with the same material or still, to vary the material (2011) James Saunders

programme note

with the same material or still, to vary the material (2011) explores similarities between frictions sounds created by bowing objects. The title is taken from Herve Fischer's essay Theory of Sociological Art (1979). The piece is part of the series *divisions that could be autonomous but that comprise the whole* (2009-) and was written for Patrick Farmer and Sarah Hughes.

performance information

at least two players, each with a bow and nine different surfaces at least one surface must be as close to identical as possible in appearance and sound for all players

at least one surface must be different for all players

all actions comprise bowing the edge of a surface

o-pppp (----) on the edge of silence; sound will stop and start uncontrollably

each player has a complete set of nine identical pages; any surface may be applied to any page; each page should use a different surface

pages may be played in any sequence: these should be different for each player

times refer to durations of sounds and silences (no action marked)

use a stopwatch; determine a page order and mark performance times on score if required

duration: 9'00"

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[42"]

11"

0-----) 23"

13"

0. 0-рррр (----) 26

15"

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bowed surface

17"

о о-рррр (----) 34"

bowed surface



bowed surface



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0-0-pppp(----) 40''

[1'20]