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## FOREWORD

Claus-Steffen Mahnkopf was born on 22 October 1962 in Mannheim. He received his musical training in composition (with Brian Ferneyhough, Klaus Huber and Emanuel Nunes), piano (James Avery) and music theory (Peter Förtig), completing studies at the University of Music in Freiburg in 1992. Concurrently he completed university studies in musicology, philosophy (with Jürgen Habermas amongst others) and sociology, becoming a Doctor in Philosophy in 1993 with a dissertation on Arnold Schönberg.

His first authorised composition *Sonett* already received an international prize. Further major awards followed: Gaudeamus Prize, Stuttgart Composition Prize and the Ernst von Siemens Furtherance prize. Mahnkopf was awarded stipends at home (e.g. Academy Schloss Solitude in Stuttgart and the Baldreit Stipend Baden-Baden) and abroad (Villa Massimo in Rome, Centro Tedesco di Studi Veneziani in Venice, Paul Sacher Foundation in Basel). Since the world premiere of *Krebs-Zyklus* at the Gaudeamus Festival 1986 in Amsterdam, his music has been played not only at important places (e.g. Darmstadt Summer Courses, Munich Biennale, Märzmusik, Eclat, bludenzer tage zeitgemäßer musik, Salzburg Festival), but also within the framework of numerous portrait concerts, also in Africa. Many pieces were commissioned by renowned organisations – including the Flanders Festival, Salzburg Festival and the Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra and interpreted by ensembles such as the Ensemble SurPlus, ensemble recherche and Ensemble Modern. Particular interpreter personalities, with whom Mahnkopf has worked for over twenty years, are especially important; these include Peter Veale, Jürgen Ruck, Sophie-Mayuko Vetter, Carin Levine, James Avery, Ermis Theodorakis and Frank Cox. Between 2001 and 2005 he has worked continually at the Experimental Studio of the Heinrich Strobel Foundation of the SWR.

Claus-Steffen Mahnkopf has developed, together with the oboist Peter Veale, the internationally successful Handbook of Oboe-Playing Techniques, which has set new standards for practice. He has been a lecturer at the Darmstadt Summer Courses since 1988, has taught and lectured in numerous countries and occupied several posts in advisory (Stuttgart State Opera, ISCM Festival 2006) and jury capacities. Since 2009, regular master classes around the world.

Beyond that, Claus-Steffen Mahnkopf has published over 150 essays, written eight books and edited a further 13. In these he deals not only with new music but also composer personalities such as Wagner and Cage or the musical philosophy of Adorno and with Francesca Albertini. In 1995 he played a decisive role in the founding of the *Gesellschaft für Musik und Ästhetik* [Society of Music and Aesthetics] and since 1997 has been one of the editors of the magazine *Musik & Ästhetik*, one of the world's foremost reflection sources. Moreover, he is the editor of the book series *New Music and Aesthetics in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* and the study series *sinefonia*. His interests extend from the arts and 'humanities' (especially philosophy) to politics and theoretical physics.

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Mahnkopf's musical roots lie deep in German-Austrian art music. His central point of reference is Beethoven, and for the twentieth century, Alban Berg. At the same time, his interests extend back to the Renaissance (for example Josquin Desprez) and to the Ars subtilior. He is strongly influenced by the avant-garde of high modernism and is internationally orientated, thanks to his non-German teachers. He is an emphatic advocate of artistic autonomy and believes in the necessity of both placing art music in the context of culture and democratic civil society and of providing it with a carefully messianic future perspective.

After many years of teaching activity as a lecturer of music theory, Claus-Steffen Mahnkopf has been Professor of Composition at the University of Music and Theatre Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy in Leipzig since 2005 and founding director of the Centre for Present-Day Music since 2016. He was married to the Jewish religious philosopher Prof. Dr. Francesca Yardenit Albertini († 2011) and lives in Potsdam and Leipzig.

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# VORWORT

Claus-Steffen Mahnkopf wurde am 22. Oktober 1962 in Mannheim geboren. Er erhielt seine musikalische Ausbildung in Komposition (bei Brian Ferneyhough, Klaus Huber und Emanuel Nunes), Klavier (James Avery) und Musiktheorie (Peter Förtig) und schloss 1992 an der Freiburger Musikhochschule sein Studium ab. Daneben absolvierte er ein Universitätsstudium in Musikwissenschaft, Philosophie (u.a. bei Jürgen Habermas) und Soziologie und wurde 1993 mit einer Arbeit über Arnold Schönberg zum Doktor der Philosophie promoviert.

Bereits für seine erste autorisierte Komposition *Sonett* erhielt er einen internationalen Preis. Weitere renommierte Auszeichnungen schlossen sich an: Gaudeamus Prize, Stuttgarter Kompositionspreis und Ernst-von-Siemens-Förderpreis. Mahnkopf wurde mit Stipendien im Inland (z.B. Akademie Schloss Solitude Stuttgart und Baldreit-Stipendium Baden-Baden) und Ausland (Villa Massimo Rom, Centro Tedesco di Studi Veneziani Venedig, Paul-Sacher-Stiftung Basel) bedacht. Seit der Uraufführung von *Krebs-Zyklus* auf dem Gaudeamus-Festival 1986 in Amsterdam wird seine Musik weltweit nicht nur an wichtigen Orten (z.B. Darmstädter Ferienkurse, Münchener Biennale, Märzmusik, Eclat, bludenzertage zeitgemäßer musik, Salzburger Festspiele), sondern auch im Rahmen zahlreicher Porträtkonzerte, auch in Afrika, gespielt. Viele Stücke wurden von namhaften Auftraggebern – etwa vom Flandern Festival, den Salzburger Festspielen, dem Symphonieorchester des Bayerischen Rundfunks – initiiert und von Ensembles – etwa dem Ensemble SurPlus, dem ensemble recherche, dem Ensemble Modern – interpretiert. Besonders wichtig sind bestimmte Interpretationspersönlichkeiten, mit denen Mahnkopf seit über zwanzig Jahren zusammenarbeitet: Peter Veale, Jürgen Ruck, Sophie-Mayuko Vetter, Carin Levine, James Avery, Ermis Theodorakis und Frank Cox. Zwischen 2001 und 2005 arbeitete er kontinuierlich am Experimentalstudio der Heinrich-Strobel-Stiftung des SWR.

Claus-Steffen Mahnkopf hat zusammen mit dem Oboisten Peter Veale das weltweit erfolgreiche Handbuch der Spieltechnik der Oboe entwickelt, das einen neuen Standard für die Praxis gesetzt hat. Er ist seit 1988 als Dozent der Darmstädter Ferienkurse tätig, hat in zahlreichen Ländern unterrichtet und Vorträge gehalten und hatte mehrere Berater- (Staatsoper Stuttgart, IGNM-Festival 2006) und Jury-Tätigkeiten inne. Seit 2009 regelmäßige Meisterkurse weltweit.

