

Meditations

Exercising Perspective
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Project

- **Personal Music Methodology, World Rhythm Arrangements**
 - “Audiobook” Authorship
 - Open-Source Templates
 - Informed Musicianship

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Audiobook Authorship

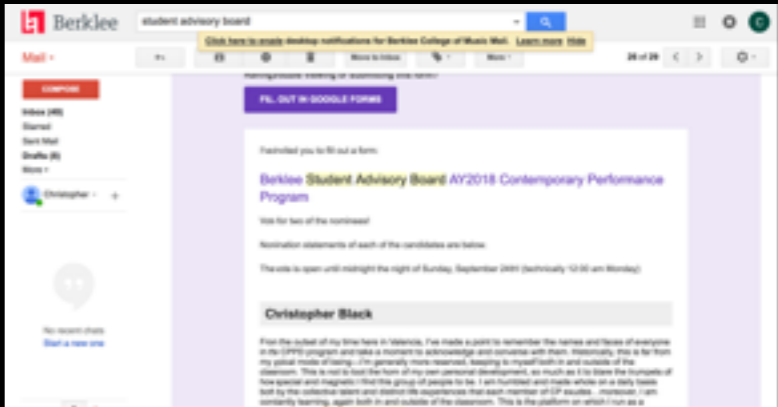
- Reimagine audiobook: music tells a story as much as words do
- Pairing with lyrical content, letters sonic collage

Letters

SMS with HNISA-VC
10/28/17, 10:03 AM
H. V. Consuelo. Recuerde su cita el dia 30/10/17 a las 16.00 con el Dr. GALVEZ CARRASCO, ANTONIO. Consulta: N 20 3a PL Edificio: HOSPITAL

Not to get our hopes up but I just spoke with a different doctor here who's telling me something significantly different from previous diagnoses
Sent him my blood work and he's gonna get back to me

SMS with Better2Know
9/4/17, 4:00 PM
Dear Christopher, A booking has been made at Valencia - Ciutat Vella - Clinica Magna Salud - Calle San Vicente Martir 52. Entrepanta,Valencia,46002 on 5th September, 2017 at 10:00.



10/6/17, 10:20 AM
Yo, ayer you okay?
Are *
Yes mang thanks for checking. Was gonna be way too late, taking care of some errands instead
You got me worried bro lol



They only do it at the clinic from like 8:30-10 or maybe 10:30...basically you have to meet with doctor dickhead, he writes a script for the test, then you walk down the hall and get your blood drawn. Test comes back in 2 days, all free with Mapfre insurance. I'm going tomorrow first thing and am going to ask all about the different blood tests etc, the last test results I got back were super nebulous. Also have the names of a couple alternative potentials, hopefully a specialist...gonna speak with my mom shortly who's been looking into it, will keep you posted

Okay, late to this...this is silly beyond silly...doctor after doctor after doctor...American and Spanish alike have told you that you don't know...it's not maybe, it's not sorta...they KNOW when they see it...they are not guessing or wondering, they have seen THOUSANDS of cases...you don't have it, please stop, and focus on something else...stare at a cloud or anything long enough and it will look like whatever you can imagine it could look like...

Mom
Chris, you are funding correlations that are simply coincidental
Chris, that's not true. Doctors would tell you. It would be a breach of their Hippocratic oath and malpractice for them not to tell you

5/9/18, 2:46 AM
Guys, issue...I recently had a [redacted] At the same time that it has healed up, the [redacted] seem to have improved as well. I'm concerned there's a correlation, and that the [redacted] have finally reacted down [redacted] 5/9/18, 2:46:21 AM
been called to action [redacted]

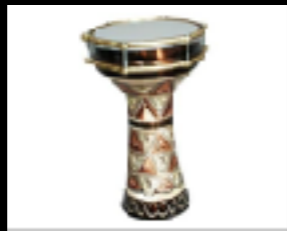
He said I've been exposed [redacted]...it's confusing to me as well tbh, gonna try to see him this week and go with the results from this morning

9/7/17, 6:22 PM
Your Results are now ready for PIN 3411174 To view these results login using the details previously provided. Please call 800.810.063 with any questions.

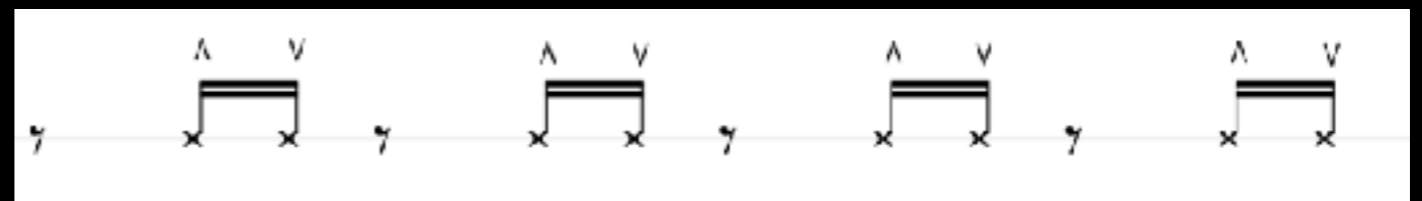
10/30/17, 4:43 PM
Doc said I'm clean and it's all been in my head (things we already knew)...he more or less yelled this at me as if to ask: "why have you come to my office and wasted my goddamn time"

