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ENSEMBLE

„TALLER DE MÚSICA CONTEMPORÁNEA“

CONDUCTED BY
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The Concert

The International Society for Chilean Music (SIMUC) has joined efforts with the Chilean Embassy in Austria and several other institutions to bring the prestigious ensemble **Taller de Música Contemporánea** from the southernmost country of the world to the old continent. This is the first of four concerts that the ensemble is going to give as part of their SIMUC-Tour in Europe. They are going to perform a varied and vivid repertoire of Chilean compositions that includes pieces from recognized composers like Gustavo Becerra-Schmidt (1925-2010) and young ones like Maximiliano Soto (1991). The other concerts are going to take place on September 25 in Bratislava, Slovakia, on September 27 in Paris, France and on September 28 in Rome, Italy.

For this tour the SIMUC did an open 'call for scores' to be premiered during the tour. Through this call the ensemble received pieces from different composers and selected three, two of which are going to be premiered today: the pieces by Cádiz and Soto. The third one is a piece by José Miguel Arellano, that is going to be premiered on September 25 in Bratislava. The ensemble under the artistic direction of composer Pablo Aranda has prepared a concert that includes traditional written music, improvisation, randomness and visually appealing aspects. In the name of the SIMUC we hope you enjoy this journey into the contemporary aesthetic of Chilean musical composition.

The SIMUC

The International Society for Chilean Music (SIMUC) is a non-profit organization based in Vienna, Austria. Its purpose is to promote Chilean art music, musicians and musicologists internationally. The SIMUC also aims to establish itself worldwide as an institutional support structure for the collaboration between Chilean and non-Chilean musicians and musicologists. It constitutes a network for supportive cooperation in the international art music scene. www.simuc.org

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The Program

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flute | violin | cello | piano | vibraphone

1. Ruego a una mariposa me acompañe en esta travesía (2017)

EUROPE PREMIERE

Inspired by the homonymous Haiku by Japanese poet Shiki, this piece reflects through 17 moments around the 17 syllables that make the Haiku. It approaches simple gestures, which are present again and again along the piece in different forms. Maybe it is impossible that a butterfly would accompany us during a whole journey, and naive to expect that by a miracle, that creature stays there for more than a few seconds, and thus be able to think that, in its apparent disorder, we can grasp its nature. The piece, like the haiku, does not go beyond being a game of sounds that reflects in its own rules, hoping that the naturalness of a gesture, a sound or a word does not abandon us in that ephemeral but abysmal moment when music passes from imagination to the shadow that is the pentagram.



Maximiliano Soto (1991)

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In 2016 he graduated with maximum distinction in composition at the University of Chile in 2016, won the 1st place at the contest "Carlos Riesco" of the Chilean Academy of Fine Arts, the 3rd place in the composition contest of the Marga-Marga Orchestra, and was finalist at the international contest "Bruno Maderna" in Ukraine. Soto has worked at "Germina.Cciones.", in the Prismas Permanent Festival of Latin American Creation in Chile, Peru and Argentina. He is the artistic director of Colectivo Azul and the "1 Festival Azul de Nueva Música", dedicated to Chilean composers. Soto is currently doing a master in composition at the Musikhochschule in Freiburg, Germany.

2. Akira (2017)

EUROPE PREMIERE

The piece is presented as a space of more or less random interactions between sounding moments composed for each instrument. In this way, as time passes, it moves from free relations of succession and superposition to conventional

coordination relations. A general plot given by the homogeneous but always irregular interaction of instrumental gestures is projected.



Antonio Carvallo (1972)

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He has both a degree and a master's degree in composition and electroacoustic music, and a Ph.D. in aesthetics. Carvallo has given lectures internationally and his compositions have been performed in Chile, Italy, Holland, France, Sweden, Germany and Thailand. He has permanently published his works on CD and sheet music. Currently he has an academic position at the University of Chile and the Catholic University of Chile.

3. Pedesis (2017)

WORLD PREMIERE

Pedesis is a Greek word used to refer to the motion of suspended particles in a fluid, also known as Brownian motion, discovered by Robert Brown in 1827. It can also be understood as "jumping".



