

### The Potbelly Hill Program Notes:

The Potbelly Hill, “Göbekli Tepe” in Turkish, is a 12.000 years old temple atop a mountain ridge in south-eastern part of Turkey. It is the oldest religious site yet discovered anywhere. This fascinating temple influenced the piece in many layers: 4 temple circles of the site are depicted in 4 sections in the piece according to their imaginary functions during a religious ceremony. In the piece, noises are colored with complex sounds, which are connected through the similar multi-phonic contents of cello, bass clarinet and the piano. These are also reinforced with human voice, where all the players sing, hum and whistle in order to give the human-pray aspect of the temple, besides the noisy environment of the ancient world.