Claus-Steffen Mahnkopf hat darüber hinaus mehr als 150 Aufsätze veröffentlicht, acht Bücher geschrieben und 13 weitere herausgegeben. Darin behandelt er nicht nur Neue Musik, sondern auch Komponistenpersönlichkeiten wie Wagner und Cage oder die Musikphilosophie Adornos und zu Francesca Albertini. 1995 gründete er die *Gesellschaft für Musik und Ästhetik* und gibt seit 1997 die Zeitschrift *Musik & Ästhetik*, eines der weltweit führenden Reflexionsorgane, heraus. Überdies ist er Herausgeber der Buchreihe *New Music and Aesthetics in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* und der Studienreihe *sine fonia*. Seine Interessen erstrecken sich von den Künsten und ‚Humanities‘ (vor allem Philosophie) bis hin zu Politik und theoretischer Physik.

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Mahnkopfs musikalische Wurzeln liegen tief in der deutsch-österreichischen Kunstmusik. Sein zentraler Bezugspunkt ist Beethoven, für das 20. Jahrhundert Alban Berg. Zugleich reicht sein Interesse bis zur Renaissance (beispielsweise Josquin Desprez) und bis zur ars subtilior zurück. Er ist geprägt von der Avantgarde der Hochmoderne und ist, auch dank seinen nicht-deutschen Lehrern, internationalistisch ausgerichtet. Er vertritt emphatisch einen autonomen Kunstanpruch und glaubt an die Notwendigkeit, die Kunstmusik sowohl in den Kontext von Kultur und demokratischer Zivilgesellschaft zu stellen wie sie mit einer vorsichtig messianistischen Zukunftsperspektive zu versehen.

Nach langjähriger Tätigkeit als Dozent für Musiktheorie ist Claus-Steffen Mahnkopf seit 2005 Professor für Komposition an der Hochschule für Musik und Theater Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy Leipzig und seit 2016 Gründungsdirektor des Zentrums für Gegenwartsmusik. Er war mit der jüdischen Religionsphilosophin Prof. Dr. Francesca Yardenit Albertini († 2011) verheiratet und lebt in Potsdam und Leipzig.

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## STAGE WORKS

### **Angelus Novus**

1997-2000

Music Theatre by Claus-Steffen Mahnkopf after Walter Benjamin  
(in German)

*Commissioned by the Munich Biennale*

SOLOISTS: Soprano, Flute, Piccolo Oboe, Violoncello, Piano, Percussion (variable)

1(picc, alto flute).1(cor anglais).2(Eb clar, bass clar).1(db bn) – 1.1.1.tenor horn.0 – perc (crot, 5 wood bl, 3 tom-t, bass dr, 2 timbales, tam-t, glsp, vibr). harp. guit. piano. strings (4/0/2/1/1)

Duration: 90'

Première: 4 May 2000, Munich

Monika Meier-Schmid (Soprano) – Ernest Rombout (Piccolo Oboe) – Sophie-Mayuko Vetter (Piano) – Barbara Körber (Violoncello) – Carin Levine (Flute) – Olaf Tzschoppe (Percussion) – Ensemble SurPlus – James Avery (conductor) – Taygun Nowbary (director)

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## WORKS FOR LARGE ORCHESTRA

### **Prospero's Epilogue**

2004

for piano and orchestra

*Commissioned by Salzburger Festspiele*

3(3 picc).3(cor anglais).4(2 Eb clar, 2 bass clar).3(db bn) – 4.3.3.1 – 3 perc (2 bass timp, crot, guiro, rain stick, maracas, 3 sets of wood bl, glissando dr, bass dr, susp.cym, tam-t, glsp, vibr, marimba/xylorimba, sand bl). 2 harps. guit. cel. strings (8/0/6/4/3)

Duration: 33'

First performance: 20 August 2005, Salzburg

Sophie-Mayuko Vetter (piano) – Vienna ORF Orchestra – Johannes Kalitzke (conductor)

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### **humanized void**

2003-2007

for large orchestra

*Commissioned by Bayerischer Rundfunk*

4(4 picc, alto fl, bass fl).4(cor anglais).3(Eb clar).3(db bn) – 6.4.4.1 – timp. 3 perc (glass chimes, bamboo chimes, claves, rain stick, ratchet, crot, 4 sets of wood bl, 3 sets of temple bl, log dr, side dr, bass dr, 3 susp.cym, rivet cym, gongs, tubular bells, plate bells, 3 tam-t, glsp, xyl, vibr, marimba, xylorimba, sand bl, large woden hammer on plywood cube, anvil, bronze foil, styropor, thunder stick). harp. cel. strings (24/0/10/8/6)

Duration: 34'

First performance: 4 April 2008, Munich

Bayerischer Rundfunk Symphony Orchestra – Roland Kluttig (conductor)

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### **void – kol ischa asirit**

2010-2012

for large orchestra

*Commissioned by Südwestrundfunk*

4(4 picc).3.4(bass clar).3(db bn) – 4.3.3.1 – timp. 3-4 perc (crot, whip, metal guiro, 3 mokushos, bak, ratchet, schwirrbogen, wood bl, temple bl, gong dr, side dr, bass dr, cym, gong, tam-t, plate bells, stones, 3 metal objects, sand block, resonance cube with wooden hammer). harp. piano. strings (24/0/10/8/6) – fixed media (two channels)

Duration: 10'

First performance: 24 November 2012, Stuttgart

SWR Symphony Orchestra, Stuttgart – Rupert Huber (conductor)

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## WORKS FOR LARGE ORCHESTRA

### **Dov'è?**

2017/2018

for two sopranos, mezzo-soprano, tenor, bass and orchestra

text: Francesca Albertini

*Commissioned by Rundfunk-Sinfonieorchester Berlin*

2(2picc, alto fl).2.4(Eb-clar, bass clar, db clar).1(db bn) – 2.1.tenor-bass trbn.  
tenor horn,0 – 3 perc (bass timp, tgl, crot, claves, whip, guiro, metal guiro, log  
dr, 3 temple bl, 4 wood bl, 2 mokusho, bass dr, cym, 2 tam-t, 4 tubular bells,  
vibr, marimba, styropor, large wooden hammer on wooden box [as in Mahler's  
Sixth Symphony]). harp. piano/hpd[amplified]/cel/glsp with keys. cymbalom.  
strings (6/6/6/4/2[5 strings])

Duration: 30'

First performance: 20 January 2019, Berlin

Neue Vocalsolisten – Rundfunk-Sinfonieorchester Berlin – Michael Wendeborg  
(conductor)

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## WORKS FOR CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

### **Chorismos**

1986/1987

for chamber orchestra

4(picc, alto flute, bass flute).0.0.0 – 0.0.0.0 – strings\* (7/0/5/4/2)

\*strings play percussion instruments as well: 4 tgl, crot, 2 claves, bamboo chimes, 2 maracas, wood bl, temple bl, bongos, tom-t, side dr, 3 susp.cym, 2 tam-t, 2 anvils, 2 sand blocks, stones

Duration: 14'

