Synesthesia: sounds and scents of Brazil

In the program tonight, six of the eight pieces have aromas that were developed to enhance your listening experience.

You have a packet containing 6 aroma vials (labelled A, B, C, D, E, and F) and a small bag of coffee beans. At the start of the appropriate song (also listed in the program), we will hold up a large sign with the appropriate vial label. Please select that vial and sniff the aroma.

We prepared the compounds at concentrations that won’t overwhelm the senses. However, we do recommend that you approach each vial using the wafting technique. To do this, open the vial and draw your hand across the opening of the vial to push the odor towards the nose (see the figure).

If this isn’t too strong, you can sniff directly from the vial. To optimize perception, two to three short, sharp sniffs will give you the most information about the aroma. Once you have done that, take a little break and sniff the coffee beans to refresh. Then you can re-sniff.

At the end of the evening, please place the vials back into the bag and return to the bin at the exit.

We also have a short survey that we would be very grateful if you completed. Please use the QR code below to access. Paper copies are also available if you would prefer.