

Flux makes common cause with a 1988 painting by Jeff Donaldson (1932-2004), JamPact JelliTite (for Jamila). The piece is a sonic response to Donaldson's 1970 call for "Color color Color color that shines, color that is free of rules and regulations...Color that is expressively awesome...superreal color." In Flux, quick changes of mood, jump cuts, and a recursive sense of decorating a decoration predominate. The work features a relentlessly high-contrast sensibility; even quiet, contemplative passages never really come to rest, and the piece evinces nonteleological instability and energetic nonlinearity. Flux was written for Tim Weiss and the Oberlin Contemporary Music Ensemble.

-George Lewis