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1983-84 Season

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Saturday, October 1	The connoisseur's composer ELLIOT CARTER (U.S.A.) Walter Hall, Edward Johnson Building	
Saturday, November 19	Canadian premieres by ALEXANDER GOEHR (Great Britain) and RAYMOND LUEDEKE (Canada) Word premieres by TALIVALDIS KENINS (Canada) and CHARLES WILSON (Canada) Walter Hall, Edward Johnson Building	
Sunday, December 4	World premiere of String Quartet No. 2 by the innovative composer MORTON FELDMAN (U.S.A.) Walter Hall, Edward Johnson Building	
Friday, January 13	Compositions for choir and organ by SVEN-ERIK BÄCK (Sweden), GYÖRGY LIGETI (Hungary) and STEFAN WOLPE (U.S.A.) featuring the Elmer Iseler Singers; Patrick Wedd, organ; and Paul Massel, baritone St. James Cathedral	
Sunday, February 19	Music in space by STEVE REICH (U.S.A.), JAN JARVLEPP (Canada), JOHN REA (Canada) and PHILLIP WERREN (Canada) Great Hall, Hart House	
Saturday, March 24	ENSEMBLE KALEIDOCOLLAGE (France) presents works by KLAUS HINRICH STAHMER (Germany), CARLOS ROQUÉ ALSINA (Argentina-France), KLAUS AGER (Austria), KAREL GOEYVAERTS (Belgium) and GABRIEL POULARD (France) Town Hall, St. Lawrence Centre	
Monday, April 9	The return of the poetic master of music-theatre MAURICIO KAGEL (Germany) Town Hall, St. Lawrence Centre	

Single ticket prices \$9.00 (adults) or \$6.00 (students and senior citizens). Season subscription \$50.00 or \$35.00 (now available at reduced rates) includes all seven concerts, lectures, demonstrations and films.

- Elliot Carter Sept. 30 The Music Gallery
- Morton Feldman Dec. 4 The Music Gallery
- Sven-Erik Bäck Jan. 12 The Music Gallery
- Films by Kagel Apr. 6 and 7 The Funnel
- Mauricio Kagel Apr. 8 The Music Gallery





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ENSEMBLE KALEIDOCOLLAGE

PROGRAM - March 24, 1984 ALL NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERES

LIEBLOSE PSALMEN (1980) KLAUS HINRICH STAHMER (1941-) for soprano, flute, cello and piano, amplified UNITY, OP. 31 (1973) CARLOS ROQUÉ ALSINA (1941-)

for clarinet and amplified cello

LA REGLE DU JEU (1978) KLAUS AGER (1946-) for soprano, flute, clarinet, violin, cello and piano

INTERMISSION







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URSULA KNEIHS

LITANIE IV (1981) KAREL GOEYVAERTS (1923 -)for soprano, flute, clarinet, violin, cello and piano

EXISTENCE II (1979) GABRIEL POULARD (1954 -)for soprano, flute, clarinet, violin, cello and piano (a theatre work)

ENSEMBLE KALEIDOCOLLAGE

Gerda Hartman, soprano Nicole Tamastit, violin Gilles Burgos, flute David Simpson, cello David Smeyers, clarinet Ursula Kneihs, piano



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UPCOMING BROADCAST DATES

Ensemble Kaleidocollage (Performance, March 24)	April 8
Sven-Erik Back	April 22
(Performance, January 13)	
Mauricio Kagel	April 29
(Performance, April 9)	
Elliott Carter	May 20
(Performance, October 1)	
Phillip Werren	June 17
(Performance, February 19)	

SUNDAY EVENINGS - 9:00pm

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ENSEMBLE KALEIDOCOLLAGE

New Music Concerts proudly presents Ensemble Kaleidocollage on the occasion of their North American premiere performance. Since its inception in Paris in 1974, this six-member ensemble has been dedicated exclusively to the interpretation and performance of contemporary chamber music and music theatre. It has steadily built a reputation for excellence in its field through outstanding performance in Europe -Paris, Vienna, Salzburg, Brussels, Bourges, in Italy and on Radio France broadcasts. Kaleidocollage has earned the esteem of many contemporary composers who have in turn written works for the group: the Stahmer, Goeyvaerts and Poulard pieces on this program are examples of such collaboration.

The composition of Ensemble Kaleiocollage is as diverse as its name implies. Violinist Nicole Tamastit and flutist Gilles Burgos are French. David Smeyers, clarinet and David Simpson, cello are originally from the U.S. Soprano Gerda Hartman, originally from South Africa, now lives in Belgium, and pianist Ursula Kneihs is Austrian. It is with great pleasure that New Music Concerts welcomes these fine musicians to Toronto, the first stop of their North American tour.

KLAUS HINRICH STAHMER

Klaus Hinrich Stahmer was born in Stettin (Germany, present-day Poland) in 1941. His music studies were completed at the Dartington College of Arts (England), Musikhochschule Hamburg and the Universities of Hamburg and Kiel. Currently he is professor at the Hochschule für Musik in Würzburg, West Germany. Since 1972 Stahmer has worked together with painters and sculptors and has composed several electronic works. He has received several important composition awards for his chamber music works. As a cellist he has been active since 1982 in the ensemble Musik Ünserer Zeit (Music of Our Time).

