Awakening Price: \$15

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Duration: ca. 6' 45"

Instrumentation:

Player 1: Concert Bass Drum (shared), Toms (1, 3, 5 - see notes below), Bongos (2, shared), Triangle, Temple Blocks (5, wooden), Susepnded Opera Gong, Shekere

Player 2: Concert Bass Drum (shared), Toms (2, 4, 6 - see notes below), Bongos (2, shared), Mid-High Wood Block, Tam-Tam, Low Suspended Cymbal, High Suspended Cymbal, Rainstick

Program Note:

The piece begins sparsely and softly, treading carefully as not to wake the sleeping deities. Once the elders are ready, the ritual drums are brought out, and the awakening ceremony begins.

Performance Notes:

The setup diagram is suggested for convenience, but setup decisions are ultimately up to the performers. Note which instruments are shared and which are not.

The numbered toms 1-6 represent which toms from a set of 6 should be used by each player (1 being the smallest/highest, 6 being the largest/lowest). These toms should be somewhat dampened - dry enough for clear articulation but resonant enough for a quality tone.

The bass drum should be laid flat. A towel should be hanging from the drum that can easily be put on and off of the drum when neccessary - this will be labeled in the score as "muted" or "unmuted".

There are some instances where it is written to play the concert bass drum with sticks. If you do not feel comfortable doing this on your equipment, you may use the butt end of sticks, wooden timpani mallets, or other hard mallets of your choice.

The opera gong and triangle should be suspended in a way that it can resonate without needing to hold it up with the other hand.

Scrapes should be done with a triangle beater or other metal implement (coin, etc.).

Any time a roll is written with brushes, it should be a single-stroke roll.

Dampening decisions for cymbals, gongs, triangle, and bass drum are occasionally specified. When they are not, it is up to the performers' discretion.

A ^ marking is not a rimshot, just a more aggressive accent.

Parentheses around notes indicate that the note should be ghosted (dynamically de-emphasised).

Written stickings are suggestion only. "B" means both hands at once (double stop).

For the pitch bend in m5-6, the up arrow indicates an increase in finger pressure/higher pitch, and the down arrow indicates a release of finger pressure/lower pitch.

For the last tam-tam scrape before D, make a screeching sound with the tam-tam by increasing pressure over the legnth of the crescendo.

In the last measure, player 2 may keep bowing as long as they'd like, until they feel they have reached a satisfactory dynamic. At this point, they release the cymbal and both players stay still until the sound fades to nothing.

Mallet Selection Notes:

Below is a key of mallet/beater abbreviations used in the score:

Timp = Medium or medium-soft timpani mallet

TT = Soft tam-tam mallet

BD = Soft bass drum mallet

Rubber = Hard rubber mallet

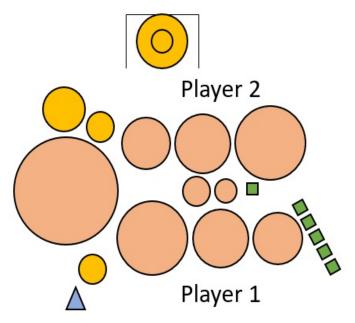
Bundle sticks = Wooden bundle stick (hot rods, etc.)

Percussion 1 Mallet/Beater List:

Sticks, Hard Rubber Mallets (4), Medium or Medium-Soft Timpani Mallets, Concert Bass Drum Mallets, Triangle Beaters (2), Wire Brushes, Bass or Cello Bow (may be shared)

Percussion 2 Mallet/Beater List:

Sticks, Hard Rubber Mallets (4), Medium or Medium-Soft Timpani Mallets, Concert Bass Drum Mallets, Tam-Tam Mallets, Metal Scraping Object (see performance notes), Wooden Bundle Sticks, Bass or Cello Bow (may be shared)



Setup Diagram:

Color Key:

Orange = Drums

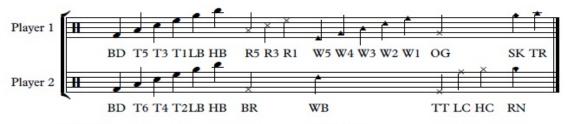
Gold = Cymbals and Gongs

Green = Woods

Blue = Triangle

Trap tables and mallet tables are not pictured. Players should have mallet stands on either side to allow for switches in either hand. The shekere and rainstick should be placed on these tables.

Notation Key:



Player 1:

BD = Concert Bass Drum

T1, 3, 5 = Toms 1, 3, and 5

LB = Low Bongo

HB = High Bongo

R1, 3, 5 = Tom Rims

W1-5 = Temple Blocks

OG = Opera Gong

SK = Shekere

TR = Triangle

Player 2:

BD = Concert Bass Drum

T2, 4, 6 = Toms 2, 4, and 6

LB = Low Bongo

HB = High Bongo

BR = Bass Drum Rim

WB = Wood Block

TT = Tam-Tam

LC = Low Suspended Cymbal

HC = High Suspended Cymbal

RN = Rainstick

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