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POST-DOCTORAL EXPERIENCE

Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

Postdoctoral Scholar in Immersive Audio at the Advanced Computing Center for the Arts and Design (2019-2021)

EDUCATION

New York University, New York, NY PhD in Music Composition and Theory, May 2019

Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, Córdoba, Argentina

Licenciate in Music Composition, May 2012

Thesis Title: A Form of Pleasure: Music as an Experience of Pleasure

DISSERTATION

Title: Database Music: A History, Technology, and Aesthetics of the Database in

Music Composition

Advisor: Jaime Oliver La Rosa

Committee: Elizabeth Hoffman (NYU GSAS) - Martin Daughtry (NYU GSAS) -

William Brent (American University) - Robert Rowe (NYU Steinhardt)

Summary: This dissertation outlines a framework to discuss the aesthetic agency of the database in music composition. I place my dissertation in relation to existing scholarship, artists, and developers working in the fields of music composition, computer science, affect, and ontology, with emphasis on the ubiquity of databases and on the need to reflect on their practice, particularly in relation to databasing and music composition. There is a database everywhere, anytime, always already affecting our lives; it is an agent in our aesthetic and political lives just as much as we are agents in its composition and performance. Database music lives in between computers and sound. My argument is that in order to conceptualize the agency of the database in music composition, we need to trace the history of the practice, in both its technical and its artistic use, so as to find nodes of action that have an effect on the resulting aesthetics.

RESEARCH

Database Music; Spatial Audio; Immersive Sound; Computer Music Techniques; Machine Learning; Sonification; Algorithmic Composition; Computer Vision; Digital Instrument Design; Networked Performance Music

PUBLICATIONS

- 2021 8/9 "The Woods: A Mixed Reality Two-Player Cooperative Game" SIGGRAPH 2021 USA (3rd author)
- 2021 9/28-31 "Visual Cues as an Aid in the Auditory Stream Segregation of Music" ICMPC-ESCOM2021 (2nd author)
- 2021 6/18-27 (Installation) The Woods CURRENTS NEW MEDIA Festival
 USA
- 2021 2/12 "Comparing Musical Performances of the 'Goldberg Variations' Using Supervised Machine Learning Techniques" - FDMC 2020 (4th author, accepted but not presented)
- 2020 7/25 "PathoSonic: Performing Sound In Virtual Reality Feature Space"
 NIME UK (Poster Presentation)
- 2020 3/29 "basura" (Viajero Experimental Inmóvil) and "Diciembre" (SUDA)
 ARG (Album Releases)
- 2020 3/4 "[clone _dac 124]: Real-time Massively Multichannel Music in Pure Data" ESPACIOS SONOROS 2020 Madrid, Spain
- 2019 5/10 "Database Music: A History, Technology, and Aesthetics of the Database in Music Composition" NYU (PhD Dissertation)
- 2018 2/3 "For Young Ears:' A Response to Elsa Justel's Marelle" Open Space Magazine New York, USA
- 2018 8/10 "A Spectral Experience: Self Convolution And Face Tracking" ICMC 2018 (Accepted but not presented)

OTHER SKILLS

Languages: English, Spanish, French (intermediate), German (beginner)

Computer Languages: Pure Data, C, C++, Bash, Python, JavaScript, HTML, CSS, LATEX

Video/Audio Production Software: Adobe Creative Suite, Max/MSP, Audacity, Csound, AOO, Jacktrip

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Professorship

School of Music - OSU

Computational Musicology

Spring 2021

Lectures, excercises, and grading. Co-taught with Dr. Dan Sullivan

Professorship

ACCAD OSU

Sonic Arts Ensemble

2019-2020

Lectures, concerts, and grading. Co-taught with Dr. Marc Ainger

Course Assistantship

FAS NYU

Computer Music Theory and

Fall 2016

Techniques

Recitation lessons, some lectures, and grading. Co-taught with Dr. Jaime Oliver

Professorship FAS NYU

Harmony and Counterpoint I

Fall 2015

2012

Syllabus, lectures, and grading.

Teaching Assistantship FAS NYU
Harmony and Counterpoint I-II 2014 - 2015

Recitation lessons and grading.

Teaching Assistantship Facultad de Artes - UNC

Composition I - Aural Skills I

2007-2012

Recitation lessons, some lectures, and grading.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Postdoctoral Fellow Ohio State University

Global Arts and Humanities Theme 2019-2020

Fully funded, 2-year postdoctoral research position.

Dean's Dissertation Fellowship

NYU GSAS

NYC - Berlin

2018

Nine-month stipend.

GRI Fellowship Florence (2018) - Paris (2017)

NYU Global Research Initiatives 2018 - 2017

Research abroad.

Student Senators Council Shanghai - China

NYU SSC 2017

Conference travel grant.

Selected Works La Plata - Buenos Aires

Fundación Destellos 2014 - 2015

"Ciudad Invertida" and "Venas" were awarded the "Selected Works" mention.

