SAN DIEGO: ACADEMIC SENATE COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH March 16, 1971 Department of Music Dear Professor Oliveros: SUBJECT: Research Grant No. 509-Oliveros Acct. #6/564212/19900/3 The Committee on Research was pleased to recommend the award of a research grant to you in July, 1970 . May I remind you that you are expected to provide the Committee with a report on the progress and results of investigations conducted under your grant. Please send your report to the Academic Senate Office by April 19, 1971 . The report may be brief, but should be informative about the contribution made by these funds to your research program. The Committee anticipates that these reports will form part of the justification for allocation of research funds to this campus in future years.

Robert Erickson

Robert Enikon

Chairman

***We would like to remind you that Research Grant funds not used prior to June 30 of each fiscal year lapse and thus are lost to the Committee. After reviewing your plans for use of the money granted, please return any that you will not be spending before that date, preferably no later than April 1. Your departmental Bookkeeper can do this by sending a Request for Transfer of Funds to the Committee, c/o Acad. Senate Office, crediting Acct. #6/500000/19900/8 and debiting your account number. We will then send it on to Accounting.

cc: Departmental Bookkeeper

my initial research toward a proposed "Electionic Envioument" to be result in an installation in the art gallery has taken a different direction. Originally I had intended a semi automatic environment of light and sound which would be influenced by the presence of a visitor or visitors in combination with environ-mental factors such as temperature, and other elements of weather. The first grant received enabled me to work with heat sensitive transducers and brain waves. theread I became in creasingly concerned with praye to phis ological state of performers and andrence in relation to the envioument. This concern led to the formation of a performance group devoted to Sonic medition. Besides The Sonce meditations which have been composed by me I developed exercises which helped to en homes certains frychological and physiological states which have interesting protential in relation to performance with electronic instrumentation. My reseach group has met for nearly two years and led to the articulation of 12 Some meditations and numerous exercises. At this point & am ready to expand the instrumentation in order to instrument the group for bio potential in relation to a new concept of the proposed "Electionic Environment The psychophynical states which my group is trained to produce will interact with eguipment which responds to these potentials. precisely. I would expect an organic much human interfaced with electronic en viron ment with human bio potentials munifested by appropriate electionic transformations to andibility and visu bility.

FOR ORCHESTRA, Chorus, MIMES AND LIGHTS

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JULY 1968

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CONDUCTOR:

Choose A Chord From THE orchestral LITERATURE which includes ALL players and the chorus. When your Light is on conduct the orchestra and chorus indicating articulations dynamics and dorations. The chord voicing must not change but different groups or individuals may have different burations, dynamics or articulations simultaneously according to your conducting. Try to influence the overall timbre.

SOLDISTS: FL., CL., OBOE, BSN., TPT., TRB., HRN., PERC., VIN., VLA., VCL., C.B.

Choose AN ETUDE OR STUDYPIECE FROM PARIS CONSERVATORY
LITERATURE FOR YOUR INSTRUMENT, (DO NOT PLAY ORCHESTRAL EXCERPTS.)
WHEN YOUR LIGHT IS ON PLAY THE ETUDE. WHEN LIGHT GOES OFF
FADE OUT. ALWAYS PLAY ETUDE FROM BEGINNING WHEN YOUR LIGHT
COMES ON.

5 MIMES ;

DRESS IN REVOLUTIONARY COSTOME FROM ANY PERIOD.

WHEN YOUR LIGHT IS ON FREEZE IN ANY GESTURE.

GESTURES MAY CHANGE WHEN LIGHT IS OFF. MOTION MUST

NOT BE SEEN BY THE AUDIENCE.

2 SLIDE PROJECTORS:

SLIDES MUST BE OF LOCAL LANDMARK STATUES.

AT LEAST, GO SLIDES Should BE AVAILABLE, DIFFERENT

ANGLES AND VIEWS OF THE SAME STATUE ARE DESIREABLE.

1 FILM PROSECTOR:

A 20 MINUTE FILM OF THE CITY OR LOCALITY WHERE
FESTIVAL HOUSE IS PLAYED MUST BE AVAILABLE. (WITHOUT
SOUNDTEACK) IT SITUULD SHOW THE CONDUCTOR DIRECTING VARIOUS
ENVIRONMENTAL PHENOMENA SUCH AS TRAFFIC, THE OCEAN, FLIGHTS
OF BIRDS, ANIMALS, PLANTS, WHAT EVER MOVES OR DOES NOT
MOVE IN THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT, THE CONDUCTOR SHOULD APPEAR

* SEE APPENDIX UN LIKELY PLACES.