LIEBLOSE PSALMEN

The composer has this to say about Lieblose Psalmen ("Uncharitable Psalms"):

In our time many artists speak of nothing else except their own private feelings. To me that seems to be a typical sign of our middle-class society. I attempt to illustrate the contrary. I use the texts of (mostly) younger authors with great personal conviction and political awareness. The combination of a singer accompanied by a pianist seems to be smothered with tradition, so I have used instead a singer accompanied by a chamber ensemble aimed at creating a cycle of uncomfortable songs.

The texts, translated here into English, will be sung in German.

"Because all that doesn't help They do however what they want

Because I don't want once again to burn my fingers

Because they will be laughing: They have been waiting for you

And why always me? No one will thank me

Because nobody understands this anymore but at best is even more broken

Because all badness has maybe some goodness

Because it depends on how you look at it and whom should we (after all) really believe?

Because people are the same everywhere

Because | prefer to leave that to the more competent

Because one never knows what harm can come from that

Because it is not worth the effort because all of them are absolutely not worth it"

These are the causes of death to be written on our graves

Which will not be dug if those are the causes

- ERICH FRIED

how much longer will our absence be tolerated no one notices how we are filled with blackness how we are hidden in ourselves in our blackness

no we are not being missed we have shattered hands stiff necks that is the pride of the destroyed and the dead things watch us the things bored-to-death - it is

a destruction as it never was

and we are not being missed our words are frozen tatters and fall in the trifling snow where trees stand shining white in frost - yes and ripe in their fragility

- WOLFGANG HILBIG

III
I'M NOT HOLDING MY TONGUE
I sit before empty pages
That is not being quiet
I sit before empty pages
I don't scream anymore

- JÜRGEN FUCHS

IV EASILY Comes the lie

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Saying I'm fine Saying It'll come

Easily comes the lie And pats me on the shoulders

- JURGEN FUCHS

V I am reading in the newspaper what happened yesterday meanwhile that happens what the newspaper will show me tomorrow You get used to horrible News anxiously awaiting the continuation first | light my Pipe and think of nothing when the wood heats up in my hand the hand stays cool the wind turns the pages while my mouth blows smoke in the air Today the student Jan Palach who publicly burned himself will be buried - JÜRGEN-PETER STÖSSEL

VI Marchmoon, red and round rising draws the water.

Rain goes over the Sea, climbing, climbing, claps on the stones.

Back with the wind, locking the door-chain, opening for no one at night.

- HANS GEORG BULLA





CARLOS ROQUE ALSINA

Carlos Roque Alsina was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina in 1941, where he studied piano, theory and orchestral conducting. He is a self-taught composer. Starting at the age of six years he gave a number of solo piano concerts in Latin America, Europe, the U.S.A. and Canada. In 1964 Alsina was invited by the Ford Foundation to participate in their Artist in Residence program. He worked with Berio during 1965 and from 1966-68 he was guest professor at the University of Buffalo, New York after which he returned to Berlin, where he worked until 1972. In 1971 he was awarded a Guggenheim Prize for his compositions "Überwindung" and "Schichten". Since 1973 Alsina lives in Paris where he is active as both a composer and pianist.

UNITY

Unity for clarinet and cello is principally based on the possibilities of the sound unification of the two instruments and the two instrumentalists. That is to say, their reactions, their strengths and their limits. Unity was premiered at the "Rencontres Internationals d'Art Contemporain La Rochelle".

KLAUS AGER

Klaus Ager was born in 1946 in Salzburg, Austria. He studied music at the Mozarteum and the Universität Salzburg. His studies were continued at the Paris Conservatoire with Olivier Messiaen and Pierre Schaeffer. Ager has made numerous tours in Europe and the U.S.A. with the "Österreichischen Ensemble für Neue Musik" of which he has been artistic director since 1975. He is presently guest professor at the Mozarteum in Salzburg and professor for composition in Bregenz. Ager's list of works includes orchestra music, choral works and chamber music as well as electronic and computer music. In the last years he has been a guest composer at several U.S. university computer centres. His compositions have been performed at several European music festivals as well as in North and South America, Japan, Korea, and Australia.

LA REGLE DU JEU

La règle du jeu ("The Rules of the Game") was written in the fall of 1978 for a production of the German television and is one of Ager's most advanced works from a series of compositions in which different composition processes develop fully independent of one another. Principally that means that the composition attempts simultaneously several different process directions directly related to the three-language text of Francisco Tanzer. This implies that in principle every single element of La règle du jeu is completely interchangeable with every other element, also that each part (instrumental and voice) could be performed alone. As an extreme example, the voice part could be sung alone without accompaniment.

