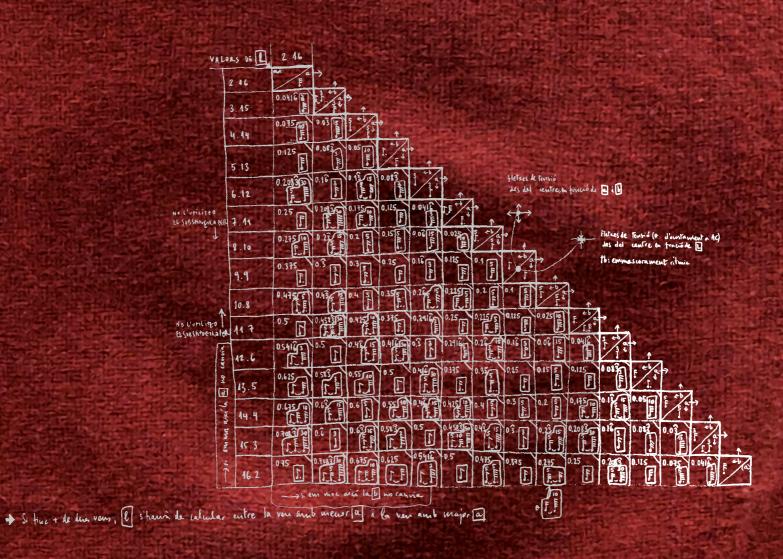
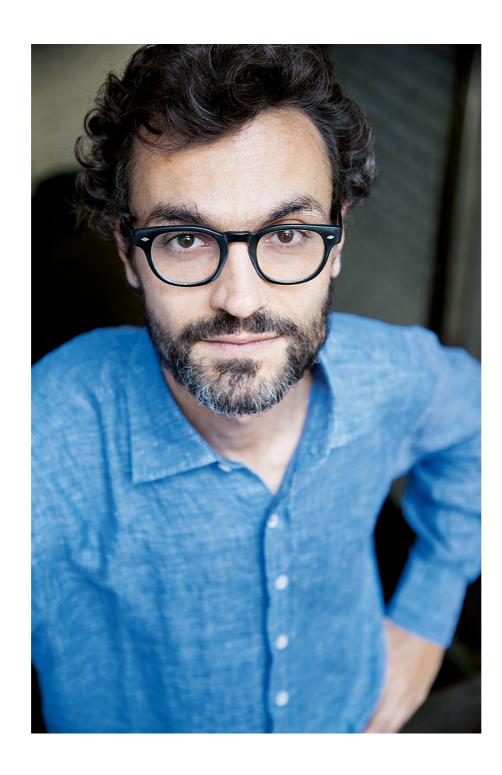
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Suspended time, unreliable communication. On the music of Oriol Saladrigues Brunet

by Markus Böggemann

Music as organised time and music as a metaphor for our communication – these fundamental forms of compositional thinking repeatedly come to the fore in Oriol Saladriques' works in a variety of forms. Time appears on the one hand as a global duration, as an extension of the piece, but on the other hand as a proportion, as the relationship of its parts to one another, from the level of formal sections down to the sequence of individual note values and pulsations. How these time forms are connected, how their relationship can become the subject of conscious composition and, in particular, how the handling of irregularities can remain both controllable and as flexible as possible – these are not just technical questions from the composer's workshop, but aesthetically exciting perspectives that the music of Oriol Saladriques opens up to the listener. Composing thus becomes a form of artistic research and the individual work becomes a test arrangement, an experiment. Under such conditions, the creative process appears to be even more of a gamble than it already is; the composer is confronted with the risk of failure. Beauty, however, can only be found beyond certainty, and Oriol Saladriques knows this.