THE ORCHESTRA AND CHORUS Should BE DISTRIBUTED IN MIXED

Choral AND INSTRUMENTAL GROUPS A THROUGHOUT THE AUDITORIUM OR SPACE, OR IN GROUPS WHICH ISEST FILL THE SPACE WITH SOUND.

THE 12 SOLDISTS REMAIN ON STACE IN A STRAIGHT LINE OR SEMI-CIRCLE DIVIDED EGOALLY ON EITHER SIDE OF THE CONDUCTOR. EACH SOLDIST MUST BE FRAMED BY A SEPARATELY CONTROLLED COHERENT LIGHT SOURCE Which DOES NOT SPILL ON TO ANOTHER SOLDIST. THE SOLDISTS NEED NOT SEE THE CONDUCTOR.

THE CONDUCTOR MUST FACE THE AUDIENCE ON A PLATFORM AT LEAST 8 FEET high. His Light should BE A FOOTLIGHT ATTACKED TO THE PLATFORM IN SUCH A WAY THAT HE CASTS A hose Shadow Toward BACKSTAGE, ALL ORCHESTRAL-ChoRAL GROUPS MUST BE ABLE TO SEE THE CONDUCTOR, EXCEPT THE SOLDISTS.

THE MIMES Should APPEAR ON PEDESTALS, EACH ONE LIT BY A SEPARATELY CONTROLLED COHERENT LIGHT SOURCE.

THE SLIDE SCREENS Should BE ABOVE THE PROSCENIUM Arch 1= possible.

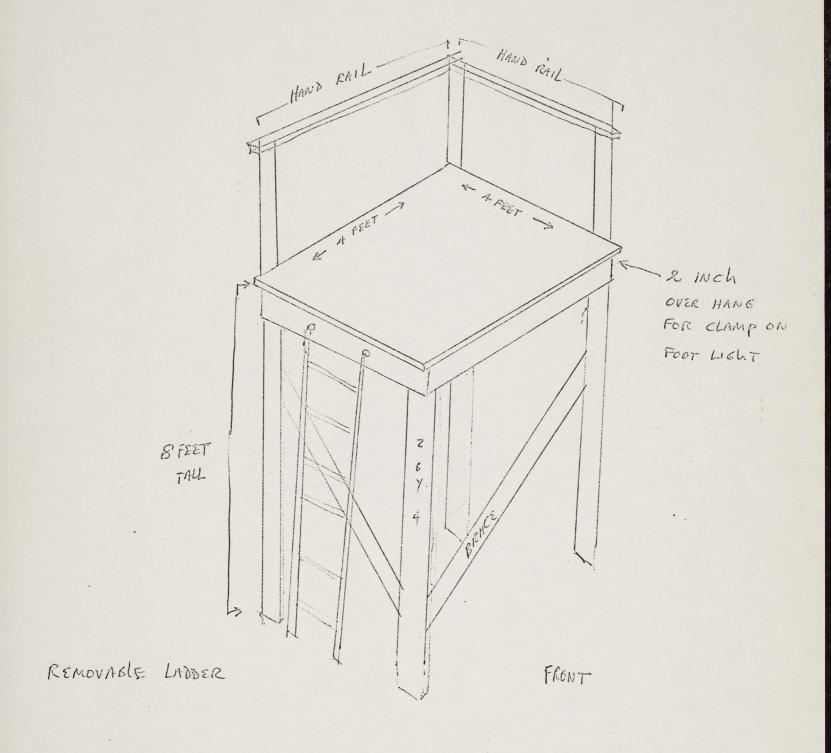
The Film screen should BE hong From the conductor's PLATFORM.

THE LIGHT ON EACH INDIVIDUAL MAY BE VERY LOW LEVEL; BUST INTENSE ENOUGH TO TRIGGER THE DESIRED EVENT, IN GENERAL THE LIVE FIGURES, SOLDISTS, MINES, CONDUCTOR SHOULD HAVE MOSTLY BLURRED PRESENCE WHILE SLIDES AND FILM ARE INcisive Ly CLEAR.

