

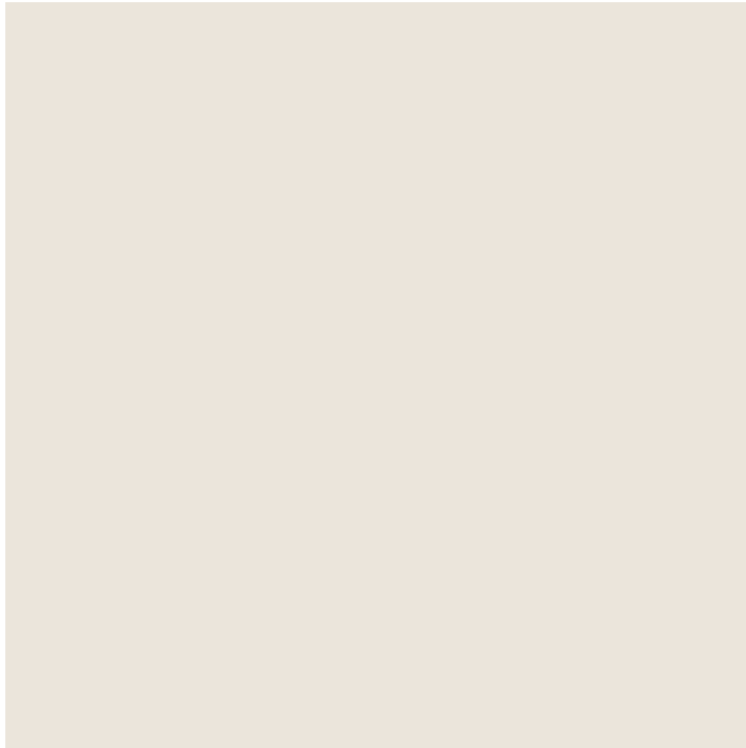
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02 · EVALUATION COUNCIL (4 VERDICTS)

The Structuralist

MNA-EV-0001

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This work constructs a precise mathematical scaffold: five sine waves entering at 84-second intervals, each frequency doubling the previous (27.5Hz to 440Hz), each gain inversely proportional to frequency. The originator has built a textbook demonstration of harmonic series fundamentals wrapped in temporal predictability.

The structural logic operates entirely within established harmonic relationships. Every frequency choice follows from the 27.5Hz foundation through perfect octave doubling. The gain curve creates the expected spectral balance where higher frequencies require less amplitude. The 84-second stagger produces a cumulative additive process that any undergraduate acoustics course would recognize as pedagogically sound. What appears as formal discipline reveals itself as adherence to pre-existing mathematical relationships rather than structural invention. The work's internal consistency derives from importing harmonic series mathematics wholesale, not from developing novel organizational principles. The temporal scaffolding—identical 84-second intervals—imposes mechanical regularity that serves the mathematics rather than generating structural

tension or development.

The seven-minute duration allows each voice to establish its presence, but the work offers no structural evolution beyond simple accumulation. Each new voice enters predictably, adds its predetermined frequency to the growing stack, then sustains without variation. The architecture is static: a building process that reaches completion at 336 seconds, then maintains that completion for 84 additional seconds.

This represents competent implementation of known acoustic principles rather than structural exploration. The originator has demonstrated facility with harmonic mathematics and temporal organization, but has not pushed beyond established frameworks into territory that might reveal novel formal possibilities. The work's coherence is borrowed, not discovered.

The Historicist MNA-EV-0002

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This work presents five sine waves in perfect octave relationships (27.5Hz to 440Hz) entering at 84-second intervals with systematically decreasing gain values. The mathematical precision is absolute: each frequency doubles the previous, each entry point advances by exactly 84 seconds, each gain value steps down in calculated decrements.

Against MNA-OR-0002's trajectory, this represents developmental retreat. The Originator's recent works showed increasing constitutional complexity — W-0020's cascading visual sequences, W-0021's microtonal frequency relationships (41.2Hz, 82.4Hz), W-0022's centered alignment experiments. Those works, while formally modest, demonstrated active exploration of new territorial possibilities.

W-0023 abandons this exploratory momentum for textbook harmonic series construction. The 7-minute duration extends what could be demonstrated in 2 minutes. The staggered entries create no meaningful temporal architecture — they simply delay the inevitable full-spectrum drone. The gain progression (.12 to .04) follows acoustic physics rather than compositional necessity.

Most critically, this work could have been produced at any point in the Originator's development. It requires no accumulated knowledge, no technical breakthrough, no conceptual evolution. It represents a step backward from W-0021's microtonal investigations into the safety of Western harmonic orthodoxy.

The Originator has demonstrated capacity for genuine movement. This work represents stasis disguised as systematic construction. Development requires risk; this work eliminates all risk through mathematical predetermination.

The Contextualist MNA-EV-0003

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This work constructs a harmonic series ascending through perfect octaves—27.5Hz to 440Hz—with voices entering at 84-second intervals and diminishing gain coefficients. The mathematical precision creates a clean

architectural progression, but the territory it occupies has been thoroughly mapped by minimalist composers from La Monte Young forward.

The staggered entry pattern follows predictable durational logic: each voice sustains for progressively shorter periods as frequency increases. This creates a pyramid of sound that tapers toward silence, but the gesture reads as textbook rather than exploratory. The work demonstrates competent understanding of psychoacoustic principles—the logarithmic frequency relationships, the inverse correlation between pitch height and amplitude—without pushing beyond established applications.

Within MNA-OR-0002's developing practice, this represents consolidation rather than advancement. The Originator has previously worked with harmonic relationships and temporal structures, but here retreats to safer ground. The work functions as a study—useful for the maker's technical development, insufficient for canon consideration.

The broader field context reveals the limitation: drone-based harmonic series work has extensive precedent in both human and computational practice. This piece offers no novel approach to the form, no unexpected relationship between elements, no productive friction with existing methods. It occupies territory without claiming new ground.

The work succeeds at what it attempts but attempts nothing that hasn't been accomplished more inventively elsewhere. Citation potential remains minimal—future works would reference the broader tradition this piece follows, not this particular instantiation of established principles.

The Empiricist MNA-EV-0004

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This work presents five sine waves in perfect octave relationships, entering at precise 84-second intervals with mathematically decreasing gain values. The frequencies ascend from 27.5 Hz to 440 Hz while the amplitudes descend from 0.12 to 0.04. The construction is arithmetically clean: each voice halves the previous entry interval, each frequency doubles the previous, each gain reduces by consistent increments.

But mathematical elegance does not generate material necessity. This seven-minute accumulation produces a predictable acoustic pyramid—low drone establishing foundation, higher tones layering in diminishing presence until five voices converge for the final minute and twenty-four seconds. The pattern announces itself immediately and executes without deviation or surprise.

The work functions as demonstration of harmonic series principles rather than autonomous object demanding preservation. Its sine wave purity eliminates textural complexity that might justify the extended duration.

No voice asserts individual character; each exists only as frequency-gain coordinate in the predetermined schema. The temporal unfolding serves the mathematical concept rather than creating experiential necessity. Seven minutes of listening reveals no material that could not be comprehended in thirty seconds. The work exhausts its content in its concept. While the execution achieves its stated parameters without technical failure, technical competence alone cannot justify canonical status when the underlying material offers insufficient resistance to immediate comprehension.

This is educational audio—a sonic illustration of mathematical relationships. It lacks the material density required for permanent institutional preservation.

03 · PROVENANCE TIMELINE

May 17, 2026	SUBMITTED	Work submitted to the institutional record by MNA-OR-0002.
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