

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – 20 September 2022

Vancouver New Music announces fall concerts and events

VANCOUVER, BC – Vancouver New Music offers up a fall jam-packed with unique outdoor events, a three-day festival, and the fifth edition of the popular *Parallels* series.

Explore the sounds of Giorgio Magnanensi's wooden resonator panels at *Invoking Beaconsfield Wetlands* (Sept. 20, co-presented with Still Moon Arts) and *soundgarden* – *Hadden Park* (Sept. 24 + 25, co-presented with Publik Secrets). These handcrafted panels, made from discarded wood, channel sound in a similar way to traditional speakers, but deliver unique tones and timbres.

Vancouver New Music's annual festival returns this year from October 21 to 23. As part of an international celebration of the 100th anniversary of composer, architect and visionary lannis Xenakis, **METAXENAKIS** invites local and international artists to take inspiration from Xenakis' body of works and ideas.

On November 19, Vancouver New Music's *Parallels* series ushers in its fifth edition with Montreal-based artist **Erin Gee**, working in collaboration with local favourites **musica intima** to present a concert program that integrates gesture, live biofeedback, story and voice.

Tickets for *METAXENAKIS are* available now at https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/vancouver-new-music-31136078487

FULL SCHEDULE AND DETAILS FOLLOW.

Invoking Beaconsfield Wetland

Co-presented with Still Moon Arts as part of Renfrew Ravine Moon Festival 2022

Tuesday, September 20, 2022; 6:30 - 9PM

Beaconsfield Park (East 17th Ave., between Slocan St. and Penticton St.)

Join us in Invoking the creation of Beaconsfield Wetland! This event will feature an immersive, multi channel sound installation emitting the sounds of a wetland ecosystem. The evening will also present a unique and immersive sound installation brought to you by a collaboration of

local sound artists Brady Marks + Mark Timmings (Wetland Project) and Giorgio Magnanensi (West Coast Radians), plus special guest speakers

https://newmusic.org/invoking-beaconsfield-wetland/

Soundgarden – Hadden Park

Co-presented with **Publik Secrets**

Saturday, September 24 + Sunday, September 25, 2022; 1–4pm Hadden Park (1905 Ogden Ave.)

Join Giorgio Magnanensi on Saturday and Sunday, September 24-25 for soundgarden – Hadden Park. Enjoy some ambient sounds within a resonating soundscape in this beautiful, urban, waterfront park. Magnanensi will temporarily install eight Sitka spruce resonators that will diffuse music and sounds in Hadden Park. Come and go as you like, and walk about to listen from different vantage points.

https://newmusic.org/soundgarden-hadden-park/

Fall Soundwalks 2022

Co-presented with the Vancouver Soundwalk Collective

False Creek's Thunderclouds of Sounds – Led by Jorma Kujala Sunday, September 25, 2022; 11:30am

Meeting location: northwest corner of West 6th Avenue and Fir Street

Soundwalk - Led by Helena Krobath

Sunday, October 2, 2022; Time and start location TBA

Join members of the Vancouver Soundwalk Collective on a unique, guided, listening tour. A Soundwalk is a silent walk along a planned route to experience a location's ambiance and underlying rhythms. Open your ears and consciousness to the complex orchestration that the environment is composing at all times. It is a musical-sonic adventure that reveals the banal to be extraordinary!

https://newmusic.org/fall-soundwalks-2022/

Vancouver New Music Festival 2022

METAXENAKIS

Celebrating the ideas and influence of lannis Xenakis

October 21 - 23, 2022; 8pm each night

ANNEX (823 Seymour St., 2nd Floor)

Tickets \$19 general, \$13 student + ticket vendor fee. Available through Eventbrite.

For Vancouver New Music's 2022 festival we celebrate lannis Xenakis (1922-2001), a visionary artist, architect and philosopher who made an indelible imprint on the arts in the twenty-first century. As part of a transcontinental centenary celebration of Xenakis' life and work, this three-day festival will offer six performances by local and international artists inspired by Xenakis' artistic and philosophical legacy.

Featured artists include **Sara Gold** (Vancouver), **Kuniko Kato** (Japan), **Giorgio Magnanensi** (Vancouver), **Novi_sad + Ryoichi Kurokawa** (Greece/Japan/Germany), **Plastic Acid Orchestra + Stefan Smulovitz** (Vancouver/Roberts Creek) and **Jacob Audrey Taves** (Edmonton).

On October 8th and 9th, Vancouver New Music and Western Front offers **Sound • Space** • **Architecture**, a free audio diffusion workshop. Registration details TBA.

FRI 21 OCT

Plastic Acid Orchestra + Stefan Smulovitz (Vancouver/Roberts Creek) Jacob Audrey Taves (Edmonton)

SAT 22 OCT

Sara Gold (Vancouver)

Novi_sad presents *Sirens* live AV, a project by Novi_sad (Greece) + Ryoichi Kurokawa (Japan/Germany)

SUN 23 OCT

Kuniko Kato (Japan) Giorgio Magnanensi (Roberts Creek)

https://newmusic.org/metaxenakis/

Parallel 05: Erin Gee (Montreal)

Affect Flow with musica intima Saturday, November 19, 2022; 8pm ANNEX (823 Seymour St., 2nd Floor)

For this fifth edition of Vancouver New Music's *PARALLELS* series, Montreal-based artist and composer Erin Gee will work with vocal ensemble musica intima and other local artists to present *Affect Flow*. *Affect Flow* is a concert of work by Gee that features hypnotic gestures,

live biosensor feedback, imaginative script writing, choral performance by *musica intima*, and original electroacoustic music.

PARALLELS is a workshop-performance series curated by VNM that brings acclaimed local, national and internationally based artists together with local musicians to create unique, collaborative performances. Previous editions have included – <u>Parallel 01: Uri Caine + Ensemble</u>, <u>Parallel 02: Okkyung Lee + ensemble</u>, <u>Parallel 03: Endlings + collaborators</u> and <u>Parallel 04: UNION Immersed</u>.

https://newmusic.org/parallel-05/

ALSO THIS FALL:

The <u>Walking Festival of Sound 2022</u> continues through December 2022. Check our website for details about in-person and online events happening throughout the fall. https://newmusic.org/walking-festival-of-sound-2022/

ABOUT VANCOUVER NEW MUSIC

Vancouver New Music engages communities in the exploration, creation, and experience of progressive and outstanding new music. VNM regularly commissions and premieres new works by Canadian composers, presents leading and emerging electroacoustic and electronic music artists, international composers and performers, sound installations and music theatre. VNM presents an annual festival that focuses each year on a theme within the new music landscape, and explores the interaction of contemporary music with other disciplines such as theatre, installation and media arts. Other activities include lectures and workshops with visiting artists, ensemble workshops and presentations open to the community, and other sound art and new music related community events. newmusic.org

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