CONDUCTORS PODIUM

ELEVATED EIGHT FEET

FROM STAGE



ADD BRACES AS NECESSARY FOR SUPPORT MUD STEADINESS OR REVISE DESIGN. Festival House for Orchestra, Mimes and Light Projections was composed in July 1968. It is dedicated to Thomas Nee and was first performed by the New Hampshire Music Festival Orchestra under his direction in August 1968.

K was a member of Thomas Nee's festival orchestra and lived in the Festival House in Center Harbor, New Hampshire during the summers of 1962 and 1964. My impressions of the environment were deep and unforgettable.

The beginning of the Festival season was marked by the fourth of July and a town Independence Day parade featuring fire engines, Uncle Sam on stilts, a rag-tag band and smart American Revolutionaries. It passed by FestivalHouse and we orchestra members reviewed it from the balcony. In the evening we were treated to spectacular fireworks over Lake winnerpawsaukee.

Mornings were devoted to rehearsals, afternoons to individual practice and relaxation, evenings to concerts or visitations.

The area is rich in statuary of the 19th century - Community commemoration.

On the way to the rehearsal barn we always passed Kona; "Presented to Centre Harbor for Dumb Animals 1904 ". Legendary Indian figure of the area, a fountain flanked by the stereophony of lake reflected bird sounds and sun colored waters.

Sipping a deep purple grape soda from Minnie Nichols! general store, I listened and looked while musicians climbed for the high Cs.

In the summer of 1968 I was permitted to return to New Hampshire and paste up my memories. Festival House is a collage of the echoes of revolutionaries, statuary of the romantics, constant soundings of possible musical skills, illuminations and chordal glue.

The conductor is asked to select a chord from orchestral literature. The orchestra plays only this chord with durations, dynamics and articulations determined by the virtuosity of the conductor.

Each of twelve soloists from the orchestra is asked to play an etude or study piece for his instrument which he selects from 19th century French Conservatory literature.

The Mimes are asked to appear as revolutionaries from any period.

The slides show local statuary and the film is of local surroundings, in this case, La Jolla.

The orchestra is distributed throughout the performance area.

Festival House program notes Page 2

The conductor, each soloist and each mime is illuminated by a separately controlled, coherent light source which is a signal to perform.

The light score is prepared with timed sequences for the conductor, soloists, mimes, slides and film.

Pauline Oliveros

CIRCUITRY

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|----|---------------------------|--------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| a | SLOW | PPP | Short (choke) | ROLL OFF |
| в | SPEED UP AND/OR SLOW DOWN | AND/OR | GLISSANDO | STREET BEAT |
| C. | FAST | 555 | INDUCTION OR SUSTAIN | SINGLE STROKE ROLL |

EACH OF THE ABOVE TWELVE BOXES IS REPRESENTED BY

ONE LIGHT BULB. IN ADDITION TO THE TWELVE LIGHT BULBS

REPRESENTING THE SCORE, EACH PERCUSSIONIST HAS AN

INDICATOR LIGHT. LIGHT ON MEANS PLAY, LIGHT OFF

MEANS DON'T PLAY. IF LIGHT BULBS IQ, 20 AND 4Q

OF THE SCORE ARE ON, A SLOW, LOUD ROLL OFF

IS INDICATED. MORE THAN ONE LIGHT ON IN A VERTICAL

COLUMN INDICATES CHOICE. NO LIGHTS ON IN A VERTICAL

COLUMN INDICATES FREE CHOICE. ALL SCORE LIGHTS OFF

MEANS DO NOT PLAY.

Choice OF METAL, WOOD OR SKIN INSTRUMENTS AND MALLETS, STICKS, METAL BEATER, HANDS OR BOW IS FREE. DO NOT CHANGE INSTRUMENT OR COMBINATION OF INSTRUMENTS AND MAINTAIN TEMPO & OT C UNTIL INDICATOR LIGHT GOES

OFF OR SCORE LIGHTS CHANGE.

THE FIFTH PERCUSSIONIST DOES NOT READ THE SCORE
BUT PLAYS EITHER TAZZ, ROCK AND ROLL OR DIXIELAND
WHEN HIS INDICATOR LIGHT IS ON. THE TEMPO RANGES
FROM SLOW TO FAST, BUT ONCE SELECTED IS STEADY.
THE OTHER FOUR PLAYERS SHOULD HAVE EQUAL RESOURCES.