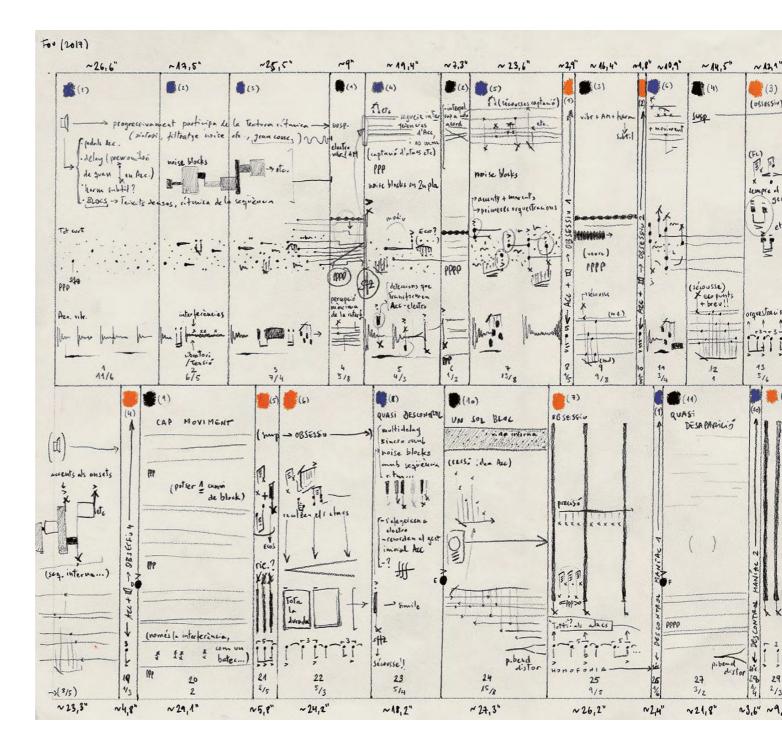
The works collected on this CD successfully take this risk. They present the musical poetics of Oriol Saladrigues as well as essential aspects of his sound world and its processes. The latest work on the recording, *Present* (2020), demonstrates the combination of clear structuring and explorative freedom in the instrumental grouping of its instrumentation:

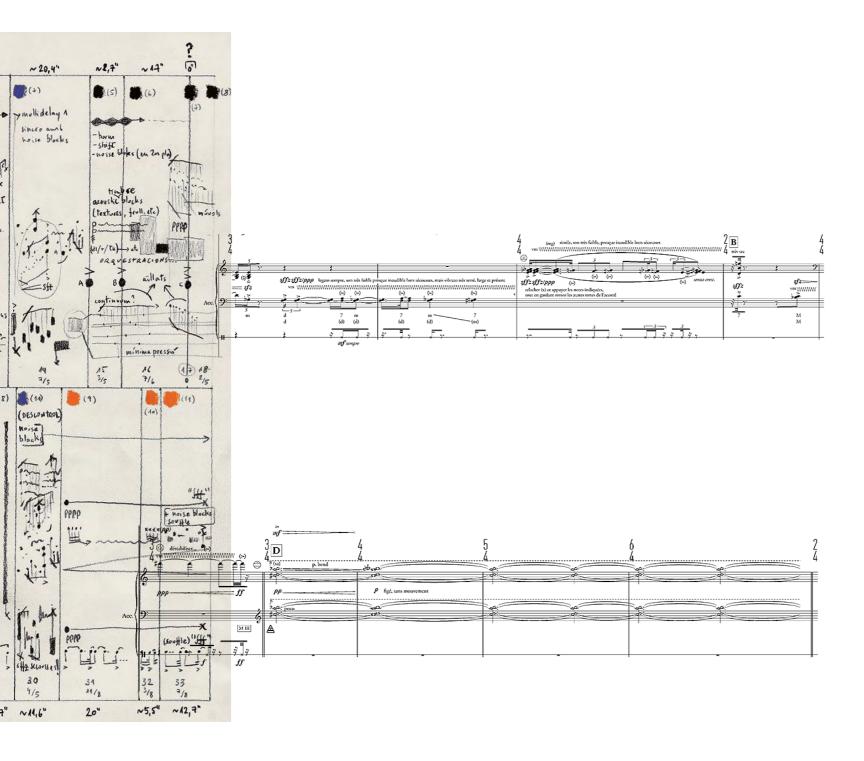
the accordion mediates between the two woodwind and two string instruments; with its chameleon-like timbre, it blends in with one or other of the groups or emerges as a soloist in its own right. Electronics also play a central role in *Present*: a synthesiser programmed by the composer acts as a quasi-sixth instrument, whose highly differentiated sounds transport the idea of irregularity to the micro-level of the individual frequency sequence – with fascinating consequences for the ensemble's spectrum of timbres. All five movements of the piece show equal phases of tonal differentiation and great homogeneity. The first movement, like an introduction, allows the instruments and the musical events to emerge from a single point – here even from a single note, c'. Not only is the motivic and figurative material the same in all parts, but the register of the instruments and their position in a largely bassless texture also harmonises the parts. But it doesn't stop there: the following movements are increasingly enlivened by tonal contrasts such as those between an unresisting upward and downward glide of microtonal lines and a rhythmically accentuated pulsation. The latter lends the third and fourth movements in particular their special character.

