

River's Vertebrae

Date: Sunday, June 21st (9:00-9:50 a.m.)

Locations: Webster Ave., Ashland Ave., & Rio Bridges

Imagine a bridge spanning a river as a vertebra, and three bridges are three of the river's vertebrae. Braided River, divided into three sections, will perform *River's Vertebrae* on three bridges on the Chicago River's north branch on June 21st, as part of Make Music Chicago 2015.

Directions: Braided River is divided into three sections; each of which is on a bridge that spans the north branch of the Chicago River.* Section One (S1) is on the Ashland Ave. Bridge, Section Two (S2) is on the Rio Bridge, and Section Three (S3) is on the Webster Ave. Bridge. Listen to the other musicians in your section, and listen to your soundscape—including biophony, the sounds of the river, sounds of vehicles passing over the bridge you're on, nearby and distant urban sounds. Also follow the structure outlined below:

9:00-9:07	S1 plays. S2 & S3 tacit.	Begin quietly, with long tones. Dynamics can build.
9:07-9:14	S2 plays. S1 & S3 tacit.	“ “ “
9:14-9:21	S3 plays. S1 & S3 tacit.	“ “ “
9:21-9:33	All three sections perform, listening intently.	
9:33-9:36	Tacit.	
9:36-9:44	S3 plays.	Intermittent sounds, playing off other section members.
9:39-9:47	S2 plays.	“ “ “
9:42-9:50	S1 plays.	“ “ “

Braided River section locations:

- S1: Josh Beatty (tenor saxophone), Jeff Kowalkowski (percussion) & Natalia Nicole Nicholson (guitar, vocals)
- S2: Roger Carroll (tenor saxophone), Dan Godston (cornet) & Sara Zalek (moroccan drum, voice, volca, toy theramin, quacubas)
- S3: Spencer Hutchinson (alto saxophone), Tim Bonbonfera Keenan (drums) & Joe Vajarsky (tenor saxophone)

Score by Dan Godston: dangodston.com/blog/rivers-vertebrae.