PAULINE OLIVEROS

Supplies AND EQUIPMENT

| 1. | VOLTAGE CONTROLLED ELECTRONIC MUSIC MODULES | |
|----|--|---------|
| | | 1800 |
| | 2 QUAD VOLTAGE CONTROLLED AMPLIFIERS | 760 |
| | Mixen (2 bunk 3 in + 10 in VC) | 700 |
| | ENVELOPE GENERATOR (1 QUAD V.C. +1 QUAD) | 960 |
| | Power supply | 100 |
| | CABINET | 100 |
| | WHITE NOISE GENERATOR | 420 |
| | | |
| 2. | 6 EEG preamplifiers | 600 |
| 3. | TEKTRONIX EQUIPMENT | |
| | 5103 N/DI3 STORAGE OSCILLOSCOPE COURT BEAM |) 1,370 |
| | 58 ION TIME BASE | 175 |
| | 5A 14N FOUR TRACE AmplifiER | 575 |
| | | |
| 4, | Mise. supplies (Electrones, Electronic prats, | #1000 |
| | RECONDING TAPE ETC) | |
| | | \$8,560 |

Input Interface Box Signal Processing Channels for EEG Hen. Lo Pass: 24db/Octave fc= 5,7,10,14,20,28,40,56 HZ switch in/out jacks for separate use Hi Pass : 24db/Octave fe = 1.2, 1.7, 2.5, 3.5, 5, 7, 14 HZ Amplifier: Switchable gain: 1,2,5,10,20,100
Integrating Threshold gate: Controls for level 97
Small V.U. moter in each channel for monetering.

Preamps for AR input

Controls for Gain & D.C. offset

Monutes meter for each preamp

Integrating Threshold Gate for each Preamp

General Purpose Preamps
Gain: 0 > 60db D.C. > 20 K HZ
Each preamp how meter + integrating threshold go 10ea

Envelope Followers (analog) IZV pk in for + 10 V out, leneitents 97 controls 4 ea

Digital Frequency -> Voltage Converters 7 bit
Resolution: 0.15 % lowest octave
1 % next octave
low freq limit switchable: 0.1, 0.5, 1, 5, 10, 50, 100,
500, HZ 200 Can be surtched to become staircare generator

all inputs phone jack thru panel at cabnet rear all outputs miniphone 11 bancouna at lower front Umbiliele for control voltages to Control Processing Supermodule Umbiliele for signals to Signal Routing Module

poruer ampo.

Gea Integrating Threshold Gate : Doubles as monosto ble multivibrator. Threshold control is 0-2 V I may be external or internal. June constant is adjustable 10ms > 10s Trigger Délays: Give fact pulse a delayed time 6 ea after leading edge of input pulse. Delay 100s->0,19 4 ea Voltage Controlled Clocks: 2 ranges 50HZ > 0.05 HZ 4 500 -> 0.5 HZ. Exp control voltage: 1V/octave. Lawtorth 9 square out. Simultaneous internal & external control
Digital "And" gates: 4 input. may be switched to 3 or 2 in
Digital "Or" gates: 4 input, with invested output
Inverters: Functions as linear or digital. Converts 8 ea 8 ea Sea 0->+13 V to +13V to Zero 8 ea Flip Flops: S, R, & Clock inputs; Q, Q outputs. May Logic Controlled Village Scores : 8,5-K flys Alges, sach with 2 pots at the a controlled The Two sets of 8 voltages are summed there a comming amp. Thus when any stage is "on" it produces a control to the transmission of the control of the contro Z 0a a point rollinge at lack, 4 the stunding inter Each stage our be operated in action election toggle modes. Also each estage can de operate seither independently order an including hoods which sets all atil, styles to off Each stage has any bort" gate preaeding its critical impat.
The original summing amplifies have as yell
control so that the 2 pots of last, letter
control of the 0 710 V. 4 ea 4 Stage Ripple Counters: Each etage has bet and Resoft inputs + Q & & outjeuts. Each, group has a clock input. The groups may be placed in series by a switch which allows the 1 st stage of a group to accept its input from of the last stage of the preceeding group instead 2 ea Voltage Controled - N Country. 12N/10. N'is controled by an analog control voltage between 1910 V. Sing digit moniter to determine N. Control Voltage Processing Box (Cont.)