MacCracken Fellowship New York City

NYU GSAS 2013

Five-year full tuition and stipend towards Ph.D completion.

Programa Cuarto Centenario Montréal - Canada

Universidad Nacional de Córdoba

Exchange at l'Université de Montréal to study C++.

Orchestral Performance Córdoba - Argentina

Universidad Nacional de Córdoba

2011

Premiere of "Lagos" by Gonzalo Bustos and the Symphony Orchestra of the UNC.

SELECTED PERFORMANCES

Networked Performance Music

Wexner Center For The Arts - USA /

ARG

Thornblower

11/10/2020

With Elizabeth A Baker and the Sonic Arts Ensemble at OSU

Concierto de arte sonoro en Espacio B

Espacio B - Madrid

Laptop performance of untitled2

3/4/2020

Performed next to Pedro Fragela at the Espacio B Madrid.

CLIMATE GATHERING

Movement Lab at Barnard College, NYC

Max/MSP and Ipad

1/15/2020

Residency at Barnard's Movement Lab in NYC with Livable Futures Now.

Say Under

Tehran - IRAN

Tehran International Electronic

9/4/2018

Music Festival Video performance of video commissioned by the Offborders Festival for Electroactoustic music

Untitled

Blacksburg - VA

Cube Fest - Virginia Tech

8/3/2018

Live electronics performance at The Cube, with a 149-speaker array and stereo video projection.

Untitled 2

Mykonos - GREECE

Delian Academy for New Music

6/10/2018

Live acousmatic performance at the Delian Academy for New Music.

Electroacoustic Improvisations.

NYU Waverly Labs r.220 - NYC

Bages - Barros - Marti - Motl

6/19/2017

Live electronics and visuals with Joan Bages i Rubi - Bernardo Barros - Kyle Motl and Joan Marti Frasquier

a.le.a

Dimenna Center - NYC

Talea Ensemble

4/7/2017

Live video and electronics premiere of "a.le.a" with Talea Ensemble. I performed MIDI controller and video projections under the direction of Jeff Means.

Ciudad Invertida (2016)

ShapeShifter Lab - Brooklyn

PdCon16~

11/22/2016

Live video and electronics performance of "Ciudad Invertida (2016)" with the trom-

bone duo "Rage Thormbones." The performance took place during the concerts of the 2016 Pure Data Convention (PdCon16~)

INOPERA

Dimenna Center - NYC

Loadbang Ensemble

4/20/2016

Live video and electronics of the piece "INOPERA" with New York-based ensemble "loadbang". I performed with a MIDI controller, laptop and video projector.

Ciudad Invertida (2015)

Auditorio CePIA - UNC

B3CIM

8/20/2015

Live video and electronics premiere of the piece "Ciudad Invertida (2015)" with Rocío Elizalde and Manuel Pastrana during the Bienal 3 en Composición e Investigación Musical (B3CIM).

Momenta Quartet Plays NYU Composers

NYU Silver Center r.220

Momenta Quartet

4/21/2014

Live video and feedback performance of the piece "Talita" with New York-based string quartet "Momenta Quartet."

SELECTED COLLABORATIONS

The Woods Ohio - USA

Urban Arts Space and Technarte

2019-2021

"The Woods" is a multiplayer cooperative game that employs AR and 4-channel audio spatialization with Scott and Kyoung Swearingen and others at ACCAD

Installation: Hearing the Self

Shanghai - China

Xuhui Art Muesum - ICMC

2017

"Hearing the Self: A Spectral Experience." With mathematicians Dr. Matías Delgadino and Dr. Lucía Simonelli

Theatre: Poroto

Pabellón Azul - UNC

Universidad Nacional de Córdoba

2013

Electroacoustics for Celeste Lozada and Valentina Echeverría's version of "Poroto" by Pavlovsky

Opera: Los chicos de abril

Rio Cuarto - Córdoba

Teatro Municipal de Río Cuarto

2013

Electronics for Luis Perez's "Los chicos de abril" with Pablo Behm and Franco Pellini

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Reviewer

Buenos Aires, Argentina

Atemporaneas

2019-ongoing

Music, and Installation reviewer for the Atemporaneas Music Festival

Reviewer

International

ICMC

2018-ongoing

Paper, Music, and Installation reviewer for ICMC

PdCon16~

New York City

Pure Data Convention

2016

Organizer, graphic designer, and webmaster.

Waverly Project

NYU GSAS

New Music Organization

2013-2017

Co-founder, Organizer, graphic designer, and webmaster.

Proyecto/Red/Ensamble

Universidad Nacional de Córdoba

Contemporary Music Ensemble

2010-ongoing

Co-founder, Organizer, performer, graphic designer, and webmaster.

Bienal Composición Córdoba

Universidad Nacional de Córdoba

Music Composition Biennale

2010-2012-2015

Organizer, graphic designer, and webmaster.