

# BRISTOL NEW MUSIC

Fri 21 - Sun 23 Feb 2014

Christian Marclay Ellen Fullman
David Toop John Butcher – Tarab Cuts
Emptyset Christian Wallumrød Ensemble
Klavikon Quatuor Bozzini Addison Groove
Claudia Molitor Keith Tippett
Roly Porter Cevdet Erek

**plus** Ensemble musikFabrik performs Harry Partch and Frank Zappa Arnolfini Colston Hall Spike Island St George's Bristol University of Bristol

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# welcome to the first ever bristol new music weekend!

On 21 – 23 Feb 2014 **Colston Hall, Arnolfini, Spike Island, St George's Bristol** and the **University of Bristol** present Bristol New Music, a weekend brimming with the best new and experimental music on the international arts scene. Expect the unexpected with a weekend of over 17 events (featuring six world premieres and three UK premieres), showcasing everything from avant-garde, experimental jazz, dubstep and electronic music to sound installations and early folk. We hope you can make it along to hear and experience something extraordinary.

#### ticket offers

Available from Colston Hall box office: 0844 887 1500 bristolnewmusic.ora

friday evening pass to all bristol new music shows £10.75 incl. booking fee

saturday pass to all bristol new music shows £32.25 incl. booking fee

sunday joint ticket for bristol ensemble and ensemble musikfabrik £21.50 incl. booking fee





#### cevdet erek

saturday 15 february – sunday 13 april 12 midday – 5pm\* Spike Island

Supported by the Elephant Trust and SAHA

A world premiere and Turkish artist Cevdet Erek's first solo UK exhibition Alt Üst.

Having trained in architecture and sound design, Erek is interested in the way we organise our lives through measurements of space and time. Working with his own versions of these markers and rhythms he will create a new installation for the gallery at Spike Island. For this, his first major project in a UK gallery, Erek will also collaborate with writer David Toop and Bristol-via-London duo Emptyset.

FREE (donations welcome)
\*Exhibition closes at 3pm on Fri 21 Feb.

#### i dwell in sound and the sound dwells in me

friday 21 february 4pm (launch) saturday 22 – sunday 23 february 10am – 5pm Colston Hall foyer

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Artist and composer Claudia Molitor's installation, I dwell in sound and the sound dwells in me, is a playful look at the uncertainties and hesitancies involved in the creative act. Listening and seeing are explored in an experience that approaches the musical experience as a multi-sensory encounter. Starting in Colston Hall's entrance foyer the installation will take you on a journey around both the new and the old building towards its final installation in the old ticket hall.

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#### tarab cuts

**friday 21 february** 6pm Arnolfini

Produced by Out Of The Machine Bristol New Music Commission

A world premiere of a new concert-length work by composer and saxophonist John Butcher. Working with drummer Mark Sanders, Butcher combines composition and improvisation layered over 78rpm recordings of traditional Sufi music.

Tarab Cuts takes its inspiration from pre-1930s Arabic classical music, playing on the interaction across decades and cultures and adding an intriguing aspect to the contemporary musical practice of Butcher and Sanders.

£5 + booking fee

# gareth davis

**friday 21 february** 1.15pm University of Bristol, Victoria Rooms

Bass Clarinettist Gareth Davis performs music by Elliott Sharp, including Foliage (2012), a visual work with all graphics based on a deconstruction of pieces (themselves strictly notated), which the composer has witten for a number of people over the last 10 years including JACK Quartet, Neue Vocalsolisten and Davis himself.

FREE

workshop with Gareth Davis University of Bristol, Victoria Rooms 2.15pm.

Covering improvisation and contemporary performance practice.

FREE and open to all

#### ieannie

friday 21 february 5pm (launch) saturday 22- sunday 23 Feb 11am – 6pm Arnolfini

A Bristol New Music Commission in association with ICIA University of Bath.

