for Rob Power and Ed Squires

















Twin Crusaders

for duo percussion

Presented to Rob Power and Ed Squires on the occasion of Sound Symposium 2012

This piece is emphasizes the feet and takes the shape of a shared journey. Paces vary when walking with someone else: speeding up and slowing down together in a beautiful unconscious choreographed dance. It's often fun to travel light and take just what is in your hands so you can cut and run at any moment. This piece is inspired by the West African and South Indian journeys of my close friend, Curtis Andrews, whose name re-arranged spells Twin Crusaders. If you walk a long way and dread the trip back, call Co-Op Cabs at 726-6666 or just play the last measure of this piece.

Performance notes:

- 1. Kick drums should sound noticeably different from each other, either in pitch or timbre. A floor tom with pedal attached might suffice for one kick drum.
- 2. Similarly, left foot could be substituted with any instrument that works, again keeping each player on a different sound. Cowbell and woodblock are just suggestions.
- 3. The repeated sections are intended to be very open so that players can give each other a cue to move on. However, feel free to set the number of repeats. Some repeated sections are designed as 'rest poses' to prepare for the next section and should be longer than others based on the players discretion. In particular, the opening, letter I, the improvised sections, the 'tala' sections (M & N) stretching out is encouraged.