2 ca Staircase Generators: 7 bit with analog output
8 ca Sample 9 Hold Circuits: Voltage Range 0 → +10 V
1 ca % Time / Time Indicator: I wo digit readout. Lample
time: 10 sec, 30 sec, 1 min. analog output voltage
0 → +10 V = 0 → 100%. Also analog output voltage
corresponding to difference in reading between process
7 previous periods.
2 ca Very Lo: Low Bass Filters: fc = 0.01, 0.02, 0.05, 0.1,
0.2, 0.5, 91 HZ
4 ca 4 input, D.C. coupled mixers. With inverted out
4 0 → 10 V D.C. offset control. 6 v = 20 db max

all Digital Functions have lights to monite state Control outgets from Interface box are brought out at the top of the Processing Box. all connections with Banamna Plugs.

Audio Signal Generating/Mochtying Box . · 4 ea V.C.O.s Exponential control voltage. Fixed injust control voltage + attenuator on I control in. all other ing are l'V/actave. 2 ranges 15HZ > 15KHZ & O, 15HZ-0 utput levels are ±2.5V px leopt square & pulse are :0 > +13 V. attenuators on all outputs. V. C. pulse wielth modulation or internal control. 4 ea V.C.O.s Linear Control Voltage: sino, square outputs atherwise same as above.
V. C. transient generators: Voltage control of rise, initial decay, on and full times. Exponential control voltage. All times variable in 2 ranges 10 ms = 10 sec. 2 modes: 2 ea external on time or internal on time with locker lockout = generator cannot be retriggered on reset tentil entire cycle is complete. 8 ea VCA / transient generator combinations 2 ea 4 quadrant multipliers. May be AC or DC coupled. Moniter VU meter with switch. gain controls on imput. 7 ea Z-ero crossing detector, with variable lystees of stage frequency doubles. A.C. coupled, cuts off at 0.5 HZ. Stages may be used independently on in series. V. V. meter. V. C. filters: Lopass (12db/at), Hi Pass (12db/at) or Bandyass (6db/oct on each side). With 200 voltage controled resonance. Knob Controled Lo Pass filters 12db/octave Continuos varible 20KHZ > 200HZ on 2KHZ > 20 HZ. W. 2 ea resonance control. all inputs 9 outputs paralled miniplione & bananna. Unbilical chord connects to input interface lox & output surtching lox.

Yea EEG Prearyes: Gv = 50, 100, 500 D.C. → 100 HZ Differential input. Hi CMRR. Battery operated

Period: 1005, 1000, 1000, 1000, 0.1 sec F.S.

3er Durl Regulated Power supplies 215 V @ 500 ma. 0.1% Reg

1. analog equipment i.e. synthesizes modules \$2000 Important to get his quality, "state of the art equipment. Desirable to have V.C. of tembre and V.C. envelope gens. V.C.D.s (with V.C. timbre) V.C. A.s on V.C. mixero attack generatures: v.c. attacke & decay times et ad infin. 2. I echnicians soltary: of \$3/hr half time: \$100/week, \$430 mo quarter true: 50/week, 215 mo 3. Misc budget account for \$ 1000 a) electronic supplies b) phone call, 'x erox etc c) research supplies tape, eletrodes etc Mini Computer with associated equipment i'e a) the with paper tage reader \$ 5000 b) D/A and A/D converters c) C.R.T. ete a.d.

| 10,000 -> | 5,000 | mini computer |
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| | 2,000 | technician |
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| 5,000 -> | 2,000 | tech. |
| | 2,000 | analog equip |
| | 1,000 | misc supplies |
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Tape 48 rolls of 1200/t at 3.00 ea.

Typist

Heath kit

200.00

Alpha preamps electrodes ite 600.00

Bruce Forkner Voltage controlled dinimer Lights and optics 2 to 6 Nepha trainers

tragger inputs each channel with vitage controlled and variable woltage for attack sustain decay time also program mable.

White moise generator (Buchla) Filters Resonant 10 channels?

morisetts Equipment for Sonic Rossbach

Set Sonic meditation Setting- Light environment Minimum Components

Power Supply

Oscillators (4 dual)

Veas or VC Mixen (2 quad)

Mixen (2 dual 3in + 10in vc) (700) 3

Emulope Gen (1 quad v.c. +1 quad) 960

\$ 44420.

