

Composer Curator: Mari Kimura

with Chelsea Loew of Ensemble Decipher, Meriheini Luoto, and Val-Inc (Val Jeanty)

Friday, September 24, 2021 at 7 pm - Live on Composers Now YouTube Channel



Program

Mari Kimura

Clone Barcarolle (2009) - excerpt

Canon Élastique (2011) - excerpt

Rossby Waving (2017) for violin, MUGIC® and graphics
Liubo Borissov, graphics

Iron Bird (2021) for cymbal and MUGIC® - excerpt
Aiyun Huang, cymbal
(preview of world premiere)

KISMET (2021) for ensemble and MUGIC® - excerpt
Ensemble Decipher

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Coat: Rob Cosgrove

Apple Box (2021): Margaret Schedel

Meriheini Luoto

Metsänpeitto (Covered by Forest) (2015)

Akkajee (duo group with Luoto) - Yönitkettäyä (2021)

Val-Inc (Val Jeanty)

Festival Improvisations from:

South by Southwest (SXSW)

BESE

Underground Producers Alliance (UPA)

About the artists

Mari Kimura is at the forefront of violinists who are extending the technical and expressive capabilities of the instrument. As a composer, performer, researcher, and entrepreneur, she has opened up new sonic worlds and new musical possibilities for the violin. Notably, she has mastered the production of pitches that sound up to an octave below the violin's lowest string without re-tuning. This technique, which she calls Subharmonics, has earned Mari considerable renown in the concert music world and beyond. She is also a pioneer in the field of interactive computer music. At the same time, she has earned international acclaim as a soloist and recitalist in both standard and contemporary repertoire. Her most recent efforts involve entrepreneurship, bringing her prototype motion sensor MUGIC™, (pronounced "mu" as in music + "gic" as in magic) to the market.

Ensemble **Decipher** is a modular, experimental music group that performs with vintage, contemporary, and emerging technologies. Founded in 2017 by Niloufar Nourbakhsh, Ensemble Decipher strives to redefine performer virtuosity by drawing on the technological advancements of our time in order to highlight new voices and ways of listening. By reexamining new music and integrating technology into their performance practice, Ensemble Decipher seeks to reflect on and challenge the power structures that lace the field of electroacoustic music. Current members include Joseph Bohigian, Robert Cosgrove, Eric Lemmon, Chelsea Loew, Taylor Long, and Niloufar Nourbakhsh.

Meriheini Luoto is a Helsinki based composer and multi-instrumentalist focusing mainly on violin, nyckelharpa and vocals. Her compositions often have their basis in improvisation, timbre qualities, the experiential, and intuition. The possibilities offered by different architectural spaces inspire her to seek new and unusual ways of performing and experiencing music. With an adventurous mind and the knowledge of Scandinavian folk music tradition she creates soundscapes of something truly old and new at the same time.

Val-Inc (Val Jeanty) is a Haitian-born composer, percussionist and turntablist, who uses technology to lead listeners into her dream-like expressionism of Afro-Creole and "Afro- Electronica®" compositions. Her works invite the World of the unseen as she incorporates her African Haitian Musical traditions into the present and beyond, combining acoustics with electronics, and the archaic with the post-modern.

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