Middle Eastern Arrangement

- Wahid



- Riq Variation



“Validation”

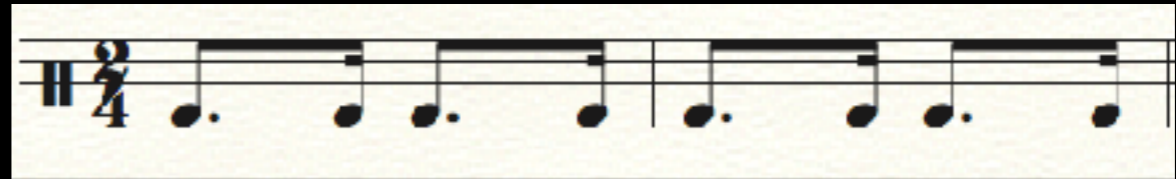
Open-Source Templates

- Malleable via loops
- Maximalism through Minimalism
- Creative, collaborative, practical tool

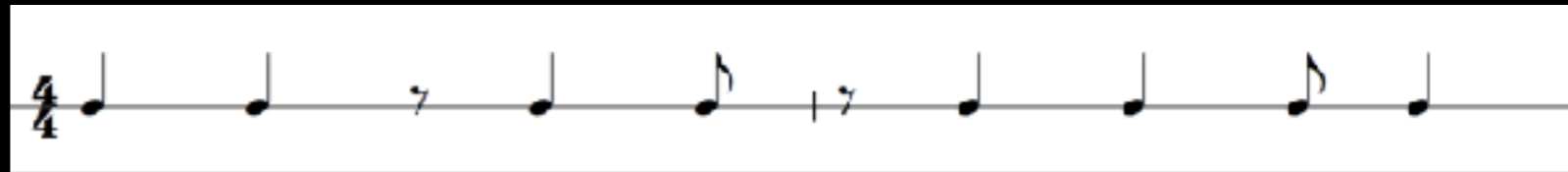


Samba Arrangement

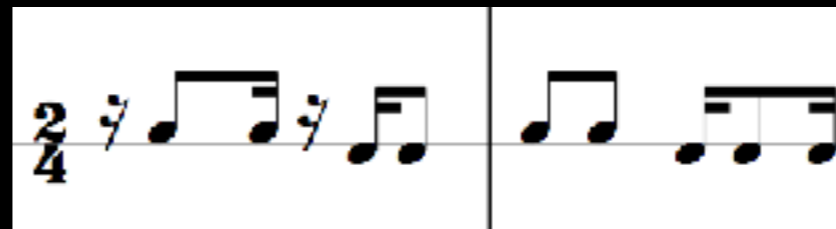
- Surdo



- Clave (Tamborim)



- Agogo



Cuba Arrangement

- Clave (3-2 Rumba)



- Cowbell



- Timbales (Cascara 3-2)



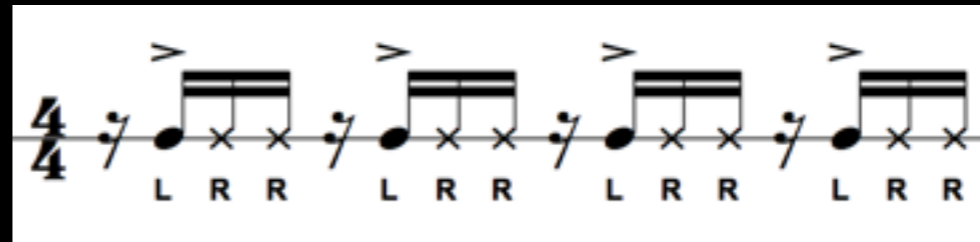
Informed Musicianship

- Exploration of rhythms, incorporation into my playing
- Expanded groove vocabulary, deepening my relationship to rhythm and pulse

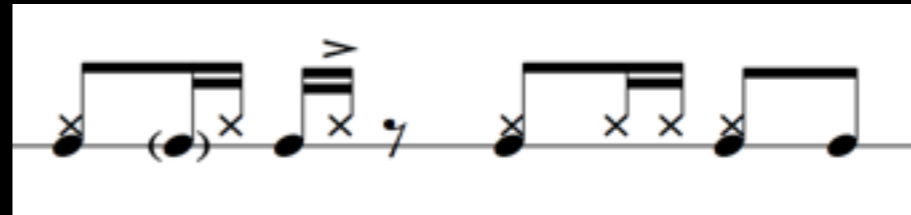
Candombe Arrangement



- Chico



- Plano



- Clave



- Repique



Final Thoughts / Professional Plan

- Growth as Musician, Artist, Producer
- Project I can take with me
- Performance Development and Execution
- Continued Studies

“Thank you.”

–Chris Black