- O Custom; not buella
- 2) Prepackaged,:, not bulla
- 3 in misers plus a 10 input muxes within 1 months.
- 9 Allother modules are Buchla 200 series delivery time 1 > 2 months

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How will this grant be administered.

SETTINGS FOR CONTROL VOLTAGES

ATTACK GENERATOR I:

- 1) short attack
- 2) decay length setting determines case of turning-on tope delay [ie: "090" = easy (short alpha); "10090" = hard (long alpha)]
- 3) trigger length (hote duration inoperable)

LEVEL DETECTOR:

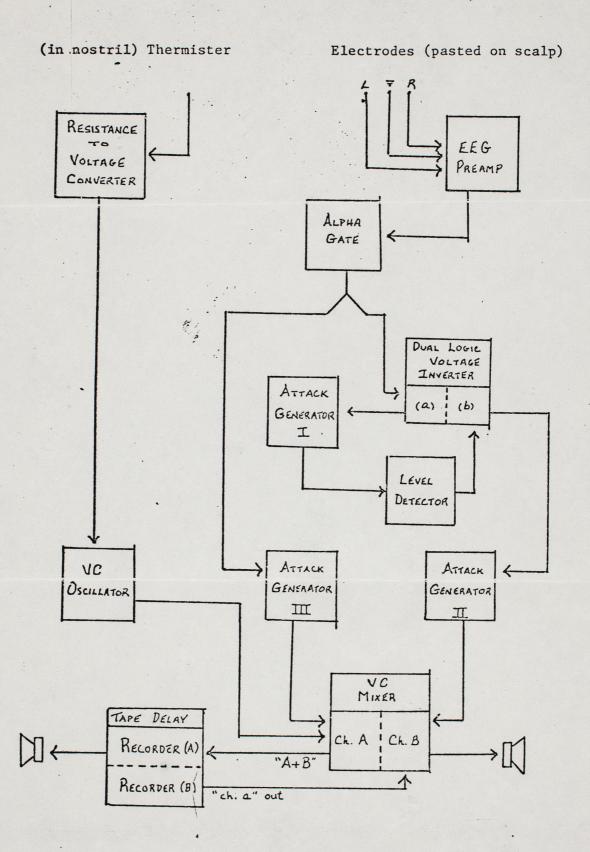
Best at 12100 (delay easier do trigger to the right, harder to left) ATTACK GENERATOR II:

- i) short attack
- 2) short decay
- 3) internel control: note duration defermince how long decay stays on

ATTACK GENERATOR III:

- 1) Short attack
- 2) +2:00 decay
- 3) brigger length (duration determined by tureshold and time constant settings)

Bio-feedback/Buchla Patch



Circuitry For Percussion

Feed back

Triggers: Frequency, Amplitude of Jslayers sound signals. Temperature of player, Temperature of environment, Humidity of environment, Heart rate, body movements, Light, preset triggers

Pre-program - hight sky (Current) for fre set program. Tunie lights go on and off and what order.

What is triggered: 12 score lights in all possible combinations. Rate of on and off. and from 1 to 12 simultaneously.

Also a mumber of stage lights and prosectors. (Slides and Film) and preset program triggers. 5 stand lights on and off time, attack and decay

5 stand lights on and off time, attack and decay time. Synchronous heart to beat causes huge flash.

Festival House

Feed back triggers: Conductor, heartrate, temperature, body movement. Solvists, Frequency, amplitude of sound signals. Immes, body movement

What is triggered: Pre set triggers, 18 separate coherent light sources lighting individually:
12 solvists, 1 conductor, 5 mimes 2 slide profectors, 1 16 mm film projector.
On and off time decay and attack trine

Pre-set triggers frogramed from external information such as the weather conditions, phase of the moon, the current night sky, the stock market or any other such information.

Any part of each program open for manual, feedback or pre-set control.

Bis rhythms or Near t beat could directly control low intensity stage lights. or projector Biofud back fortentials

High amplitude alpha burst triggers brilliant flash. howest be un usually high in relation to "normal alpha" Emvironment fluctuates with other parameters such as temperature of GSR. Environment meaning light and bound. A group could be instrumented so that some produced fitch changes some influenced light changes and at some from a brilliant flash. Some how visitors plugged into this on going experience.

heed voltage controlled duriner single foulse voltage controlled strobe. What kind of attack and decay time on lamps. heed oscilloscope monitor

Phase relation ships

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