Druming

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Player 1 is stage left, Player 4 is stage right
Change music between movements broadly.

Finger rolls = four-finger drumming in boredom
Slap = palm-down slap
Rap = simultaneous four-knuckle rap
Tap = simultaneous tap front of all four fingers
Pet = similar to slap, but with finger pads
Clap = clap hands straight in front
Knife = knife hand edge on table top
Knock = louder version of rap

Props:
Empty paper coffee cup, resonant
Sheet of typewriter paper
‘Laptop’ made of folded cardboard

Contact microphones are below each player.
A metronome or a large ticking clock may be used if amplified.

Otherwise, piece is conducted from the ‘boss’ seated in a chair in front of the players.
Pause: Slowly raise head off hands, put hands straight ahead on ‘laptops’, look straight down at it.
Slap  Clap  Knife

Semi-random 'typing'—
either or both hands

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Open ‘laptop’
with both hands

Lock hands with
knuckle stretch

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knuckle stretch

Lock hands with
knuckle stretch

Damn!

Knock

Sigh

Sigh
Semi-random 'typing' again

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Damn! (sotto voce)

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Damn! (sotto voce)

Pick up coffee cup

Long sip...

Ahh...!

Clap cup down

Semi-random 'typing' again

Semi-random 'typing' again

Semi-random 'typing' again

Semi-random 'typing' again

Pick up coffee cup

Long sip...

Ahh...!

Clap cup down

Semi-random 'typing' again

Semi-random 'typing' again

Semi-random 'typing' again

Semi-random 'typing' again

Pick up coffee cup

Long sip...

Ahh...!

Clap cup down

Semi-random 'typing' again

Semi-random 'typing' again

Semi-random 'typing' again

Semi-random 'typing' again

Pick up coffee cup

Long sip...

Ahh...!

Clap cup down

Semi-random 'typing' again

Semi-random 'typing' again

Semi-random 'typing' again

Semi-random 'typing' again
Knock cup over with left hand and look left

Oooooooo...damn!

Knife

Grab laptop and close

Knock cup over with left hand and look left

Oooooooo...damn!

Damn! (loud)

Knife

Grab laptop and close

Knock cup over with left hand and look left

Oooooooo...damn!

Damn! (loud)

Knife

Grab laptop and close

Pause: Slowly push laptop forward and off table, put hands flat down, and look straight ahead

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Clap both hands against face, and hold...  Wipe hair backwards with both hands in frustration  Pat back of head/neck with both hands

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With palm, push paper back & forth  With palm, push paper back & forth

Rub head opposite from paper push  Rub head opposite from paper push

With palm, push paper back & forth  Head Rest in Left Hand, Elbow on Table

Wipe hair forwards with both hands  Sigh

Wipe hair forwards with both hands  Sigh  Head Rest in Left Hand, Elbow on Table

Wipe hair forwards with both hands  Sigh  Head Rest in Left Hand, Elbow on Table  With palm, push paper back & forth

Wipe hair forwards with both hands  Sigh  Head Rest in Left Hand, Elbow on Table  With palm, push paper back & forth

With palm, push paper back & forth  Rub head opposite from paper push  Rub head opposite from paper push  Rub head opposite from paper push
Lift paper up  Four-beat crumple...  ...and toss

Finger rolls  Look right

Finger rolls  Look left

Look straight at audience  Finger rolls

Look left  Look straight at audience  Finger rolls

Look straight at audience  Finger rolls
Keep looking at audience, drop chin into hands

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Slide head down so hands are on back of neck and sigh

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Raise head and look up and around randomly, with some measure of embarrassment

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Finger rolls

Slap

Tap

Fingernail tap
Alternate slaps (à la bad drummer)

Slap

Slap

Knock

High-to-low slaps (rock toms) hand off to next...

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Gently slap forehead and put head down.

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Look thrilled and excited

Suddenly sheepish

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Gently slap forehead and put head down.