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### **Interpénétrations**

1987

for chamber orchestra

1(picc, alto fl).2(oboe d'amore).2(bass clar, db clar).0 – 1.picc trpt.db trbn. tenor horn.0 – perc (tgl, crot, bass dr, susp.cym, gong, tam-t, vibr, marimba). harp. cel. strings (9/0/6/1/3)

Duration: 11'

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### **Medusa**

1990-1992

for oboe (plays cor anglais as well) and chamber orchestra

0.0.4(Eb clar, bass clar, db clar, 2 bassethorns).0 – 0.0.0.0 – guit. 2 harps. hpd. cimbalom. strings (5/0/3/3/1)

Duration: 18'

First performance: 2 February 1997, Stuttgart

Peter Veale (oboe) – Ensemble SurPlus – James Avery (conductor)

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### **Meta Medeian**

1994

serenade for strings

strings (12/0/8/6/4). 2 harps

Duration: 21'

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## WORKS FOR CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

**Kammersymphonie** [Chamber Symphony] 1993/1994  
for chamber orchestra

1 (picc, alto fl, bass fl). 1 (cor anglais, oboe d'amore). 2 (Eb clar, 2 bassethorns). 1 (db bn) – 1.1.1.1 – 2 perc (2 timp, 2 tgl, whip, castanets, 2 crot, 2 claves, bamboo rattle, maracas, 2 sets of wood bl, temple bl, 5 bongos, 3 tom-t, 2 timbales, 2 log dr, wood plate dr, tenor dr, bass dr, 3 susp.cym, rivet cym, 3 tam-t, tubular bells, glsp, xyl, vibr, marimba, sand bl). harp. guit. piano. strings (2/0/1/1/1)

Duration: 30'

First performance: 16 May 2017, Geneva  
Ensemble Contrechamps – Clement Power (conductor)

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**Zweite Kammersymphonie** [Second Chamber Symphony] 1997-1999  
for chamber orchestra

1 (picc, alto fl). 1 (cor anglais). 2 (Eb clar, bass clar). 1 (db bn) – 1.1.1. tenor horn. 0 – perc (5 wood bl, 3 tom-t, 2 timbales, bass dr, tam-t, glsp). piano. strings (2/0/1/1/1)

Duration: 21'

First performance: 4 May 2000, Munich (recording of SWR broadcasting channel)  
Ensemble SurPlus – James Avery (conductor)

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**Hommage à György Kurtág** 2000/2001  
for guitar and chamber orchestra

*Commissioned by Südwestrundfunk*

picc.picc oboe. Eb clar. 0 – 1.2.2.0 – perc (gong dr, bass dr, metal plate). harp. cel. harm. cimbalom. strings (1/0/3/3/1)

Duration: 65'

First performance: 15 November 2002, Stuttgart  
Jürgen Ruck (guitar) – SWR Symphony Orchestra, Stuttgart – Johannes Debus (conductor)

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## WORKS FOR CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

### **Dritte Kammer-symphonie** [Third Chamber Symphony] 2007

for chamber orchestra

*Commissioned by Munich Biennale*

1(picc, alto fl, bass fl).1(cor anglais).2(Eb clar, bass clar, db clar). 1 – 1.1.1.0 – perc (tgl, guiro, 9 wood bl, 3 temple bl, 2 bongos, 2 tom-t, tamb, 2 log dr, bass dr, susp.cym, rivet cym, 3 tam-t, chain rattle on cow bell). strings (1/1/1/2/1)

Duration: 24'

First performance: 25 April 2008, Munich  
Ensemble Modern – Franck Ollu (conductor)

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### **Vierte Kammer-symphonie** [Fourth Chamber Symphony] 2014

for chamber orchestra

*Commissioned by Sinfonietta Leipzig · Supported by Ernst von Siemens Music Foundation*

1(picc, bass fl).1.2(Eb clar, bass clar, db clar).1(db bn) – 1.1.1.0 – 2 perc (high tgl, crot, 3 mokushos, 5 wood bl, 5 temple bl, low slit dr, metal guiro, cym [lying, inhibited from resonance], medium tam-t, glsp, vibr). piano. strings (2/0/1/1/1)

Duration: 29'

First performance: 10 September 2017, Leipzig  
Leipzig Sinfonietta – Johannes Harneit (conductor)

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## ENSEMBLE WORKS

»**il faut continuer**« Requiem for Samuel Beckett 1989/1990  
for chamber ensemble

1(picc, alto fl).1(cor anglais).1(Eb clar, bass clar). 0 – 0.0.0.0 – perc (4 tgl, crot, glsp, vibr, marimba). vl. va. vc. db

Duration: 11'

First performance: 3 May 1991

Junges Philharmonisches Orchester – Manfred Schreier (conductor)

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**Kammerkonzert** [Chamber Concerto] 1995/1996  
for piano and ensemble

alto fl (bass fl).oboe d'amore (cor anglais).bassethorn (bass cl).0 – 0.0.0.0 – va. vc. db

Duration: 15'

First performance: 16 November 1997, Bludenz

Eun Ju Kim (piano) – Ensemble SurPlus – James Avery (conductor)

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**Solitude-Sérénade** 1997  
for piccolo oboe and ensemble

perc (crot, glsp, vibr). guit. harp. 2 va. db

Duration: 15'

First performance: 7 November 1998, Zurich

Ernest Rombout (piccolo oboe) – Ensemble Contrechamps – Emilio Pomàrico (conductor)

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**Angela Nova** 1999/2000  
for soprano and ensemble

guit. harp. piano. 4 vl

Duration: 25'

First performance: April 2000, Stuttgart (recording of SWR broadcasting channel)

Monika Meier-Schmid (soprano) – Ensemble SurPlus – James Avery (conductor)

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## ENSEMBLE WORKS

### **Todesmusik** [Music of Death]

2001

for ensemble

**VERSION 1:** Todesmusik I

0.0.0.0 – 0.2.2.0 – perc (gong dr, bass dr). cimbalom

**VERSION 2:** Todesmusik II

0.0.0.0 – 0.2.2.0 – 2 perc (gong dr, bass dr, metal plate). cimbalom

First performance: 27 August 2003, Salzburg

Österreichisches Ensemble für Neue Musik – Johannes Kalitzke (conductor)

Duration: 14'

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### **The Tristero System**

2002

for ensemble

4 picc.0.2 bass cl.0 – 0.0.3.0 – 2 perc (bass dr, cym, 2 Tibetan cym, large tam-t, flat Chinese tam-t, bottles, bronze foil, 5 variable metal objects). 2 pianos

Duration: 18'

First performance: 28 October 2007, Leuven

Ensemble SurPlus – James Avery (conductor)

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### **Hommage à Thomas Pynchon**

2003-2005

Music installation for ensemble, violoncello and live electronics

*Commissioned by MärzMusik*

4 picc.0.2 bass cl.0 – 0.0.3.0 – 2 perc (bass dr, cym, 2 Tibetan cym, large tam-t, flat Chinese tam-t, bottles, bronze foil, 5 variable metal objects). 2 pianos