Rodrigo Cádiz (1972)

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He has a degree in electrical engineering and a degree in composition from the Catholic University of Chile. Cádiz received his Ph.D. in music and technology from the Northwestern University, USA. His works for solos, chamber groups, orchestra, audiovisual media, electroacoustic and computer music have been programmed internationally. He has won several scholarships for artistic creation and research and awards in various composition contests. Cádiz is currently associate professor at the Music Institute and at the Department of Electrical Engineering of the Catholic University of Chile.

4. Tres piezas (1994)

In this work of 1990 Gustavo Becerra explores the sonic possibilities of the instruments through the use of extended piano techniques, reflected in its non-traditional random notation. Both performers move between extreme registers and nuances in their instruments seeking to generate an expressive and energetic sound result. The percussive element of both parts acts as a common element of the structure of the piece.



Gustavo Becerra-Schmidt (1925-2010)

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gustavo_Becerra-Schmidt

He studied at the National Conservatory of Music of the University of Chile, mainly composition, piano, violin, choral and instrumental conducting, and took over in 1946 his first professorship for music analysis. In 1970, he was named cultural attache of the Chilean Embassy in Germany by Salvador Allende and in 1971 he was awarded the National Art Award. After the coup led by Pinochet in 1973, Becerra-Schmidt was released from the diplomatic service and applied for political asylum in Germany. Since 1974 he lived in Oldenburg and taught composition, analysis and music theory at the Ossietsky University. Since 1993, he taught again in Santiago. On January 3, 2010 Gustavo Becerra-Schmidt died in Oldenburg, Germany.

5. deBA V (2017)

EUROPE PREMIERE

deBA V is a composition from somebody else, a composition from observing, transcribing, relating and rereading. deBA V arises from another work: Bidresia, particularly from the flute, vibraphone, piano, violin and cello. The composer relates these instruments to their genealogy (other works: IDRESIa and BIDRESI) and then begins to write: he transcribes, observes the copied, reorganizes, erases, plays to construct. He assembles, disassembles and imagines the sound, the reading, the musical approach, the resonance, the gesture, the figure.



Andrés Núñez (1981)

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He studied composition with Pablo Aranda at the Catholic University of Chile and then obtained a master's degree in music composition from the University of Chile. His thesis was "IDRESI - The method as the drift of a proceeding". Three chamber music pieces for nine musicians. Núñez currently works at the Metropolitan University of Educational Science and the Alberto Hurtado University in Chile.

6. El desvarío del apuntador (v. 2017)

El desvarío del apuntador (Le Souffleur) is part of a series of scenic pieces that are still in process. It is based on excerpts of texts by novelist Herta Müller and Barbara Suckfüll, who suffers from schizophrenia. These excerpts shape the drama and the character of the *Apuntador*. The gesture of the enclosure, metaphor of the unfortunate reality of Sückfull, articulates sound layers in depth. The piece is structured in fragments written for soloists, duos, tutti and spaces of randomness where the performer works on a suggested sound material.



Pablo Aranda (1960)

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He has a degree in composition from the University of Chile and a master's degree from the Musikhochschule in Cologne, Germany. Aranda recognizes the influence of his teachers, Cirilo Vila, Andrés Alcalde, Johannes Fritsch and Franco Donatoni. He has received scholarships by the DAAD, the Fundación Andes and the Chilean CNCA, among others. In 2011, Aranda won the Altazor Prize. He is currently professor for composition at the Music Institute of the Catholic University of Chile and at University of Chile, as well as artistic director of the Taller de Música Contemporánea.

The Performers

The ensemble **Taller de Música Contemporánea** is formed by musicians with great instrumental versatility. Since 2000 they have promoted musical creation and premiered works of established composers and young creators in different countries. It is the official ensemble of the "International Composers Meeting" biennale in Chile. Its conductor and artistic director is the composer and academic Pablo Aranda.

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Karina Fischer

Flute - Chile/Argentina

She studied with Lars Nilsson and Beatriz Plana at the National University of Cuyo and with Mario Ancillotti at the music school of Lugano. Fischer has a master's degree in performing 20th century Latin American repertoire and has performed internationally as a soloist and with different chamber ensembles. She is a member of the Contemporary Ensemble UC and the ensemble Taller de Música Contemporánea, and teaches flute, new music and chamber music at the Music Institute of the Catholic University of Chile.