The ensemble piece *Tempo sospeso* from 2018 is also based on questions of the temporal organisation of music. The interrupted or rather 'suspended' time of the title is reflected in the interweaving of impulsive individual events and sound surfaces oscillating between sound and white noise. They constitute a formal progression that, despite the static nature of its elements, reveals a system of intensification with a clearly defined climax and subsequent final decay phase. Fou from 2018, on the other hand, sets different accents. Like *Present*, it utilises the characteristic possibilities of the accordion, but this time in the context of a line-up of three woodwind and three brass instruments including electronics. Compositionally, this greater homogeneity is transformed into a movement that is at times extremely open, in which the tonal differences between the instruments recede in favour of a dense fabric of interacting voices. The accordion takes on the role of primus inter pares. It appears sometimes as a soloist, sometimes as a kind of basso continuo, but in any case as a continuous support and point of reference for a dense fabric. This initially consists of rhythmic layers divided into three, four, five and six parts, which are irregularly distributed among the instruments and interspersed with rests. As the piece progresses, the texture simplifies – a dramaturgically logical process that is by no means linear, however, but instead takes detours and jams. It culminates in the standstill of a wide-ranging harmonic field of wind instruments, the end of which is followed by a coda that fades into the toneless.



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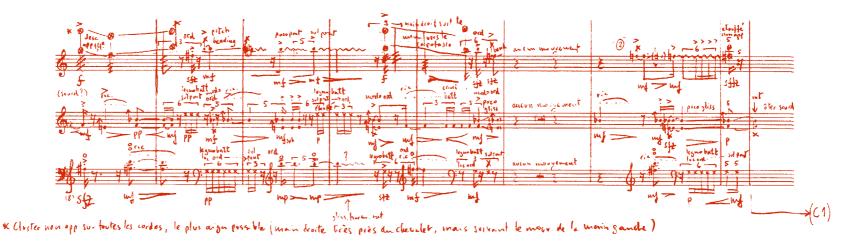
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Such clarity of form is characteristic of Oriol Saladriques' music. It draws attention to the detail, to the changing "weaving patterns" of the texture and the interplay of those chains of events that determine the progress of the music in time. Irregularities do not appear as a disturbance, but as the normal case, from which a rigid temporal order, for example in the form of regular pulsations, must first be extracted. However, this in no way means that the dramaturgy of the form always runs in the direction of a greater order, as the sextet Teixits (2011, revised 2016) also demonstrates: Like a river in a karst, its rapid movement, exposed at the beginning, sinks beneath the surface in places to make way for a layering of progressions that is both denser and more shadowy ("une ombre ..." reads an inscription in the score). The fact that the composer's interest in musical textures already dominates in this earlier piece is demonstrated by its title, which means "fabric" in Catalan. This compositional aspect does not, of course, stand in the way of the music's particular sensuality of sound: When, at the end of *Teixits*, the movement dissolves into delicate key and knocking noises and distinct of conceptual consistency, but also one of great, moving beauty.

