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I have a very specific answer to your question," Jamie Bernstein told me. Bernstein is the daughter of Leonard Bernstein, the famed conductor and music director of the New York Philharmonic. "At the Moab Music Festival, one of the things they do is the Grotto Concert." She described taking a boat down the Colorado River, into Canyonlands National Park, then walking a sandy path that led to a small cave. In that natural amphitheatre, she heard a two-piano performance of Stravinsky's "The Rite of Spring." "Michael Barrett was playing one, and he was playing so intensely that he split open his thumb. In the pause between the two movements, his thumb was bandaged and they wiped the blood off the keys. In the second half, some large bird—not a canyon wren—started cawing with the music. And it was like the earth itself was opening up from the sound." Each note hung in the air for a moment and then a few seconds later returned from across the river, echoing off formations some two miles away. "And those are the best acoustics I have ever experienced," she said.

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