Miguel Ángel Muñoz

Violin - Chile

Graduated as a master performer of the violin from the Modern School of Music in Santiago, Chile. He plays in the National Symphony Orchestra of Chile, with the ensemble Taller de Música Contemporánea and in the Camerata of the University Andrés Bello in Chile.



Fernanda Ortega

Piano - Chile

Pianist formed at the Catholic University of Chile and the École Normale de Musique de Paris. Master in Musicology and founding member of the ensemble Taller de Música Contemporánea, with which she has participated in numerous concerts, festivals, recordings, as well as tours nationally and internationally. She co-organizes the biennial International Composers Meeting in Chile since 2004. She is an academic at the Metropolitan University of Education.



Héctor Méndez

Violoncello - Chile

He studied at the Catholic University of Chile, University Mayor and at the School of Music of the Liceu of Barcelona, Spain. Méndez plays in the National Symphonic Orchestra of Chile, with the Egmont Quartet, the ensemble Taller de Música Contemporánea, among others. He has performed internationally.



Gerardo Salazar

Percussion - Chile

He is the timpani soloist of the National Symphonic Orchestra of Chile, professor at the Music Institute of the Catholic University of Chile, percussion teacher of the FOJI and artistic director of the International Percussion Meeting in Santiago de Chile. Salazar is a renowned percussionist in the area of classical music and many pieces have been dedicated to him. He has premiered the greatest number of concerts for percussion and orchestra in Chile.



Pablo Aranda

Conductor - Chile

He has been the artistic director of the ensemble Taller de Música Contemporánea since 2000, with which he has performed many concerts internationally. Aranda studied conducting at the Music Institute of the Catholic University of Chile with Hungarian visiting professor Zsolt Nagy. Together with the ensemble, he has premiered more than 30 pieces by young and established Chilean composers, as well as works by foreign composers. Aranda is founder and director of "Spaces that sound", a sound installation that is realized every two years in Chile. He has also directed several projects linked to the theater, like "Die Dreigroschenoper" and the experimental theater project "23 BrechtFragments" to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Brecht's death.

The Projects of the SIMUC in 2017

1. **Chilean electronic music in Lüneburg, Germany**

On the first of October, the SIMUC will offer a concert as part of the 43 New Music Festival of the city of Lüneburg. In this concert, we will present six acousmatic pieces from Chilean composers.

2. **Europe-Tour of renowned Chilean oboist José Luis Urquieta**

The SIMUC brings to European capitals one of the most active and engaged contemporary performers of the Chilean musical scene. Urquieta has dedicated great part of his energy to Chilean repertoire, working closely with the composers. He is going to give several concerts in Europe, two of which are SIMUC-Concerts: On October 9 in Prague, Czechia and on October 10 in Vienna, Austria. If you would like to be invited, send us an email at office@simuc.org.

3. **SIMUC-Database**

We are working to build the largest database of Chilean musicians ever made. In the summer of 2016, with our list of Chilean Musicians Abroad the first part of this large-scale project was published (www.simuc.org). This year we are going to open a big segment: an extensive catalog of compositions by Chilean composers, which will be available on our website.

4. **International Musicology Conference in Vienna, Austria**

On November 24-25 our first international musicology conference will take place in Vienna, Austria. We will be discussing „Composition in Chile: Tendencies, Conflicts and Perspectives”. Three Chilean musicologists and a composer are coming from different parts of the world to share their knowledge. There are local researchers invited too. This unique gathering will be open freely to the public, so if you would like to get an invitation, please let us know at office@simuc.org

You can find out more about this and other SIMUC-Projects on our website:
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The Membership of the SIMUC

The SIMUC lives for and thanks to its members. We have two types of membership. On the one hand, the active members such as composers, performers, music scholars and journalists, and on the other hand, the sponsoring members who support us with a small membership fee. The membership fee is only €30, but it makes up an important part of the budget that we have to carry out our projects. We would be honored to welcome you as an active or sponsoring member. If you are interested, please write to us at office@simuc.org.

If the initiative of the SIMUC is appealing to you, you can also support our work with a donation. This can be targeted at an area of the SIMUC that is of particular interest to you. For example, commissioning pieces to Chilean composers, organizing concerts, scholarships for talented young musicians, musicological projects and research, professional recordings and CD productions, projects concerning musical education, etc.. If you prefer, you can also finance or co-finance a specific project. Please contact us to discuss the different possibilities and amounts.

The Supporters

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