Duration: unlimited

First performance: 6 March 2005, Berlin

Frank Cox (violoncello) – Ensemble SurPlus – James Avery (conductor) – Experimental Studio of the SWR Heinrich Strobel Foundation – Joachim Haas (music informatics and sound direction) – Michael Acker, André Richard and Claus-Steffen Mahnkopf (sound direction)

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## ENSEMBLE WORKS

### **Hommage à Wolfram Schurig**

2009/2010

for 2-6 players (saxophone [soprano/tenor], percussion and string quartet)

*Commissioned by United Instruments of Lucilin*

**VERSION 1:** for saxophone (voce principale) and percussion

Duration: 12'

**VERSION 2:** for saxophone, percussion and string quartet

Duration: 12'

**VERSION 3:** for saxophone and percussion (voce principale)

Duration: 12'

**VERSION 4:** integrale version including versions 1-3

Duration: 36'

First performance: 28 January 2011, Luxembourg

United Instruments of Lucilin

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### **Hommage au hautbois**

2013

A musical ostracism

for oboe obbligato and ensemble

*Commissioned by Ensemble Elision · Supported by Ernst von Siemens Music Foundation*

0.0.2(2 bass clar).0 – 0.1.1.0 – perc (crot, finger cym, Tibetan cym, tam-t, bronze foil). el.guit

Duration: 16'

First performance: 9 September 2016, Melbourne

Peter Veale (oboe) – Ensemble Elision – Eugene Ughetti (conductor)

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### **Polyptychon. Hommage à George Steiner**

2017

for ensemble

*Commissioned by Ensemble SurPlus · Supported by Ernst von Siemens Music Foundation*

picc(alto fl).ob d'amore.1(bass clar).0 – 0.0.0.0 – piano. strings (1/0/1/1/0)

Duration: 14'30"

First performance: 3 April 2019, Freiburg

Ensemble SurPlus

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## ENSEMBLE WORKS

### **Astronomica**

2019

for 4 voices (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) and 4 players

text: Claus-Steffen Mahnkopf, Dante Alighieri. The text is, with the exception of the Dante quotation, expected to be translated into the language of the country in which *Astronomica* is been performed.

*Commissioned by KlangForum Heidelberg*

1(picc, alto fl, bass fl).0.1(Eb clar, bass clar, db clar).0 – 0.0.0.0 – perc (crot, 'legni' [7 mixed wooden instruments in ascending order such as wood slash dr, temple bl, wood bl, mokusho], whip, bass dr, susp.cym, medium tam-t, friction stick on [neutral] wood). strings (0/0/0/1/0)

Duration: 21'

First performance: 22 February 2020, Heidelberg

KlangForum Heidelberg: SCHOLA HEIDELBERG and ensemble aistesis – Walter Nußbaum (conductor)

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## CHAMBER MUSIC

### **Sonett** [Sonnet]

1984/1985

for sixteen timpani (four players)

Duration: 10'

First performance: 11 February 1992, Hamburg

Ensemble Philharmonie – Wulf Konold (conductor)

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### **Krebs-Zyklus** [Cancer Cycle]

1985

for violoncello and piano

Duration: 12'

First performance: 11 September 1986, Amsterdam

Taco Kooistra (violoncello) – Bauke van der Meer (piano)

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### **Paralipomenon**

1988

for string quartet

Duration: 3'30"

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### **Erstes Streichquartett** [First String Quartet]

1988/1989

Duration: 31'

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### **Die Schlangen der Medusa** [Medusa's Snakes]

1991

for (four) clarinet(s)

*Commissioned by Gaudeamus Foundation*

**VERSION 1:** for four clarinets (one or two players: (Eb clar, B clar, b clar, db clar)

**VERSION 2:** for solo clarinet (B clar)

Duration: 10'

First performance: 8 September 1991, Amsterdam

Harmen de Boer and Harry Sparnaay (clarinets)

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## CHAMBER MUSIC

### **Illuminations du brouillard**

1992/1993

for oboe and piano

*Commissioned by the Baden-Württemberg Ministry of Science, Research and Arts*

Duration: 9'

First performance: 5 September 1994, Bremen

Peter Veale (oboe) – Sven Thomas Kiebler (piano)

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### **Wladimir 2b**

1995

for string trio

Duration: 11'

First performance: 11 February 1996, Offenburg

Trio SurPlus

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### **Selig** [Blessed]

1995

for violoncello and piano

Duration: 4'

First performance: 5 September 1995, Freiburg

Barbara Körber (violoncello) – Till A. Körber (piano)

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### **Trio basso**

1995

for viola, violoncello and double bass

Duration: 14'

First performance: 4 July 1996, Stuttgart

Ensemble SurPlus – James Avery (conductor)

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## CHAMBER MUSIC

### **Zweites Streichquartett** [Second String Quartet]

1995/1996

*Commissioned by Süddeutscher Rundfunk*

Duration: 25'

First performance: 3 February 1997, Stuttgart

Leipzig String Quartet

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### **Bläsertrio** [Woodwind Trio]

1996

for alto flute (bass flute), oboe d'amore (cor anglais) and bassethorn (bass clarinet)

Duration: 13'

First performance: 26 October 1996, Bludenz

Ensemble SurPlus – James Avery (conductor)

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### **D'avance**

1996/1997

for clarinet, trombone, violoncello and piano

*Commissioned by Avance Quartet*

Duration: 18'

First performance: 3 April 1998, Rottenburg

Avance Quartet

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### **Mon cœur mis à nu**

1997

for four voices (soprano/contralto/tenor/bass)

*Commissioned by the Baden-Württemberg Ministry of Science, Research and Arts*

Duration: 15'

First performance: 19 November 1999, Stuttgart

ExVoCo

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## CHAMBER MUSIC

### **resquiescant in pace**

2000

in memoriam victimarum christianitatis  
for four players (violin, viola, violoncello and tubular bells)

*Commissioned by ensemble recherche*

Duration: 3'

First performance: 20 January 2001, Berlin  
ensemble recherche

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### **Kurtág-Duo**

2000

for two guitars

Duration: 12'

First performance: 12 July 2002, Darmstadt  
Elena Casoli and Jürgen Ruck

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### **Hommage à Daniel Libeskind, Vol. I**

2002

for six players

*Commissioned by Westdeutscher Rundfunk*

1(picc, bass flute).1(cor anglais).1(bass clar).0 – 0.0.0.0 – strings (1/0/1/1/0)

Duration: 15'

First performance: 22 November 2002, Köln  
ensemble recherche

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### **Hommage à Theodor W. Adorno**

2003

for string quartet

Duration: 8'

First performance: 13 September 2003, Frankfurt  
Pellegrini Quartet

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## CHAMBER MUSIC

### **Hommage à Steven Kazuo Takasugi**

2005

for piano quartet

*Commissioned by Flanders Festival*

Duration: ~15'

First performance: 1 October 2005, Leuven  
ensemble recherche

© Sikorski, Hamburg · score: **SIK 8643**

### **Hommage à Frank Cox**

2006

for piano, quarter-tone vibraphone and electric guitar)

