

LECTURE (1)

Interaction with computers

Embryo (1985) 14'12

stikord:

breakthrough piece – first piece for ea-from the Royal Danish Academy – relating to the growth of an embryo - work at the Xenakis studio in Paris (L'upic) -

Songlines (traces of dreams) (1997) 13'40

stikord:

commision from Bodil for interactive piece – reuse of ballet – the ballet capture of gestural patterns to control soundprocessing
interactivity in regard to follow the violin
(as opposed to violin following the tape)
what happens?

Soundart <> Musique Acousmatique

Lasse Marhaug:

stikord:

Logogripes (2003) 17'57 (uddrag)

stikord:

spatial drama – interaction in realtime soundprocessing (Max/MSP)
open form (other pieces: Ulyssis-central section, end of ...to arrive ao)

LECTURE (2)

Compositional attitudes and strategies

The work-process

Methodology

Formalization of compositional techniques

The work-process (1)

EKS: start Alvin Lucier...(let it run silently)

Stravinsky: inspiration – transpiration

Xenakis: Fundamental phases of a musical work:

- (1) initial conceptions
- (2) definition of the sonic entities (f.ex the given instruments)
- (3) definition of the transformations
(arrangements of these in lexicographic time)
- (4) mikrocomposition (choice and fixing of relations between (2) and (3))
- (5) sequential programming (of (3) and (4))
- (6) implementation of calculations
- (7) final symbolic result
- (8) sonic realisation

EKS: Alvin Lucier (at a later state)

My view:

- (1) initial idea – a basic concept or kernel
- (2) structure – generation of material (in-time \leftrightarrow 'library')
- (3) inspiration and calculated intuition (Feldman)
- (4) writing – analysis – generation (feedback-loop)
- (5) differentiation/nuancing
- (6) articulation

The work-process (2)

1. initial idea – a basic concept or kernel

Why Alvin Lucier?

- examples:

LaMonte Young (the perfect fifth to be held for a long time)

Ivar Frounberg: Ilerqorsutin (1978) voice and doublebass

PLAY?

2. structure – generation of material (in-time \leftrightarrow 'library')

- basic structures: the given instruments, given duration, given performance

- in-time structures: row generation and transformations
- 'library' of instances of a model (f.ex a hexacordal chord)

3. inspiration and calculated intuition

- inspiration (Jonathan Harvey)
- calculated intuition (Morton Feldman)

4. writing – analysis – generation (feedback-loop)

- how to overcome when you get stucked...

5. differentiation/nuancing

6. articulation

EKS. from Ivar Frounberg: Voyelles I-II (1999)

(1) vowels

(2) hierarchical o-u-a-i-y structure

- vowel-formants -> fundamental pitch
- fundamental pitch -> tempo
- balanced modulation of spectres
- hexachord-structure (determined by virtual fundamentals)
- aggregation of hexachord

(3) calculated intuition?

(4) writing – analysis – generation

(5) + (6) example copied...

Formalization of compositional techniques

Tristan Murails generalisation of the linear function

- generalisation
- mapping – scaling -
- representation

Use of Computer Aided Composition (CAC) in relation to intuition

Methology

- theory
- theorybased composition
- modelbased composition
- investigation approach
- open/intuition

theory

Bach/Palestrina counterpoint

abstract exercises

theorybased composition

Row-techniques, hierarchical,
deterministic

'library'-oriented
the will (or the force)
of the matherial

modelbased composition

esthetic models
(the Grieg piano concerto)

soundart (ProTools)
from visual arts

investigation approach

What if?
rearranging/composing
re-mix

What if?
experimenting
'naïve' use of techniques
woithout regarding implications

open/intuition

un-conscious
sound-surface

Xenakis basal soundmodel

LECTURE (3)

Pieces reflecting the change in cultural environment

1. hour

death of Morton Feldman gave rise to:

 other echoes inhabit the garden (1988) 9'42

and allowed a change in focus:

 ...to arrive where we started (1993) 17'35

2. hour

development of elements from existing compositions

 A Dirge: other echoes innhabit the garden -score

 Epitome I (1999) 13'13

Giacinto Scelsi in memoriam

3. hour

moving to another country, new experiences:

 Prélude – Voyage – Jotunheim (2002) 18'46