

The Conductor



FOG
MACHINE

STAGE
LIGHTS

THUNDER
RUMBLERS



TUBULAR
BELLS



GONG



ORCHESTRAL
BASS



TIMPANI
SMALL



TIMPANI
LARGE



SURDO



SURDO
NAPA



TOMS



SNARE



RAINBOW



MIRAGE



POLAR
AURORA



LUNAR
CORONA



FOG
BOW



WHITE
DEW



CLEAR
ICE



HOAR
FROST



GLAZE



SECONDS

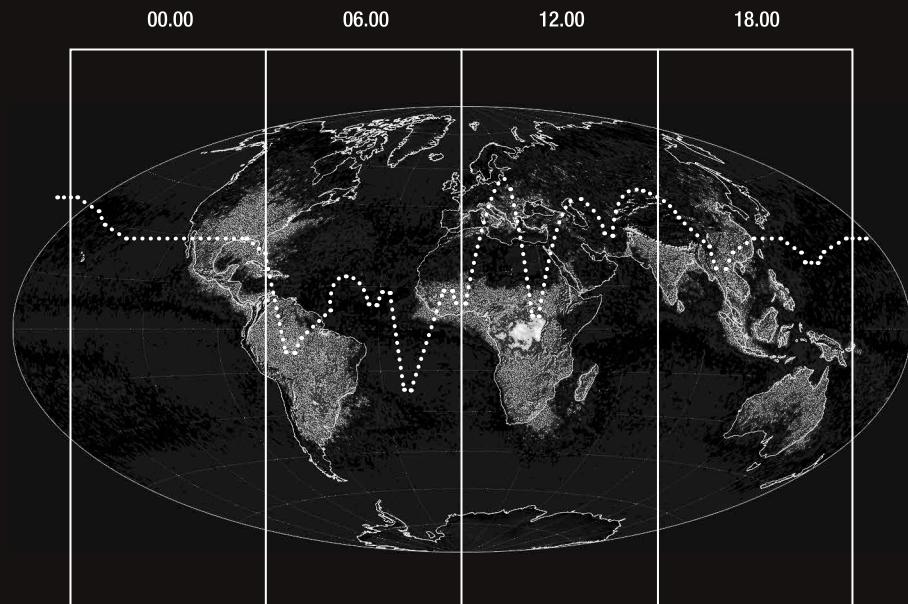
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Mishka Henner

Salford, Mon 15 April
Scattered showers, broken clouds



Temp 9 / 6 °C
Humidity 66%
Barometer 004 mbar

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The Conductor was developed between February 2023 and May 2024 with a team of musicians, sound artists, acoustics engineers, and costume designers as part of an artist's residency at Energy House 2.0 at the University of Salford.

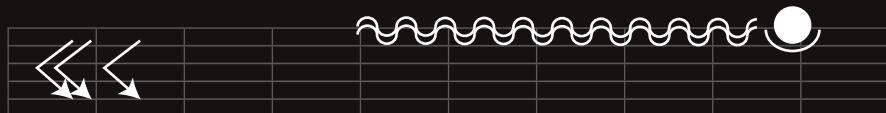
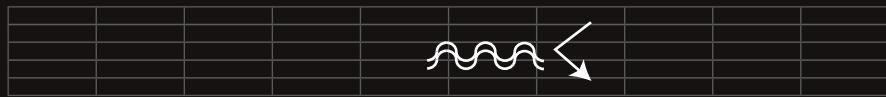
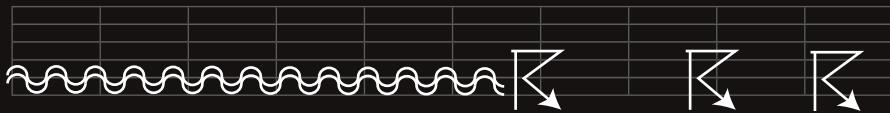
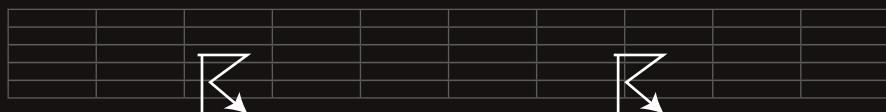
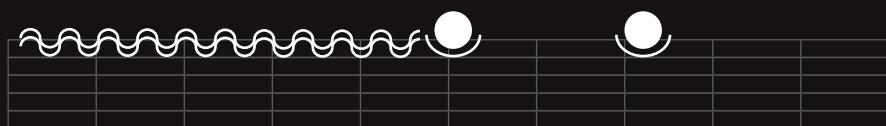
The Energy House is a remarkable engineering project which attempts to channel extreme planetary climate conditions into two purpose-built chambers, helping designers develop new forms of low carbon and net zero housing for the future.

The Conductor echoes the Energy House by channelling all the world's lightning strikes through a single percussionist performing inside a reverberation chamber at the University's Acoustics Laboratories. Responding to live data from the Blitzortung network of over 10,000 lightning sensors across six continents, the percussionist bangs a drum each time a strike is recorded. The result is a unique physical and sonic event that viscerally connects audiences to planetary climate events.

The first public performance of *The Conductor* took place at the Sounds From the Other City Festival on 5 May 2024. This graphic score captures a rehearsal on the 15 April, in which the percussionist Jennifer Walinetski played a range of orchestral bass drums, tubular bells, timpani, surdo drums, toms, gongs, and snares. The piece opened with a single strike of a tubular bell and closed with the strike of a gong.