Requiem (text of La règle du jeu) Ł birth geboren né atmen breath respirer der erste Laut ein Schrei cri cry berce moi in deinen Armen warmth später dann Licht les yeux qui s'ouvrent light Anflug des Lächelns premier sourire smile hungrig satt bien nourri first variation Hunger starvation aus fini la vie continue fate was ist das Schicksal destin tausend Gefahren unknown yet

Für Ellen

aber doch schon percé d'angoisse unwiderruflich prisonnier of life and death

11 allongé auf allen Vieren crawling sur quatre pattes wachsend die Unterscheidung frères et soeurs boys and girls Trennung in Mann und Frau fundamental variation différence exagérée être humain zwischen Engel und Säugetier identité ich bin ie suis I am immer noch substantially marked par la réalité of opposite sexes

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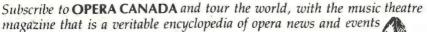
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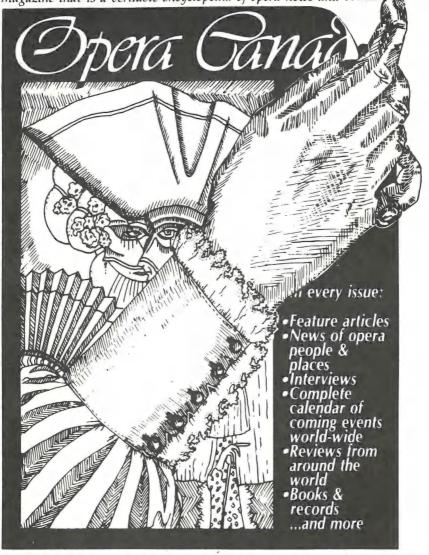
IV

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KAREL GOEYVAERTS

Karel Goeyvaerts was born in 1923 in Antwerp, Belgium. He was a pupil of Messiaen and Milhaud at the Paris Conservatoire (1947-50). His works before 1950 were in what he has termed "traditional" twelve-note techniques; these early pieces were later withdrawn. His Sonata for Two Pianos (1951) was instrumental in laying the foundation for total serialism and "point" (isolated note) writing. Dissatisfied with the results of pure electronic music, he set about finding means of transforming instrumental sound electronically. In 1958 he abandoned a musical career to work for Sabena airlines. In spite of this he continued to compose. His most recent compositions show an interest in repetitive ("minimal") music. He is presently at work on an opera and a new commission for Ensemble Kaleidocollage to be premiered at the Lünebürger Tage für Neue Musik, 1985.

LITANIE IV

Litanie IV is based upon a constantly evolving repetition, in which glimpses of melodic reminiscence appear and fade out. The work concerns itself with words or sounds which vaguely refer to already-heard words and sounds, without ever actually "quoting". Litanie IV was commissioned by Radio France and premiered by Ensemble Kaleidocollage in March, 1983 in Paris.

GABRIEL POULARD

Gabriel Poulard was born in 1954 in France. Since 1973 he has worked with the Groupe de



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For further details contact; BARBARA L. KROETSCH GENERAL MANAGER Musique Expérimentale de Bourges. At the moment he is working regularly in the studios of the GMEB and directing introductory courses in electronic music. He also has an interest in writing pure instrumental music. As a result of a commission from the "Centre dramatique de Tours" Poulard worked together with theatre directors and authors, leading him to conceive musical compositions that expand pure instrumental music with theatrical action.

EXISTENCE II

Existence II was written in 1979 for Ensemble Kaleidocollage. Gabriel Poulard writes about his composition:

> The music of this work is concerned with with both visual aspects (the actions of the musicians) and area (i.e. the complete concert hall). Through the non-use of fixed polyphony and the parallel relationships between actions and sounds, the musician, as an autonomous person, takes on an important rôle. The score allows for a certain amount of liberty as far as time and space are interpreted. The general concept is one of a singer with accompaniment. But the singer and her accompaniment are totally independent of one another, without any relationships. The soprano tries to bring order and place the material of the instrumentalists in an hierarchical system, but she succeeds only temporarily because the material of the accompaniment is itself bizarre and polymorphic.

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Others have had their works applauded abroad. FRANCIS CHAN won second prize in the Béla Bartók International Composers Competition in Hungary in 1982; works by JEAN PICHÉ have been performed at the Bourges International Festival of Experimental Music in France; ROBERT ROSEN was a finalist in 1982 in the Indiana State Contemporary Music Festival Orchestral Composition Competition; "Fusion" by PIERRE TROCHU was chosen as the Canadian submission in the World Music Days festival in Denmark in 1983.

Several winners have received commissions: HARRY KIRSCHNER from the Montreal dance company Le Groupe de la Place Royale; JEAN PICHÉ from the CBC, New Music Concerts and from the Vancouver New Music Society; JOHN BURKE from the CBC Vancouver Chamber Orchestra; ROBERT ROSEN from the Banff Centre.

Other winners who have distinguished themselves are LINDA BOUCHARD, TIMOTHY BUELL, RICHARD GIBSON, KEITH HAMEL, JAN JARVLEPP, JEAN LAPLANTE, DAVID S. LYTLE, JOHN OLIVER and DOUGLAS SCHMIDT.

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