Su profession? survant le mour de la main gande) aucun nouvement However, Oriol Saladrigues' compositional rigour and spirit of exploration, as evident in his more recent works, in no way mean that his music is devoid of communicativeness. Communication is a basic motif and an essential component of his compositions, even where language is absent or becomes mere sound material. *Moby Dick* (2014) and *Presse* (2011), for example, literally inscribe the idea of communication and language – albeit with critical intent as a failing, contradictory or atrophied phraseology. The constant repetition of contradictory phrases in the first and third sections of *Moby Dick* ("so this is like this / so this is not like this"; "yes, I know / I don't know"; "that is not true / that is so true"; "can I really know it?") produces a semantic vortex that illustrates the danger of emptying our communication of meaning – an image, according to the composer, of the inaccessibility of truth and an example of the manipulability of our convictions.

Presse (2011) for seven voices, orchestra and live electronics also works with the sound of language, but formulates its message even more emphatically than Moby Dick by addressing the listener with a clearly articulated, sociologically inspired criticism of the media. The very first section of the text is taken from Pierre Bourdieu's 1996 essay Sur la télévision; Oriol Saladrigues took all the others from reports and contributions in the press, radio and television. The large apparatus and the expressive vocal treatment make Presse seem at times like the condensation of an opera. But Moby Dick also has moments of deliberately

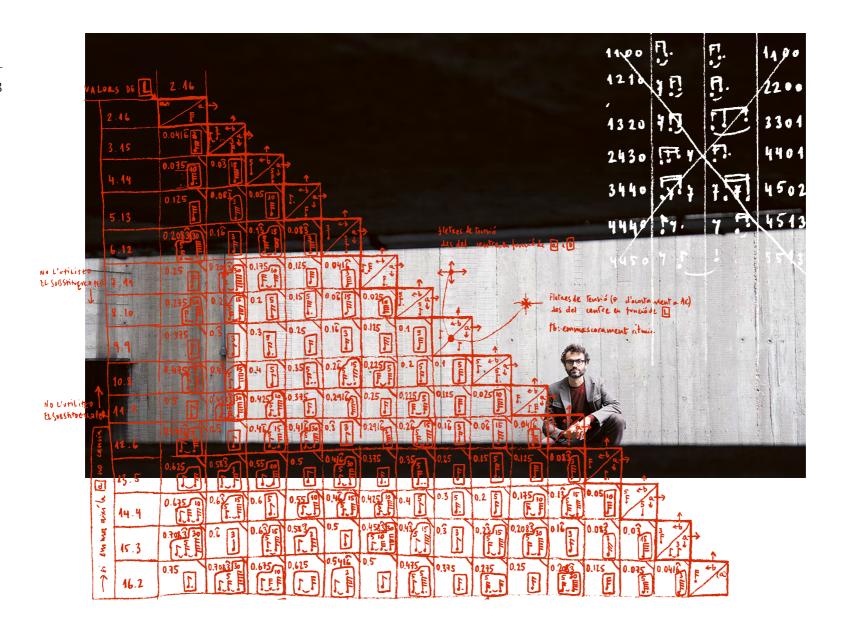
staged theatricality, when the performers' failed communication with each other and with the audience is portrayed through looks, gestures and postures. Such creative ideas must be lost in an audio recording, but at least the music itself may gain an additional intensity as a result. In both pieces – and also in all the other works by Oriol Saladrigues collected here – communication in and with music is ultimately both the means and the object of a diverse, dramaturgically ambitious and inventive composition.







