gu.s.

Gu.a. *mf* *mp* *pp* *ff* *mp*

Gu.b.

Yq.

Zr.

Dr.

Snx.

Zh. *L.V.* *(bend)* *ff* *pp* *p* *sf* *p* *sf*

Yun. *f* *pp* *p* *sf* *p* *sf*

G. *ff* *mp* *pp* *p* *p* *ff* *mp* *pp*

E. *3* *p* *ppp* *ff*

Z. *mp* *p* *>* *ff* *mp* *pp*

Ge. *mp* *p* *ppp*

GB.

92

D.

Q.

X.

Sh.s.

Sh.a.

Sh.b.

Sus.

Su.a.

Su.t.

Su.b.

Gu.s.

Gu.a.

Gu.b.

Yq.

Zr.

Dr.

Snx.

Zh.

Yun.

G.

E.

Z.

Ge.

GB.

Measure 1: D., Q., X., Sh.s., Sh.a., Sh.b., Sus., Su.a., Su.t., Su.b., Gu.s., Gu.a., Gu.b., Yq., Zr., Dr., Snx., Zh., Yun., G., E., Z., Ge., GB.

Measure 2: D., Q., X., Sh.s., Sh.a., Sh.b., Sus., Su.a., Su.t., Su.b., Gu.s., Gu.a., Gu.b., Yq., Zr., Dr., Snx., Zh., Yun., G., E., Z., Ge., GB.

Measure 3: D., Q., X., Sh.s., Sh.a., Sh.b., Sus., Su.a., Su.t., Su.b., Gu.s., Gu.a., Gu.b., Yq. (tr), Zr. (tr), Dr. (tr), Snx. (tr), Zh. (tr), Yun. (tr), G. (pp), E. (pp), Z. (pp), Ge. (pp), GB.

Measure 4: D., Q., X., Sh.s., Sh.a., Sh.b., Sus., Su.a., Su.t., Su.b., Gu.s., Gu.a., Gu.b., Yq. (tr), Zr. (tr), Dr. (tr), Snx. (tr), Zh. (tr), Yun. (tr), G. (>sf), E. (>sf), Z. (>sf), Ge. (>sf), GB.

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a 2

D. *mf*

Q. *p* 3 *f* *ff* 3

X. *mp* 3 *f* 3

Sh.s. *mf*

Sh.a. *mp* 3 3 *sf* 3

Sh.b.

Sus. *mf*

Su.a. *mf*

Su.t.

Su.b.

Gu.s. *p* *sf* *p* *sf* 3

Gu.a. *p* 3 3 *sf* 3 *p* 3 *sf* 3 *p*

Gu.b.

Yq.

Zr.

Dr.

Snx.

Zh.

Yun.

G. *mf* *p* 3 3 3 3 3 *f* 3 *mp* *ff*

E. *mf* *p* *f* *mp* *mf* *ff*

Z. *mf* *mp* *mf* *f*

Ge. *mf* *mp* *> 3* *> 3* *> 3* *> 3* *sf* *mf* *sf* *mf* (slow gliss.)

GB. *cresc. molto*

ossia: chrom. scale  
(not synchronously)



**D.** *mf*      *3*      *3*      *3*      *3*      *3*      *3*      *3*      *3*      *3*      *3*      *3*

**Q.** *mf*      *3*      *3*      *3*      *3*      *3*      *3*      *3*      *3*      *3*      *3*      *3*

**X.** *mf*      *3*      *3*      *3*      *3*      *3*      *3*      *3*      *3*      *3*      *3*      *3*

**Sh.s.**

**Sh.a.**

**Sh.b.** Play: *(non vibr.)* *mp*      *ff*      *d.*      *ff*

**Su.s.** *mp*      *1.*      *mf*      *mp*

**Su.a.** *mp*      *ff*

**Su.t.** *mp*      *ff*

**Su.b.** *mp*      *ff*

**Gu.s.** *mp*      *ff*

**Gu.a.** *mp*      *ff*

**Gu.b.** *mp*      *ff*

**Y.q.** *tr.*      *f*

**Zr.** *f*

**Dr.** *f*

**Snx.** *f*

**Zh.** *f*

**Yun.** *pp*      *poco f*      *mf*      *mp*      *p*

**G.** *unis.* *pp*

**E.** *pp*

**Z.** *pp*

**Ge.** *pp*

**GB.** *pp*

*L.V.*      *~ 50 molto rall. e dim.*

**G.** *div.* *3*      *(open strings sempre)*      *f*      *dim. sempre*      *3*      *3*      *3*      *3*

**E.** *div.* *f*      *(see perf. note)*      *dim. sempre*      *3*      *3*      *3*      *3*

**Z.** *div.* *f*      *dim. sempre*      *3*      *3*      *3*      *3*

**Ge.** *f*      *dim. sempre*

**GB.** *(sul D)*      *mf*      *(sul G)*



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D. *p*

Q. *p*

X. *div.*  
*ppp f*

Sh.s. *ppp mp f*

Sh.a. *ppp mp f*

Sh.b. *ppp mp f*

Su.s.

Su.a.

Su.t.

Su.b.

Gus. *ppp f*

Gu.a. *ppp f*

Gu.b.

Yq. *mp*

Zr. *mp*  
*(bend)*

Dr. *mp*

Snx. *mp*

Zh. *mp*

Yun. *p*  
*mp*  
*p*  
*mf*

G. *pp*  
3 3  
*ppp f*

E. *pp*  
*ppp f*

Z. *pp*  
3 3  
*tutti*  
*ppp mf*

Ge. *ppp mf*

GB. *ppp mf*