*Commissioned by ensemble asamisimasa*

Duration: ~15'

First performance: 11 November 2010, Leipzig  
ensemble asamisimasa

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### **Petit hommage à Thomas Tallis**

2007

for string quartet

Duration: ~7'30"

First performance: 13 March 2011, Salzburg  
Stadler Quartett

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### **... in memoriam ...**

2009

for four players (bass flute, piano, violoncello and double bass)

Duration: ~4'

First performance: 28 February 2010, Freiburg  
Ensemble SurPlus

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## CHAMBER MUSIC

### **Hommage à Wolfram Schurig**

2009/2010

for 2-6 players (saxophone [soprano/tenor], percussio and string quartet)

*Commissioned by United Instruments of Lucilin*

**VERSION 1:** for saxophone (voce principale) and percussion

Duration: 12'

**VERSION 2:** for saxophone, percussion and string quartet

Duration: 12'

**VERSION 3:** for saxophone and percussion (voce principale)

Duration: 12'

**VERSION 4:** integrale version including versions 1-3

Duration: 36'

First performance: 28 January 2011, Luxembourg

United Instruments of Lucilin

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### **Inchino**

2010

for piano, guitar and percussion

Duration: 3'

First performance: 16 July 2011, San Diego

Ensembl Noise

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### **Hommage à Daniel Libeskind, Vol. II**

2010/2011

for six players

*Commissioned by Ensemble SurPlus · Supported by Ernst von Siemens Music Foundation*

1(picc, bass flute).1(cor anglais).1(bass clar).0 – 0.0.0.0 – strings (1/0/1/1/0)

Duration: 22'

First performance: 8 December 2012, Freiburg

Ensemble SurPlus

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## CHAMBER MUSIC

### **Très petit hommage à John Cage**

2012

for oboe, trumpet and trombone

Duration: 5'

First performance: 17 October 2013, New York

Ensemble Either/Or

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### **Hommage à Daniel Libeskind, Vol. III**

2010-2012

for six players

*Commissioned by Ensemble Aventure · Supported by Ernst von Siemens Music Foundation*

1 (picc, bass flute).1 (cor anglais).1 (bass clar).0 – 0.0.0.0 – strings (1/0/1/1/0)

Duration: 17'

First performance: 9 November 2013, Tosterglobe

Ensemble Aventure

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### **Hommage à Klaus Huber**

2013/2014

for viola obbligata and three players

*Commissioned by Lucerne Festival*

Duration: 18'

First performance: 13 September 2014, Lucerne

Barbara Maurer (viola) – Ensemble recherche

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The three players use concrete material such as paper or wood.

### **Finite Jest**

2014

for flute (picc, bass flute) and soprano

Text: David Foster Wallace

Duration: 9'

First performance: 7 February 2015, Chicago

Shanna Gutierrez (flute) – Frauke Aulbert (soprano)

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## CHAMBER MUSIC

### **Con Luigi Nono**

2016

for string trio

*Commissioned by Contrechamps · Supported by the Ernst von Siemens Music Foundation*

Duration: 24'

First performance: 16 May 2017, Geneva

Ensemble Contrechamps

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### **Hommage à Brice Pauset**

2016/2017

for five clavichords and fixed media

Duration: 25'

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### **432 Park Avenue. Hommage à NYC**

2018

for bass clarinet, trumpet, trombone, baritone and fixed media

*Commissioned by Ensemble Loadbang · Supported by the Ernst von Siemens Music Foundation*

Duration: 14'

First performance: 18 April 2019, New York

Ensemble Loadbang

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## SOLO WORKS

### **Monade**

1985/1986

for oboe

Duration: ~12'

First performance: 11 August 1988, Darmstadt

Peter Veale

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### **coincidentia oppositorum**

1986

for alto flute

Duration: 7'

First performance: 31 May 1987, Mannheim

Joachim Schmitz

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### **différance**

1987/1988

for violin

Duration: 8'

First performance: 13 August 1988, Darmstadt

Irvine Arditti

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### **Rhizom** Hommage à Glenn Gould

1988/1989

for piano

Duration: 15'

First performance: 11 February 1992, Hamburg

Till A. Körber

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### **succolarity**

1989

for flute

Duration: 6'

First performance: 29 January 1990, Freiburg

Martina Roth

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## SOLO WORKS

### **memor sum**

1989

for viola

Duration: 6'-8'

First performance: 11 February 1992, Hamburg

Barbara Maurer

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### **Gorgoneion**

1990

for oboe

*Commissioned by the Baden-Württemberg Ministry of Science, Research and Arts*

Duration: 15'

First performance: 11 February 1992, Hamburg

Peter Veale

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### **Die Schlangen der Medusa** [Medusa's Snakes]

1991

for (four) clarinet(s)

*Commissioned by Gaudeamus Foundation*

VERSION 1: for four clarinets (one or two players: (Eb clar, B clar, bass clar, db clar)

VERSION 2: for solo clarinet (B clar)

Duration: 10'

First performance: 8 September 1991, Amsterdam

Harmen de Boer and Harry Sparnaay (clarinets)

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### **Pegasos**

1991

for harpsichord

Duration: 7'

First performance: 11 February 1992, Hamburg

David Adams

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## SOLO WORKS

### **Mikrotomie**

1991/1992

for guitar

*Commissioned by the Baden-Württemberg Ministry of Science, Research and Arts*

Duration: 8'

First performance: 12 December 1994, Baden-Baden

Jürgen Ruck

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### **Stheno und Euryale**

1992

for harp or for harp with a second, scordated harp

Duration: 6'

First performance: 26 February 1997, Munich

Virginie Tarrête

© Sikorski, Hamburg · score: **SIK 8634**

### **Solitude-Nocturne**

1992/1993

for piccolo oboe

Duration: 15'

First performance: 2 August 1994, Darmstadt

Ernest Rombout

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### **Wladimir**

1993

for violin

Duration: 10'

First performance: 26 February 1997, Munich

Clemens Merkel

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## SOLO WORKS

### **Wladimir 2**

1994

for violin

Duration: 10'

First performance: 28 May 1996, Stuttgart

Clemens Merkel

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### **Trema**

1994

for percussion

perc (timp, crot, whip, variable objects)

Duration: ~5'

First performance: 21 May 1995, Freiburg

Pascal Pons

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### **Fünf kleine Lakunaritäten** [Five Little Lacunarities]

1994/1995

for piano

*Commissioned by the Baden-Württemberg Ministry of Science, Research and Arts*

Duration: 9'

First performance: 21 September 1995, Lvov

Till A. Körber

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### **Kammerminiatur** [Chamber Miniature]

1995

for piano

Duration: 1'

First performance: 26 September 2003, Heilbronn

Ermis Theodorakis

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## SOLO WORKS

### **Kammerstück** [Chamber Piece]

1995

for piano

Duration: 14'

First performance: 27 February 2002, Athens

Ermis Theodorakis

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### **La vision d'ange nouveau**

