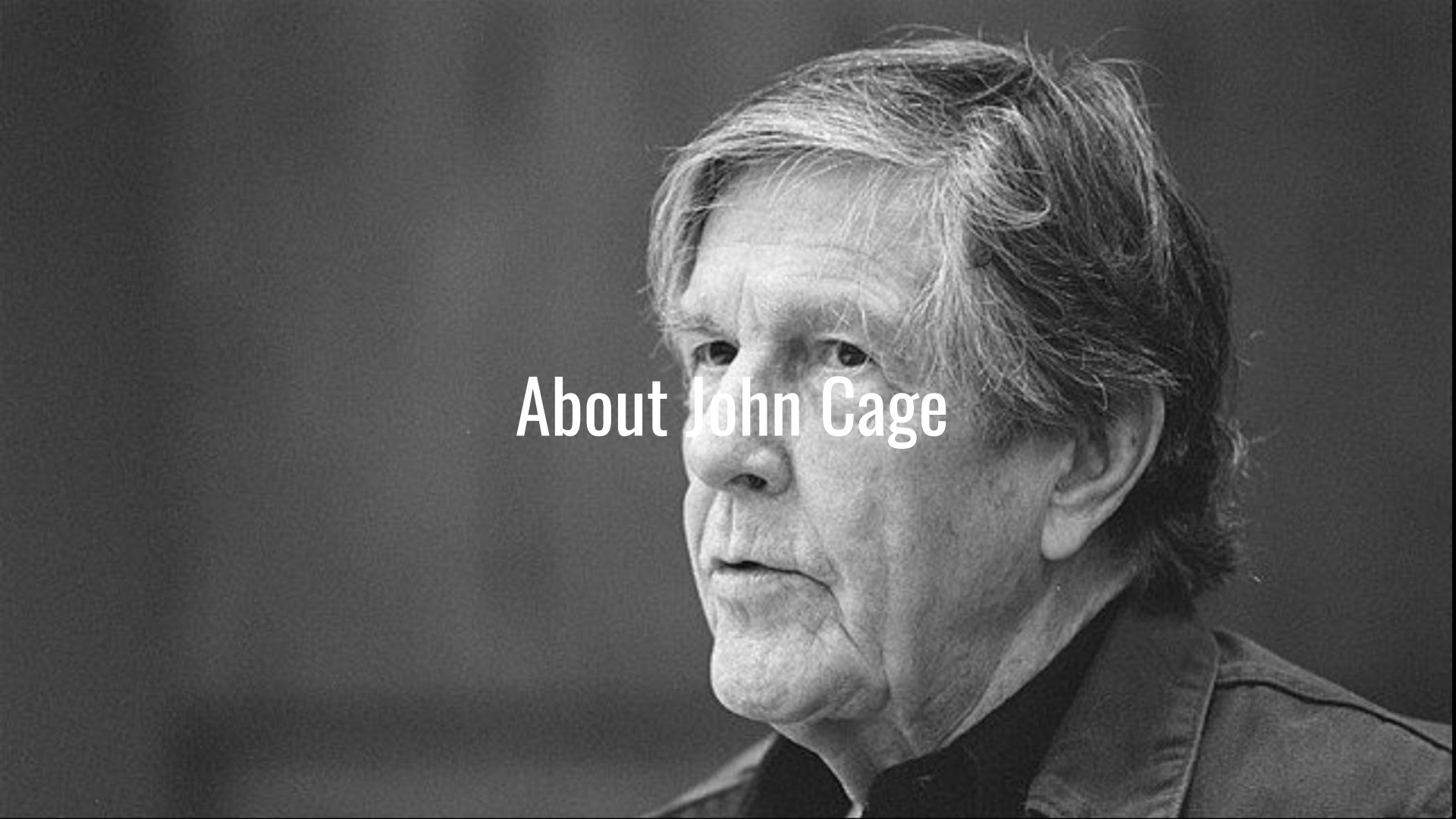


Let me perform something:

Thoughts?

A black and white portrait of John Cage, an older man with short, light-colored hair, looking slightly to the left. The background is dark and out of focus. The text "About John Cage" is overlaid in white, sans-serif font across the center of the image.

About John Cage

American Experimentalist

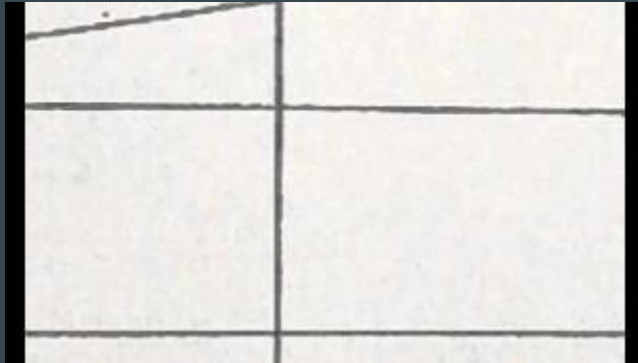
An experimenter of sound

- Born in 1912.
- One of the most influential figures in the American Avant-Garde.
- Influences from East Asian cultures.
- Philosophies often challenge pre-existing notions of music

4'33"

- Composed in 1952
- In three movements/sections:
 - Movement 1: 33 seconds
 - Movement 2: 2 minutes and 40 seconds
 - Movement 3: 1 minute and 20 seconds.
- Cage instructs the performer(s) not to play anything and to remain silent throughout the performance.
- Contrary to popular opinion, NOT about silence

What instrument is this?



About the Prepared Piano

Non-piano sounds

On piano instruments

- Prepared piano: “Preparing” the piano by inserting random household items in between the strings.
- Expansion of timbral palette of the piano

Activity!

Groups



Group 1: **Jarring
Sounds**

Group 2: **Quiet
Sounds**

Group 3:
**Mysterious
Sounds**

♩ = 80

Piano

5

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♩ = 60

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Discussion