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Oriol Saladrigues Brunet

Having already completed degrees in Chemical Engineering and Music, Saladrigues decided to make the latter his primary focus of attention. This resulted in subsequent periods of study with various composers including Josep Soler, Luis Naón, Horacio Vaggione, José Manuel López López, Yan Maresz, Michael Jarrell and Ivan Fedele. He was supported by grants from institutions such as the *Fundació La Caixa*, Fundación Caja Madrid, *Academia Española en Roma*, and the *Generalitat de Catalunya*.

His compositions centre on the ideas of regularity and irregularity, interference, interruption and superposition, using time and – more specifically – the perception of time as a focal point: experimenting on how these phenomena can be used to guide and manipulate sound, whether that is in order to reinforce pre-existing parameters or to place them in juxtaposition or even conflict with each other. Beyond sound and music, he is interested in how these phenomena occur in human communication, wether intentionally or not.

Oriol worked in Paris for almost ten years, where he taught at the Conservatoire national supérieur de musique et de danse de Paris. He is Artistic Co-Director of the Festival Mixtur in his native Barcelona, which he co-founded in 2012. He is teaching at the Escola Superior de Música de Catalunya (ESMUC) since 2019. His works are edited by Maison Ona.





Ensemble Diagonal

Ensemble Diagonal, founded on 16 June 2004, is the fruit of the combined desires of professional musicians and fans of new music. A variable-geometry musical ensemble made up of 15 musicians, Diagonal has set itself the goal of winning over new audiences for contemporary cultural events by cultivating echoes with the different fields of artistic innovation today. Drawing on our own experience (whether as professionals or as simple spectators), we are convinced that it is essential to approach contemporary creation and raise awareness of it if we want to keep the relationship between the artist and society alive.

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The Association Diagonal's local presence in Bois-Colombes, more specifically at the TAC [Territoire Art & Création], has enabled it to forge close links with the town's cultural establishments. Diagonal has been able to develop activities involving external partners such as the French Ministry of Education, which works with primary and secondary schools, and the cultural services of the Hauts-de-Seine Departmental Council.

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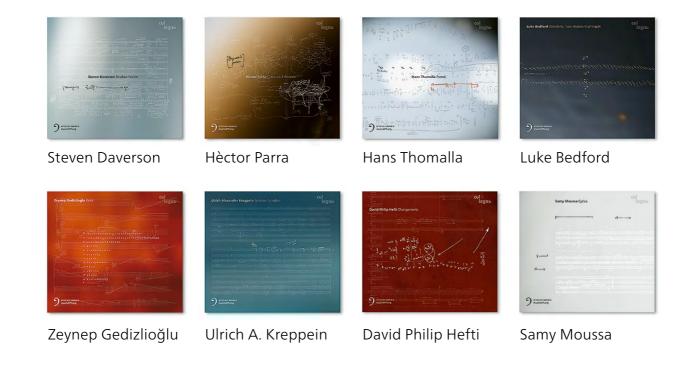
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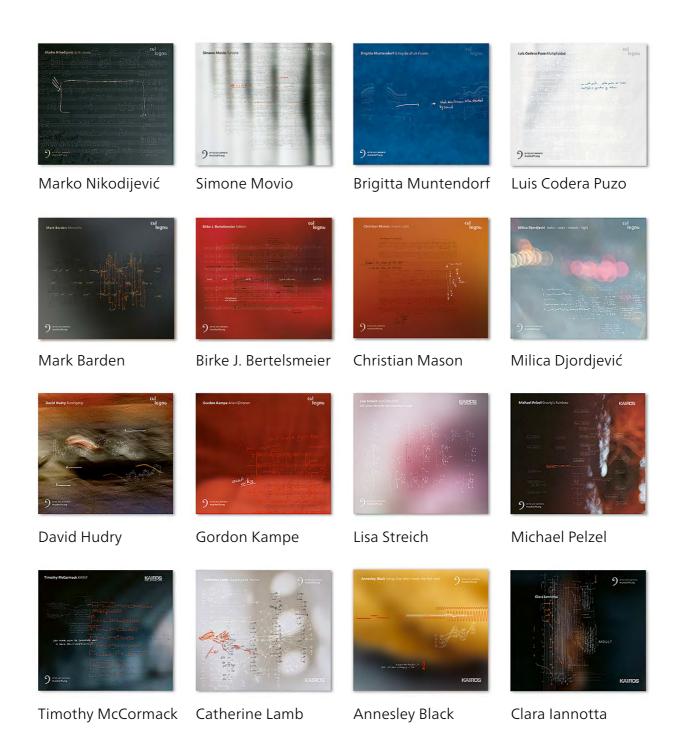
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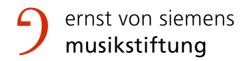
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for flute, clarinet, accordion, violin,

