

Short biography Elisabeth Harnik



Elisabeth Harnik, free-lance composer and pianist, was born 1970 in Graz and currently lives in Gams (County of Styria / Austria). She studied classical piano and later - with Beat Furrer – composition at what is now the University of Music and Performing Arts, Graz. She started her artistic career both as interpreter of her own works as well as pianist and singer in various areas of improvised music.

Performances include: Easterfestival Graz 2002, Hörfest Graz 2003/04/05, Styrian Chamber Music Festival 2003, Klangmühle Orth an der Donau 2005, Munich Opera Festival 2006, Mozart-Year Vienna 2006, Paul Hofhaimer Musiktage 2006, Composers' Forum Mittersill 2008, Haydn Year 2009, Festival 4020 Linz 2009, Soundings Festival London 2010, Opera Graz, etc. She has worked with renowned artists and ensembles such as the Ensemble für Neue Musik Graz, Ensemble Zeitfluss Graz, Ensemble Reconsil Vienna, Haydn-Trio-Eisenstadt, Thürmchen Ensemble Cologne, Trio AMOS Vienna, Trio EIS Vienna, the Vienna Motet Choir, the Vocal Ensemble Chiaroscuro Graz, Fidelio Trio London, the RSO Vienna and various national and international soloists. 2011 the Musikprotokoll (Steirischer Herbst) features Elisabeth Harnik with a new Ensemble-piece commissioned by the Klangforum Vienna.

She received a great number of rewards and prizes, most recently she was Artist in Residence at the OMI International Arts Center New York 2010.

In addition to her work as composer she appears as improvisator at various national and international festivals such as the V:NM Festival, the Ulrichsberger Kaleidophon, the piano festival Soundgrube Vienna, the Artacts Festival St. Johann, the Nickelsdorfer Konfrontationen, the Beethoven Festival Bonn, the Festival Offene Ohren Munich, the Comprovisé Festival Cologne, the Alpenglow Festival London, the Musicacoustica Beijing or the Umbrella Music Festival Chicago.

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