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Caoineadh

for Horn and Live Electronics

Duration: 9 minutes



#### **Program Notes**

Caoineadh is inspired by the Irish sean nos keening style of singing. It's a mournful style that is traditionally used in funerals as a form of vocal lament. The keener begins performing and slowly brings the rest of the attendants into the fold, where it becomes a wash of sound from all those around. Some even believe that this style of singing inspired the Banshees of myth. There has been a lot to mourn in 2025, both in the world at large and in my own personal life. This piece has served as a way for me to process some of those feelings.

#### **Performance Notes**

- 1. For rehearsals 1-4, the patch does not need to be cued directly on the downbeat. Once the performer has a solid tone that they enjoy, the patch can be cued to capture the sound to create a pad.
- 2. Whenever possible/comfortable for the performer the first movement should be performed on the F natural harmonic series.
- 3. Players are encouraged to trigger the spectral freeze function whenever they find a tone that they enjoy. At minimum, it should be done during any stopped moments.
- 4. Any half valve performed on the relative F should use the thumb rotor valve, being approximately between the F and Bb lengths of horn.
- 5. Hand stops can be performed in either the Bb or F sides of the horn.
- 6. Starting from rehearsal 11 anwards, players are encouraged to add slight ornamentation as they see fit while performing.

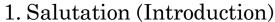
### **Technology Requirements**

In order to perform this piece you will need the following:

- 1. A computer capable of running Max/MSP with the accompanying patch.
- 2. A microphone with some form of audio interface to connect to your computer and speakers.
- 3. A pair of stereo speakers.
- 4. A device able to be programmed to the Spacebar (Key Value 32) to trigger the cues and the Return/Enter Key (Key Value 13) such as a Bluetooth Page Turner or iKKEGOL programmable foot switch.

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## 3. The Gol (Cry)





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