cello and electronics

Commissioned by: Radio France

Dedication: to Clara

Recording: 30 September 2020, Studio 104 Radio France (Paris)

Ensemble: Ensemble Diagonal

Musicians: Sophie Aupied (accordion), Odile Renault (flute),

Juliette Adam (clarinet), Pauline Klaus (violin),

Camille Renault (cello)

Conductor: Rut Schereiner

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Tempo Sospeso (2018)

for flute, oboe/cor anglais, soprano/baritone saxophone, horn, percussion, harp, piano, violin, viola, violoncello

and double bass

Premiere: 3 May 2018, Prinzregentheater Munich,

Prize Ceremony of the Ernst von Siemens Music Foundation, Klangforum Wien, Beat Furrer

(conductor)

Recording: Eine Produktion des Österreichischen Rundfunks (ORF)

Recording: 26–28 May 2018, Studio 3 Wiener Funkhaus

(ORF RadioKulturhaus Wien)

Ensemble: Klangforum Wien

Conductor Enno Poppe

Musicans: Eva Furrer (flute), Markus Deuter (oboe, cor anglais),

Gerald Preinfalk (saxophone), Christoph Walder (horn),

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Fou (2018)

for accordion (solo), flute, oboe, clarinet, horn, trumpet, trombone and electronics

Commissioned by: Ensemble 2e2m

Premiere: 20 March 2018, CRR Paris, Ensemble 2e2m, Pascal

Contet (accordion), Pierre Roullier (conductor)

Recording: 30 November 2018, Studio Sequenza (Paris)

Ensemble: 2e2m

Conductor: Pierre Roullier

Musicians: Pascal Contet (accordion), Jean-Philippe Grometto

(flute), Jean-Marc Liet (oboe), Véronique Fèvre

(clarinet), Patrice Petitdidier (horn), Laurent Bômont

(trumpet), Lucas Ounissi (trombone)

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Teixits (v2016)

for flute travers, clarinet, percussion, piano, violin, cello

Premiere & Recording: 23 October 2016, Studio 104 Radio France (Paris)

Ensemble: TM+

Conductor: Laurent Cuniot

Musicians: Gilles Burgos (flute travers), Frank Scalisi (clarinet),

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Moby Dick (2014)

for flute, clarinet, piano, violin, viola, cello

Dedication: to ensemble recherche

Premiere: 21 November 2014, Ensemblehaus, Freiburg,

ensemble recherche

Recording: 22 May 2019, Wiener Konzerthaus – Berio Hall,

Vienna

Ensemble: PHACE

Conductor: Nacho de Paz

Musicians: Doris Nicoletti (flute) Scott Lygate (clarinet),

Mathilde Hoursiangou (piano), Ivana Pristašová (violin),

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Presse (2011)

for seven voices, orchestra and electronics

Dedication: à Éric Daubresse, avec admiration et gratitude

Premiere & Recording: 24 June 2011, Studio Ernest Ansermet (Geneva)

Ensemble: Orchestre de la Haute École de Musique de Genève

Soloists (voices): Leana Durney, Gabriella Cavasino, Barbara Goldenberg,

Jing Yuan, Luisa Fernanda Flórez, Josquin Gest,

Jorge Luis Carrillo

Conductor: Benoît Willmann

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