1997/1998

for violoncello

Duration: 14'

First performance: 4 October 2000, Würzburg

Frank Cox

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### **La terreur d'ange nouveau**

1997-1999

for flute

Duration: 11'

First performance: 25 November 2001, Bludenz

Carin Levine

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### **Le rêve d'ange nouveau**

1999

for piano

Duration: 9'

First performance: 25 November 2001, Bludenz

Sophie-Mayuko Vetter

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## SOLO WORKS

### **Angela Nova 2**

1999/2000

for soprano

Duration: 25'

First performance: 9 October 2010, Würzburg  
Almut Hellwig

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### **Hommage à Mark André**

2001

for cimbalom

Duration: 8'

First performance: 27 August 2003, Salzburg  
Jan Rokyta

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### **The Courier's Tragedy**

2001

for violoncello

*Commissioned by the Baden-Württemberg Ministry of Science, Research and Arts*

Duration: 19'

First performance: 1 March 2003, Baltimore  
Frank Cox

© Sikorski, Hamburg · score: **SIK 8646**

### **El sueño de la razón produce monstruos. Un capricho según Goya** 2003

for guitar

*Commissioned by Jürgen Ruck*

Duration: 3'

First performance: 6 September 2003, Stuttgart  
Jürgen Ruck

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## SOLO WORKS

### **Beethoven-Kommentar**

2004

for piano

Duration: 4'

First performance: 7 February 2007, Tokyo

Sophie-Mayuko Vetter

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### **Prospero-Fragmente**

2005

for piano

Duration: 14'

First performance: 20 December 2005, Cologne

Sophie-Mayuko Vetter

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### **Kurzes Leben 1** [Short Life 1]

2005

for bassoon and grand piano

*Commissioned by Ensemble Aventure*

Duration: ~3'

First performance: 19 May 2006, Freiburg

Wolfgang Rüdiger

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### **Kurtág-Cantus I**

2005

for A clarinet

*Commissioned by Siemens Arts Program*

Duration: ~12'

First performance: 19 December 2006, Berlin

Jörg Widmann

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## SOLO WORKS

### **deconstructing accordion**

2000-2011

for accordion

*Commissioned by Südwestrundfunk*

Duration: 10'

First performance: 30 January 2002, Stuttgart

Teodoro Anzellotti

First performance (final version): 23 October 2011, Leuven

Luka Juhart

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### **Hommage à Brian Ferneyhough**

2012/2013

for one tubist

*Commissioned by SALT-Festival*

Duration: 14'

First performance: 2 June 2013, Victoria

Max Murray

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### **Kurtág-Cantus II**

2013

for piccolo

Duration: 12'

First performance: 11 April 2014, New Orleans

Shanna Gutierrez

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### **Kurtág-Cantus III**

2013

for violin

Duration: 12'

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## SOLO WORKS

### **Kurtág-Cantus IV**

2013

for french horn

Duration: 12'

First performance: 10 February 2014, Helsinki

Samuel Stoll

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### **Mittleres Leben 1**

2013

for bass clarinet

Duration: 7'

First performance: 23 August 2014, Laudenau

Volker Hemken

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### **Esé apie vandenį**

2015

for male voice (baritone)

Text: Anja Kampmann

Duration: 13'

First performance: 11 September 2015, New York

Jeffrey Gavett

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### **metalized void**

2015/2016

for percussion

perc (crot, tam-t, objects, feedings)

Duration: 10'

First performance: 1 August 2016, Darmstadt

Håkon Stene

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## SOLO WORKS

### **atsiminimas**

2016

for bass flute

Duration: 13'

First performance: 25 March 2018, Chicago  
Shanna Gutierrez

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## VOCAL WORKS

### **Mon cœur mis à nu**

1997

for four voices (soprano/contralto/tenor/bass)

*Commissioned by the Baden-Württemberg Ministry of Science, Research and Arts*

Duration: 15'

First performance: 19 November 1999, Stuttgart

ExVoCo

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### **Angela Nova**

1999/2000

for soprano and ensemble

guit. harp. piano. 4 vl

Duration: 25'

First performance: April 2000, Stuttgart (recording of SWR broadcasting channel)

Monika Meier-Schmid (soprano) – Ensemble SurPlus – James Avery (conductor)

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### **Angela Nova 2**

1999/2000

for soprano

Duration: 25'

First performance: 9 October 2010, Würzburg

Almut Hellwig

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### **voiced void**

2008

for 24 voices (6/6/6/6) [in Hebrew, Aramaic and French]

*Commissioned by Südwestrundfunk*

Duration: 30'

First performance: 3 February 2018, Stuttgart

SWR Vokalensemble – Rupert Huber (conductor)

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## VOCAL WORKS

### **void – un delitto italiano**

2009

Un epitaffio [in Italian]

for six voices (2 sopranos/mezzo-soprano/tenor/baritone/bass)

*Commissioned by Musik der Jahrhunderte*

Duration: 15'

First performance: 13 February 2010, Stuttgart

Neue Vocalsolisten

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### **Finite Jest**

2014

for flute (picc, bass flute) and soprano

Text: David Foster Wallace [in English]

Duration: 9'

First performance: 7 February 2015, Chicago

Shanna Gutierrez (flute) – Frauke Aulbert (soprano)

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### **Esè apie vandenis** [About the Sea]

2015

for male voice (baritone)

Text: Anja Kampmann (in German), English version by Wieland Hoban

Duration: 13'

First performance: 11 September 2015, New York

Jeffrey Gavett

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### **mehr Wasser**

2015

for choir (professional singers or amateurs)

Duration: 5'

First performance: 2 October 2015, Dortmund

SWR-Vokalensemble – Rupert Huber (choirmaster)

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## VOCAL WORKS

### **Dov'è?**

2017/2018

for two sopranos, mezzo-soprano, tenor, bass and orchestra

text: Francesca Albertini

*Commissioned by Rundfunk-Sinfonieorchester Berlin*

2(2picc, alto fl).2.4(Eb-clar, bass clar, db clar).1(db bn) – 2.1.tenor-bass trbn.  
tenor horn, 0 – 3 perc (bass timp, tgl, crot, claves, whip, guiro, metal guiro, log  
dr, 3 temple bl, 4 wood bl, 2 mokusho, bass dr, cym, 2 tam-t, 4 tubular bells,  
vibr, marimba, styropor, large wooden hammer on wooden box [as in Mahler's  
Sixth Symphony]). harp. piano/hpd[amplified]/cel/glsp with keys. cymbalom.  
strings (6/6/6/4/2[5 strings])

Duration: 30'

First performance: 20 January 2019, Berlin

Neue Vocalsolisten – Rundfunk-Sinfonieorchester Berlin – Michael Wendeborg  
(conductor)

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### **432 Park Avenue. Hommage à NYC**

2018

for bass clarinet, trumpet, trombone, baritone and fixed media

*Commissioned by Ensemble Loadbang · Supported by the Ernst von Siemens Music Foundation*

Duration: 14'

First performance: 18 April 2019, New York

Ensemble Loadbang

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## VOCAL WORKS

### **Astronomica**

2019

for 4 voices (soprano, alto, tenor, bass) and 4 players

text: Claus-Steffen Mahnkopf, Dante Alighieri. The text is, with the exception of the Dante quotation, expected to be translated into the language of the country in which *Astronomica* is been performed.

