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FIRE-MUSIC - NOTES AND PERFORMANCE HISTORY

NOTE ON THE WORK

Fire is passionate without being strained; it's unified without repeating itself; it's clean without being ascetic; it develops itself without being fixed to a scheme; it's fast and slow, leaping and calm at the same time... (1977)

Fire-Musik (as well as Postcard-Musik, see separate entry) are free, heterophonic canons. The inspiration was the repeated aleatory structures in compositions by Penderecki - I wondered why they were always fast and mechanical. With slower ones, one could make improvised variations and yet have unity of structure. (2010)

RECORDINGS PROVIDED

none, as of June 2010

PERFORMANCE HISTORY

1976: Published on a postcard and as a matchbox label. Sold in a variety of shops internationally, sales extending into the eighties.

1977: First performance at 7. Mixed Media Festival Gent (Belgium), Group for Intuitive Music (GIM): Jørgen Lekfeldt, synthesizer - Carl Bergstrøm-Nielsen, french horn etc - Anders Keiding, bassoon - Niels Rosing-Schow, cello. (DK)

1977 Farver Hammers Gård, Roskilde (DK) June 3. GIM.

1977: DUT (Danish ISCM-section), October 14. GIM.

1977: CEMD (Center for Experimental Music and Drama) Holbaek (DK), July 23., GIM.

1977: Huset i Magstræde (Copenhagen), 11. December, GIM.

1980: Released on cassette "Group for Intuitive Music"

1981: Composer's Workshop Esbjerg (DK). Vestjysk Kammerensemble.

1992: Galleri Av-Art, Copenhagen. Intuitive Music Group (IMG): Carl Bergstrøm-Nielsen, horn, various instr. - Claus Bech-Nielsen, various instr. - Henrik Ehland Rasmussen, piano, various instr - Astrid Pilegaard Larsen, various instr - Bodil Wellendorf, various instr.

1992: Krudttønden, Copenhagen. IMG.

1998: Tour October/November: Univ. of Huddersfield - Anglia Polytechnic University, Cambridge - Red Rose Theatre, London. Ensemble IST: Rhodri Davies, harp - Mark Wastell, cello - Simon H. Fell, double bass (UK)

1998: Released on CD "ghost notes", Bruce's Fingers 28, ensemble IST

1999: Airplay in Danish Radio, Programme 2, of CD version on the occasion of "Sct. Hans evening" and Danish bonfire tradition.

2008: Music Department of Aristoteles University. Student group "impro" under supervision of Alexis Porfiriadis. 11th January.



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