

THE LISTENING SNAIL

For The Pines String Ensemble

Listen to the left

Listen to the right

Listen to your friends

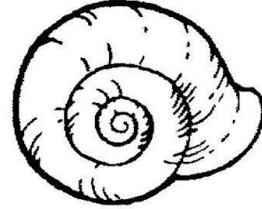
Listen to the sky

Listen to a place you love

Listen to the night

The little snail will whisper

Everything you find



REHEARSAL 1

1. Begin by saying each line together. Repeat the line with your voices until you find its natural rhythm. Repeat the rhythm with your instruments. Play the rhythm of the whole song with your instruments.
2. For each line, ask – should this sound high or low? Should this line move around or should it stay still? Where does this line go? Choose pitches to add to your rhythms.
3. Play the whole song through with your rhythm and your pitches.
4. Everyone choose a line to take home. This will be your listening challenge. Follow the line's direction and write down everything you hear. Bring your notes to the next rehearsal.

REHEARSAL 2

1. Share the sounds you found. Find ways to recreate those sounds on your instruments.
2. Play your Snail song, but this time leave a gap of 4 counts between each line. You will fill these gaps with the sounds you made.
3. You may choose to notate your piece to remember its structure.

PERFORM

Perform 'The Listening Snail' in many spaces.

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