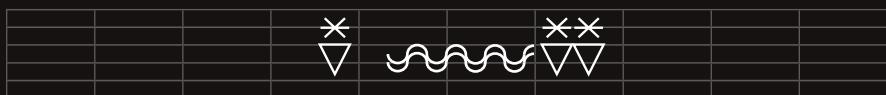
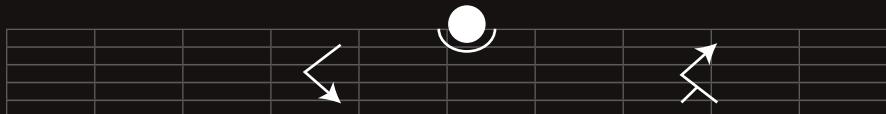
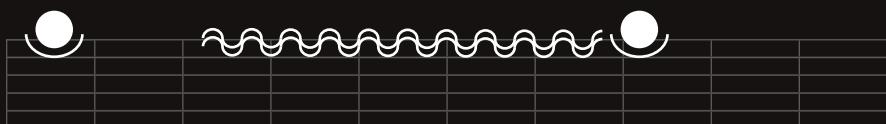


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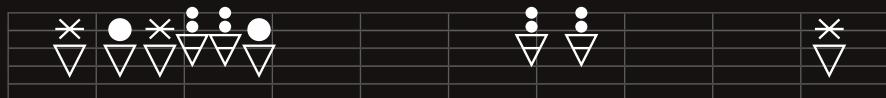
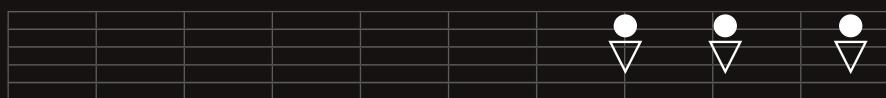
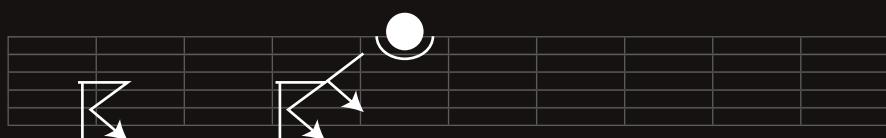
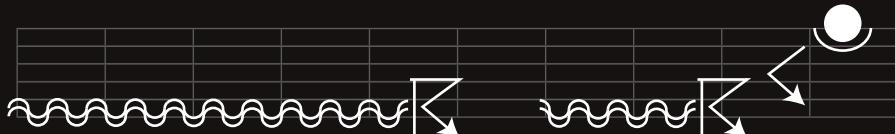


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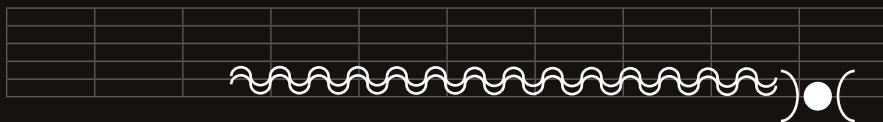
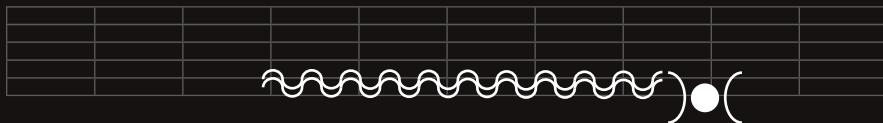
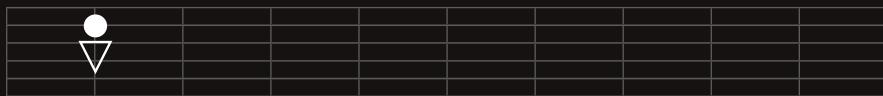
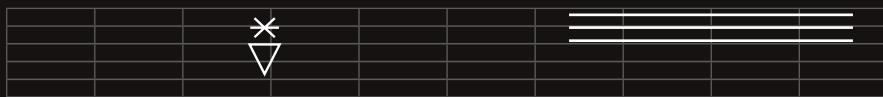
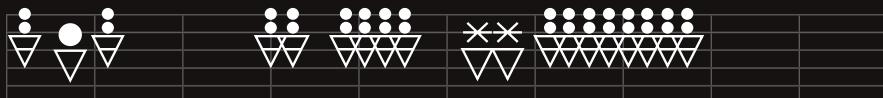
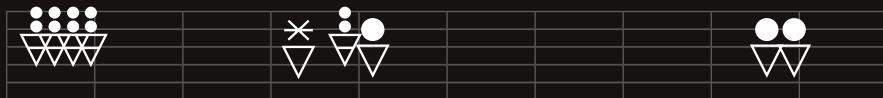


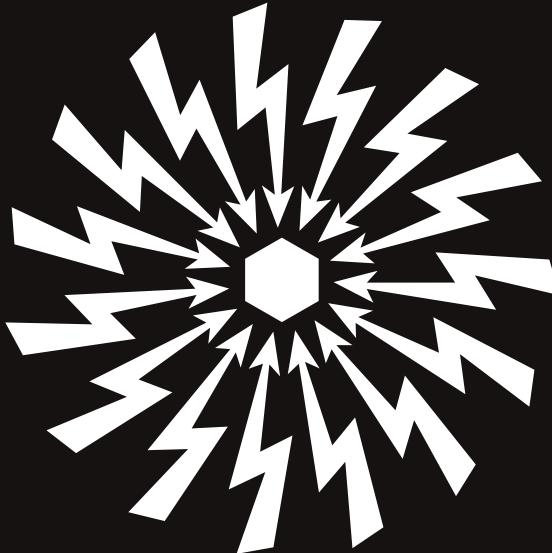
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