*Commissioned by KlangForum Heidelberg*

1(picc, alto fl, bass fl).0.1(*Eb* clar, bass clar, db clar).0 – 0.0.0.0 – perc (crot, 'legni' [7 mixed wooden instruments in ascending order such as wood slash dr, temple bl, wood bl, mokusho], whip, bass dr, susp.cym, medium tam-t, friction stick on [neutral] wood). strings (0/0/0/1/0)

Duration: 21'

First performance: 22 February 2020, Heidelberg

KlangForum Heidelberg: SCHOLA HEIDELBERG and ensemble aistesis – Walter Nußbaum (conductor)

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## WORKS WITH ELECTRONIC MEDIA

### **D.E.A.T.H**

2001/2002

for eight-track tape

Duration: 12'

First performance: 12 June 2004, Bourges

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### **W.A.S.T.E**

2002

for oboe and live electronics

Duration: 18'

First performance: 12 August 2004, Darmstadt

Peter Veale (oboe) – Experimental Studio of the Heinrich Strobel Foundation of  
SWR – Joachim Haas and Claus-Steffen Mahnkopf (sound direction)

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### **W.A.S.T.E 2**

2002

for oboe and eight-track tape

Duration: 18'

First performance: 19 February 2003, Stanford

Peter Veale

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### **void – mal d'archive**

2002/2003

space / sound composition

for eight-track tape

Duration: 23'

First performance: 24 October 2003, Frankfurt

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## WORKS WITH ELECTRONIC MEDIA

### **Hommage à Thomas Pynchon**

2003-2005

Music installation for ensemble, violoncello and live electronics

*Commissioned by MärzMusik*

4 picc.0.2 bass cl.0 – 0.0.3.0 – 2 perc (bass dr, cym, 2 Tibetan cym, large tam-t, flat Chinese tam-t, bottles, bronze foil, 5 variable metal objects). 2 pianos

Duration: unlimited

First performance: 6 March 2005, Berlin

Frank Cox (violoncello) – Ensemble SurPlus – James Avery (conductor) – Experimental Studio of the SWR Heinrich Strobel Foundation – Joachim Haas (music informatics and sound direction) – Michael Acker, André Richard and Claus-Steffen Mahnkopf (sound direction)

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### **metalized void**

2015/2016

for percussion

perc (crot, tam-t, objects, feedings)

Duration: 10'

First performance: 1 August 2016, Darmstadt

Håkon Stene

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### **Hommage à Brice Pauset**

2016/2017

for five clavichords and fixed media

Duration: 25'

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### **432 Park Avenue. Hommage à NYC**

2018

for bass clarinet, trumpet, trombone, baritone and fixed media

*Commissioned by Ensemble Loadbang · Supported by the Ernst von Siemens Music Foundation*

Duration: 14'

First performance: 18 April 2019, New York

Ensemble Loadbang

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## WORK CYCLES

### Medusa Cycle

- **Die Schlangen der Medusa** [Medusa's Snakes] (1991)
- **Gorgoneion** (1990)
- **Pegasos** (1991)
- **Stheno und Euryale** (1992)
- **Medusa** (1990-1992)

Die Schlangen der Medusa, Gorgoneion, Pegasus and Stheno und Euryale are heard in Medusa

### Medeia Cycle

- **Kammersymphonie** [Chamber Symphony] (1993-1994)
- **Meta Medeian** (1994)
- **Wladimir** (1993)
- **Wladimir 2** (1994)
- **Wladimir 2b** (1995)
- **Zweites Streichquartett** [Second String Quartet] (1999/1996)

Kammersymphonie, Meta Medeian and Zweites Streichquartett may be played subsequently. Wladimir 2 is heard in Kammersymphonie.

### Kammerzyklus [Chamber Cycle]

- **Bläsertrio** [Woodwind Trio] (1996)
- **Kammerkonzert** [Chamber Concerto] (1995/1996)
- **Kammerminiatur** [Chamber Miniature] (1995)
- **Kammerstück** [Chamber Piece] (1995)
- **Trio basso** (1995)

Bläsertrio, Kammerminiatur, Kammerstück and Trio basso jointly form (modified) Kammerkonzert.

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## WORK CYCLES

### Angelus Novus Cycle

- **Angela Nova** (1999/2000)
- **Angela Nova 2** (1999/2000)
- **Angelus Novus** (1997-2000)
- **La terreur d'ange nouveau** (1997-1999)
- **La vision d'ange nouveau** (1997/1998)
- **Le rêve d'ange nouveau** (1999)
- **Solitude-Sérénade** (1997)
- **Zweite Kammersymphonie** (1997-1999)

Angela Nova, La terreur d'ange nouveau, La vision d'ange nouveau, Le rêve d'ange nouveau, Solitude-Sérénade and Zweite Kammersymphonie are heard in Angelus Novus.

### Kurtág Cycle

- **Hommage à György Kurtág** (2000/2001)
- **Hommage à Mark André** (2001)
- **Kurtág-Cantus I** (2005)
- **Kurtág-Cantus II** (2013)
- **Kurtág-Cantus III** (2013)
- **Kurtág-Cantus IV** (2013)
- **Kurtág-Duo** (2000)
- **Todesmusik** (2001)

Kurtág-Duo, Todesmusik I, Kurtág-Cantus I-IV are heard in a slightly modified version in *Hommage à György Kurtág*. *Hommage à Mark André* is heard (modified) in *Todesmusik I*.

### Libeskind Cycle

- **Hommage à Daniel Libeskind, Vol. I** (2002)
- **Hommage à Daniel Libeskind, Vol. II** (2010-2011)
- **Hommage à Daniel Libeskind, Vol. III** (2010-2012)

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## WORK CYCLES

### Pynchon Cycle

- **D.E.A.T.H** (2001/2002)
- **Hommage à Thomas Pynchon** (2003-2005)
- **The Courier's Tragedy** (2001)
- **The Tristero System** (2002)
- **W.A.S.T.E** (2001/2002)
- **W.A.S.T.E 2** (2001/2002)

The Courier's Tragedy, The Tristero System and D.E.A.T.H are heard in Hommage à Thomas Pynchon.

### Prospero Cycle

- **Beethoven-Kommentar** (2004)
- **Prospero-Fragmente** (2005)
- **Prospero's Epilogue** (2004)

Beethoven-Kommentar is heard in Prospero's Epilogue.

