

# Body and Corporeality in 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Music

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# Programme

### Thursday, 5 November 2020

09:30–09:50	Opening and Welcome GERD GRUPE (Vice Rector) NADINE SCHARFETTER & THOMAS WOZONIG
09:50–10:50	<b>Keynote I</b> (Chair: Nadine Scharfetter)
	STEPHANIE SCHROEDTER: Music, Body and Corporeality – Concepts of a Musical Body between Embodiment and Enaction
10:50-11:00	Break
11:00–12:00	Session I: Body and Gesture in/as Music (Chair: Christa Brüstle)
	WINNIE HUANG: Sonic Silhouettes, Musical Movement: The Musical-Gestural Performer
	CATHERINE LAWS: Being a Player: Embodied Agency in <i>Player</i> <i>Piano</i> (Lecture Recital)
12:00-13:00	Lunch break
13:00–14:30	<b>Session II: Dance</b> (Chair: Eike Wittrock)
	RENATE BRÄUNINGER: De Keersmaekers Choreografien zu Steve Reichs Musik: Die Nachbildung musikalischer Prinzipien in Tanz
	ANDREA GIOMI: Choreographing the Sonorous Body. A Taxonomy of Gesture-Sound Idioms in Digital Dance History
	PEI ANN YEOH   AMANDUS PAUL PANAN: Bridging Impairment and Disability with Music and Dance (Lecture Recital)
14:30-15:00	Break

15:00–16:00	Session III: Musical Corporeality in a Political Context (Chair: Thomas Wozonig)
	ANDRÉ DOEHRING   KAI GINKEL: Volkstümlicher Schlager und Körper(teile): Zur Rolle populärer Musik und ihrem "bodily engagement" in der politischen Kommunikation
	CHRISTOPHER KLAUKE: Volkskörper-Werden. Körperpolitische Dimensionen der gesanglich artikulierten Gemeinschaftsstimme im Nationalsozialismus
16:00–16:15	Break
16:15-17:15	Session IV: Corporeality and Technology (Chair: Marko Ciciliani)
	CÉCILE CHEVALIER: Techno-Muses and Corporeality in Musical and Social Instruments
	MATTIA MERLINI   STEFANO MARIA NICOLETTI: A Digital Touch: The "Body Issue" in Computational Creativity

## Friday, 6 November 2020

09:30–10:30	<b>Keynote II</b> (Chair: Thomas Wozonig)
	STEFAN DREES: Embodied Experiences: Thoughts on the Interconnection of Body, Voice, and Theatricality
10:30-10:45	Break
10:45–12:15	Session V: Extreme Voice(s) (Chair: Jennifer Ronyak)
	ERIN MCHUGH: Elektra's Voice: Psychoanalysis, Gender and Singing in the <i>fin-de-siècle</i>
	ATTILIO CANTORE: A Prodigious and Extreme Vocal Program to be Enjoyed with the Eyes: Cathy Berberian at the 30th International Festival of Contemporary Music
	BOJANA RADOVANOVIĆ: Voice and Body in Extreme Metal Music
12:15-12:30	Break

12:30-13:30	Session VI: Pain and/as Artistry (Chair: Christina Lessiak)
	TALIEH ATTARZADEH: Leidende Körper, erleichterte Seelen. Lațmiyeh, ein Gesangsgenre der arabischsprachigen Frauen Südirans
	GEOFFA FELLS: Embodied Connections (Lecture Recital)
13:30-14:30	Lunch break
14:30-15:30	<b>Session VII: Luciano Berio</b> (Chair: Christian Utz)
	MISTY CHOI: My Voice is My Absent Body: "Theater for the Ear" in Berio's Un re in ascolto
	WERONIKA NOWAK: Corporeal Strategies in Luciano Berio's Music Theatre
15:30-15:45	Break
15:45-16:45	Session VIII: Extension and Transformation of Musical Practices (Chair: Nadine Scharfetter)
	FLORIAN HENRI BESTHORN: Vom Scheitern des Mechanischen: Die Rehumanisierung in Jörg Widmanns Musik
	TOBIAS KNICKMANN: Auf Herz und Lunge prüfen – der Atem des Orchesters in Chaya Czernowins Once I Blinked Nothing Was the Same
16:45-17:15	Break
17:15	Concert and Discussion

## **Abstracts**

#### BOJANA RADOVANOVIĆ: VOICE AND BODY IN EXTREME METAL MUSIC

Metal subgenres such as, for example, death metal, black metal, doom metal, which are considered as constituents of the "meta-genre" of extreme metal, have built up a very specific sound and imagery during the last several decades. As Keith Kahn-Harris noticed, this cluster of sub-genres gathers musical acts of different historical backgrounds and ideologies, which show the highest level of diversity, artistic vibrancy and dynamics, while at the same time being the most problematic area of metal culture in general. The supposed aggression, radicalism, and exclusivity in sound stem not only from the fast, virtuoso, and technically demanding playing of the instruments, but also from the very peculiar vocal emissions. This *monstrous* voice, which is the result of the extended vocal techniques (primarily screams, growls, squeals), is the point of intersection for several issues concerning voice, body, and technology.

In this presentation, I will give insight into the key points regarding these questions, while also delving into the issue of gender. For, although metal culture has historically been considered to be male-oriented—and especially so in the extreme metal—the noticeable trend of the growing number of female musicians and vocalists in this scene encourages us to further explore who can stand behind the monstrous voice.

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