A new installation by artist Louisa Fairclough based on the visions and 'musical hallucinations' of angelic voices experienced by a young composer living on the River Severn.

At the core of the work is a spoken monologue recorded by the river and reproduced on a vinyl dubplate, whilst the vocal interventions resonate throughout the building. Voices performed by Members of University of Bristol Schola Cantorum.

FREE (donations welcome)

# cevdet erek sound installation

**friday 21 february** 7pm Ferry ride to Spike Island

Commissioned by Bristol New Music and Spike Island.

Jump on the ferry at 7pm outside the Arnolfini to SS Great Britain (a short walk to Spike Island where Emptyset will perform at 8pm) and experience Turkish artist Cevdet Erek's sound installation which accompanies Erek's eagerly anticipated first solo show in the UK Ait Üst (15 Feb – 13 Apr Spike Island).

There is a 9pm ferry from SS Great Britain that will get you back to the centre of Bristol in time for the 10pm show at Colston Hall.

FREE to Friday evening festival pass holders or £2.50 return/ £1.50 single



## emptyset

friday 21 february 8pm

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Bristol-via-London duo Emptyset play a live gig in Spike Island's gallery. Their immersive spatially influenced electronic sounds and visuals will be informed by Cevdet Erek's exhibition which has dramatically opened up and changed the architecture of the gallery spaces.

A Bristol-based project formed in 2005 by James Ginzburg and Paul Purgas, Emptyset work across performance, installation and the moving image to examine the physical properties of sound, through electromagnetism, architecture and process based image making.

### university singers

**saturday 22 february** 11.30am Wills Building Staircase

University Singers, featuring students from the University of Bristol and the wider community, perform David Bednall's *Hail, Gladdening Light* (2006).

During the performance the singers are given a series of notes on which to improvise, creating a shimmering harmonic field of luminosity.

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# keith tippett octet

**saturday 22 february** 4pm Colston Hall (The Lantern)

Commissioned by Richard Wiltshire

One of the most important jazz musicians, improvisers and composers of the last 40 years. Bristol-born Tippett makes a rare return to perform his latest composition, The Nine Dances Of Patrick O'Gonogon.

A key figure in European art music, Tippett has been involved in three distinct areas of music for four decades working with contemporary, avant-garde and improvising musicians. This will be the first performance of this piece outside of London.

£12.90 incl. booking fee

#### klavikon, roly porter + addison groove

friday 21 february 10pm Colston Hall (The Lantern)

Triple bill featuring experimental pianist Leon Mitchener's KLAVIKON, a reimagining of 'electronic' music using only amplified piano recordings, no loops, laptops or sequencers. Augmenting the 88 keys with his own inventions and found objects – a custom made pick up, even a robot dog - he delivers cascading batteries of percussion, sub-basses and abstract soundscapes.

The line up is completed by former Vex'd member Roly Porter and legendary dubstep star Addison Groove (aka Antony Williams).

E5.38 incl. booking fee

## quatuor bozzini

saturday 22 february 1pm St George's Bristol

Supported by Conseil des arts et des lettres du Québec

Canada's premier contemporary string quartet perform at St George's Bristol as part of its Bristol New Music residency at the University of Bristol. The quartet perform a world premiere by Claudia Molitor – fresh from her recent success at Tate Britain and one of Europe's most radical and in-demand composers – alongside two masterpieces of American 20th-century avant-garde music, by John Cage and James Tenney.

£10/£8 conc. + booking fee £1 admin fee per transaction plus £1, card transaction fee where applicable

# ellen fullman with konrad sprenger

saturday 22 february 7.15pm Pre-concert talk 5.30pm Arnolfini (Fifth Floor)

Produced by Out of Place Bristol New Music Commission

A transcendental new music experience that finds singular US composer/inventor Ellen Fullman building and performing on her remarkable self-designed Long String Instrument, in collaboration with German experimental guitarist Konrad Sprenger. The Long String Instrument is an installation of dozens of tuned wires fifty feet or more in length, which will be suspended across the panoramic top floor of the Arnolfini. In performance, Fullmar bows the strings with rosin-coated fingers to produce warm, immersive and overtone-rich drones.