### void Cycle

- **void – mal d'archive** (2002/2003)
- **humanized void** (2003-2007)
- **voiced void** (2008)
- **void – un delitto italiano** (2009)
- **void – kol ischa asirit** (2010-2012)
- **metalized void** (2015/2016)
- *five other works yet in preparation*

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### **Angela Nova** for soprano and ensemble

- NEOS 11211-12  
Monika Meier-Schmid (soprano) – Ensemble SurPlus – James Avery (conductor)

### **Angela Nova 2** for soprano

- NEOS 11211-12  
Almut Hellwig

### **Angelus Novus** *Music Theatre*

- RCA 74321 7 3630 2 (excerpts)  
Monika Meier-Schmid (soprano) – Ensemble SurPlus – James Avery (conductor)

### **Beethoven-Kommentar** for piano

- NEOS 11207  
Ernis Theodorakis

### **D.E.A.T.H** for eight-track tape

- NEOS 11036

### **deconstructing accordion** for accordion

- NEOS 11407  
Luka Juhart

### **Die Schlangen der Medusa** [Medusa's Snakes]

for (four) clarinet(s)

- Baldreit-Edition Baden-Baden 1995 ([www.claussteffenmahnkopf.de](http://www.claussteffenmahnkopf.de))  
David Smeyers (clarinets)

### **différance** for violin

- Baldreit-Edition Baden-Baden 1995 ([www.claussteffenmahnkopf.de](http://www.claussteffenmahnkopf.de))  
Dora Entcheva

### **Esè apie vandenis** for male voice

- NEOS 11828  
Jeffrey Gavett

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### **Gorgoneion** for oboe

- NEOS 11813  
Peter Veale

### **Hommage à Daniel Liebeskind, Vols. I-III** for six players

- NEOS 11616  
Ensemble SurPlus

### **Hommage à György Kurtág** for guitar and chamber orchestra

- NEOS 11307  
Jürgen Ruck (guitar) – Österreichisches Ensemble für neue Musik – Johannes Kalitzke (conductor)

### **Hommage au hautbois** A musical ostracism for oboe obbligato and ensemble

- NEOS 11813  
Ensemble Elision

### **humanized void** for large orchestra

- NEOS 11417  
Symphonieorchester des Bayerischen Rundfunks – Roland Kluttig (conductor)

### **»il faut continuer«** for chamber ensemble

- WER 6547 2  
Ensemble SurPlus – James Avery (conductor)

### **Illuminations du brouillard** for oboe and piano

- Baldreit-Edition Baden-Baden 1995 ([www.claussteffenmahnkopf.de](http://www.claussteffenmahnkopf.de))  
Peter Veale (oboe) – Sven Thomas Kiebler (piano)
- NEOS 11813  
Peter Veale (oboe) – Sven Thomas Kiebler (piano)

### **Kammerkonzert** [Chamber Concerto] for piano and ensemble

- WER 6547 2  
Eun Ju Kim (piano) – Ensemble SurPlus – James Avery (conductor)

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## COMPACT DISCS

### **Kammerminiatur** [Chamber Miniature] for piano

- NEOS 11207  
Ermis Theodorakis

### **Kammerstück** [Chamber Piece] for piano

- NEOS 11207  
Ermis Theodorakis

### **Kurtág-Duo** for two guitars

- NEOS 11307  
Elena Căsolî, Jürgen Ruck

### **La terreur d'ange nouveau** for flute

- NEOS 11211-12  
Carin Levine

### **La vision d'ange nouveau** for violoncello

- NEOS 11211-12  
Franklin Cox

### **Le rêve d'ange nouveau** for piano

- NEOS 11207  
Ermis Theodorakis
- NEOS 11211-12  
Sophie-Mayuko Vetter

### **Medusa** for oboe and chamber orchestra

- WER 6547 2  
Peter Veale (oboe) – Ensemble SurPlus – James Avery (conductor)

### **memor sum** for viola

- WER 6547 2  
Bodo Friedrich

### **Mikrotomie** for guitar

- Baldreit-Edition Baden-Baden 1995 ([www.claussteffenmahnkopf.de](http://www.claussteffenmahnkopf.de))  
Jürgen Ruck

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### **Mon cœur mis à nu** for four voices

- NEOS 11828  
ExVoCo

### **Pegasos** for harpsichord

- WER 6547 2  
David Adams

### **Prospero-Fragmente** for piano

- NEOS 11207  
Ermis Theodorakis

### **resquiescant in pace** for four players

- KAIROS 001244KAI  
ensemble recherche

### **Rhizom** Hommage à Glenn Gould for piano

- Baldreit-Edition Baden-Baden 1995 ([www.claussteffenmahnkopf.de](http://www.claussteffenmahnkopf.de))  
Till A. Körber
- NEOS 11207  
Ermis Theodorakis

### **Solitude-Nocturne** for piccolo oboe

- Baldreit-Edition Baden-Baden 1995 ([www.claussteffenmahnkopf.de](http://www.claussteffenmahnkopf.de))  
Ernest Rombout
- NEOS 11813  
Ernest Rombout

### **Solitude-Sérénade** for piccolo oboe and ensemble

- RCA 74321 73621 2  
Ernest Rombout (piccolo oboe) – Ensemble SurPlus – James Avery (conductor)
- NEOS 11211-12  
Ernest Rombout (piccolo oboe) – Ensemble SurPlus – James Avery (conductor)

### **succolarity** for flute

- Baldreit-Edition Baden-Baden 1995 ([www.claussteffenmahnkopf.de](http://www.claussteffenmahnkopf.de))  
Carin Levine

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## COMPACT DISCS

### **The Courier's Tragedy** for violoncello

- NEOS 11036  
Franklin Cox

### **The Tristero System** for ensemble

- NEOS 11036  
Ensemble SurPlus – James Avery (conductor)

### **Trema** for percussion

- WER 6547 2  
Pascal Pons

### **Trio basso** for viola, violoncello and double bass

- ACD 6024-3. edition Solitude  
Ensemble SurPlus – James Avery (conductor)

### **voiced void** for 24 voices

- NEOS 11828  
SWR Vokalensembles – Rupert Huber (conductor)

### **void – kol ischa asirit** for large orchestra

- NEOS 11417  
Radiosymphonieorchester des Süddeutschen Rundfunks – Rupert Huber (conductor)

### **void – mal d'archive** for eight-track tape

- NEOS 11417  
Experimental Studio of Südwestrundfunk

### **void – un delitto italiano** Un epitaffio for six voices

- NEOS 11828  
Neue Vokalsolisten

### **W.A.S.T.E** for oboe and live electronics

- NEOS 11036  
Peter Veale (oboe) – Experimental Studio of the Heinrich Strobel Foundation of SWR – Joachim Haas and Claus-Steffen Mahnkopf (sound direction)

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## COMPACT DISCS

**W.A.S.T.E 2** for oboe and eight-track tape

- NEOS 11813

**Zweite KammerSymphonie** [Second Chamber Symphony]  
for chamber orchestra

- NEOS 11211-12  
Ensemble SurPlus – James Avery (conductor)

**Fünf kleine Lakunaritäten** [Five Little Lacunarities] for piano

- WER 6547 2  
Till A. Körber
- NEOS 11207  
Ernis Theodorakis



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