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happy to provide some carnegie deli sustenance for thought.

today I conducted an experiment encouraged by Noam's wholly justified aggressive and detailed directives to joscha. . joscha focused on layers being developed in the brain . the timing for the development of each layer being different per species .

I postulate that music might be a frosted window into that structure. symphonies begin with their first " layer " a theme. in fact , there might be more than one theme in the first layer , , the second part of symphonic form is the complex development stage. where those themes are inverted, deconstructed , reconstructed etc ,and the development stage takes the most time . in the conclusion of the symphonic form the recapitulation of all that has come before it forms a " phenenoma of the piece " a whole ,made up of its smaller concepts . As opposed to listening to music to record which neuron is firing, as most musciolgists attempt . I propose that the music may be the audible result of those neurons firing, made possible by a select few who would attempt to notate those neuronal firings. Beethoven for example.

The experiment . I mashed all of the four symphonies together , playing recordings of the 3rd 5th 6th 7th all overlayed on each other, playing at the same time. - the way a brain might develop. I expected an ordered noise but to the surprising contrary , IT WAS AMAZING. . you can hear new "concepts " forming,

il wonder whether in the mind of a blind child , the " music" would be created even without the visual referencial. but created none the less. later when the visual can be tied to concepts , the anatomy may be hijacked to produce sounds . that somehow relate to the concepts. .

I tried to mix music from different cultures- it didn't work. African does not work with western europe,- chinese works with neither of the other two. but within the same cultural music (the brain of the local species) the mash ups are beautiful.

I would note that computers engage in "parallel processing" only in order to take a hard problem and break it into its component parts , working on each component separately, , here each problem Interacts and the their resolutions interact in remarkable ways.

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