£12/£10 conc. + booking fee





### the bell and the glass

**saturday 22 february** 9.30pm Arnolfini

Ensemble MAZE from Amsterdam perform the UK premiere of Christian Marclay's *The Bell and The Glass* – which juxtaposes wo of Philadelphia's famous icons: the Liberty Bell and Marcel Duchamp's *The Large Glass*. In addition MAZE will also interpret Marclay's *Screen Play* from 2005. Visual artist, composer and turntable-pioneer Christian Marclay's work features original as well as found footage, including clips from Hollwood movies.

MAZE is a new electroacoustic ensemble, dedicated to challenging the idea of a fixed listening perspective.

£12/£10 conc. + booking fee

#### bristol ensemble

**sunday 23 february** 2pm Colston Hall (The Lantern)

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Colston Hall's associate ensemble perform work by Matthew Shlomowitz and Tansy Davies in a special performance for Bristol New Music. Among other works the Bristol Ensemble will be performing a new arrangement of Shlomowitz's Avant Muzak and two works by Tansy Davies neon and salt.

£9.68 incl. booking fee

# ensemble musikfabrik

**sunday 23 february** 4pm Colston Hall (main hall)

Supported by Goethe-Institut London

The UK premiere at Colston Hall of Harry Partch's seminal 1960's piece And on the Seventh Day Petals Fell in Petaluma – performed by Cologne-based contemporary supergroup Ensemble musikFabrik. Being too fragile to travel from the USA, Partch's incredible microtonal instruments have been painstakingly recreated and this is the first time they will be played on in the UK.

Ensemble musikFabrik will also perform interpretations of the music of Frank Zappa.

£16.13 incl. booking fee

#### christian wallumrød ensemble

**sunday 23 february** 7.30pm St George's Bristol

Supported by Arts Council Norway Bristol New Music Commission

Norwegian composer and pianist Christian Wallumrød presents his latest ensemble in a UK première performance including music from his acclaimed new ECM album, Outstairs. Now recognised as one of the leading figures in new European music, Wallumrød draws from renaissance composers, church and folk music, free jazz and John Caae to create intricately textured, often darinaly quiet pieces where the interplay between what is written and what is improvised is paramount.

This all-acoustic show featuring piano, harmonium, saxophone, hardanger fiddle, cello, trumpet, and percussion will also respond to St George's particular sonic character, 'playing' the building.

£16 + booking fee£1 admin fee per transaction plus £1, card transaction fee where applicable.

#### pre-concert talk

At 6.15pm, there will be a preconcert talk with Christian in conversation with Late Junction's Fiona Talkington, presented as part of St George's Bristol's new 'Scene Norway Plus' programme.

Free to ticket holders

### quatuor bozzini + university of bristol new music ensemble

**sunday 23 february** 12pm University of Bristol, Victoria Rooms

Supported by Conseil des arts et des lettres du Québec

Quatuor Bozzini, Canada's leading new music string quartet, will perform new works by student composers following their residency at the University of Bristol.

FREE

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#### bristol new music venues



As the venues for Bristol New Music are so close, and no two shows overlap, it's easy to go from one event to another for an extraordinary weekend of unexpected music.

to book please contact venues directly:

• victoria rooms, university of bristol 0117 331 4044

2 st george's bristol

- 0845 402 4001
  stgeorgesbristol.co.uk
  (£1 admin fee per transaction plus £1 card transaction fee where applicable)
- **3 spike island** 0117 929 2266 spikeisland.org.uk
- 4 colston hall 0844 887 1500 colstonhall.org
- 5 arnolfini 0117 917 2300 arnolfini.org.uk

(75p booking fee per ticket if booked online)

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