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WORK

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 (Expected graduation date: May 2019) Dissertation Title: Database Music: A History, Technology, and Aesthetics of the Database in Music Composition

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 Multimedia Composition

Advisors: Jaime Oliver La Rosa, Elizabeth Hoffman

Summary: The constantly changing technological, social, and global context of today's "data revolution" has placed data at the center of media research. Accumulating in archives, or data-bases, data has allowed data-driven practices to emerge. In this dissertation, I understand, contextualize, and reveal music composition as a database practice. In resonance with the extensive literature on the intersection between music and computers, I situate this discussion within the question of the agency of technology in art. Because the existing literature on database practices is mainly visually oriented, I analyze this agency in terms of the relationship between image and sound, concluding that it is the use of the database what allows for new ways of thinking multimedia works of art. As an outcome of my dissertation, I propose an open-source library for multimedia composition combining computer vision and timbre analysis algorithms, in order to generate a joint database of image and audio descriptors suitable for live multimedia composition.

RESEARCH

Database Music; Algorithmic Composition; Music Spatialization; Immersive Sound; Computer Music Techniques; Deterministic Systems; Pseudo-Random Generators; Computer Vision; Live composition; Generative Art; Pure Data and GEM (Graphical Environment for Multimedia); Digital Instrument Design; Writing externals for Pure Data and GEM

PUBLICATIONS

Poster Royal Birmingham Conservatoire

New Interfaces for Musical

July 2020

Expression

PathoSonic: Performing Sound In Virtual Reality Feature Space

Lecture (read) Madrid, Spain

Espacios Sonoros 2020 - 5th

March 2020

International Congress Sound

Spaces, 23rd Conference on

Computer and Electronic Music -

JIEM 2020.

[clone fd_dacout]: real-time massively multichannel spatialization in Pure Data

Article (published) Red Hook, NY

Open Space Magazine 2018

For Young Years: A Response To Elsa Justel's Marelle

Lecture (read) Mykonos, Greece

Delian Academy for New Music

June 2018

Composing Database: Opening A Space For The Concept Of An Anarchic Unwork Of Art

Paper (accepted) Daeghu, Korea

International Computer Music

August 2018

Conference

A Spectral Experience: Self Convolution And Face Tracking

OTHER SKILLS

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

Computer Languages: Pure Data, C, C++, Bash. Web Development: HTML, CSS, PHP, JavaScript.

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

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Professorship ACCAD OSU
Sonic Arts Ensemble Spring 2020

Recitation lessons, some lectures, concert, and grading.

Professorship ACCAD OSU

Sonic Arts Ensemble Fall 2019

Recitation lessons, some lectures, concert, and grading.

Course Assistantship FAS NYU

Computer Music Theory and

Fall 2016

Techniques

Recitation lessons, some lectures, and grading.

Professorship

FAS NYU Fall 2015

Harmony and Counterpoint I

Syllabus, lectures, and grading.

Teaching Assistantship
Harmony and Counterpoint II

FAS NYU Spring 2015

Recitation lessons and grading.

Teaching Assistantship

FAS NYU

Harmony and Counterpoint I

Fall 2014

Recitation lessons and grading.

Teaching Assistantship

Facultad de Artes - UNC

Composición Musical I

2010-2012

Recitation lessons, some lectures, and grading.

Teaching Assistantship

Facultad de Artes - UNC

Audioperceptiva I

2007-2009

Recitation lessons, some lectures, and grading.

HONORS AND AWARDS

NYU GSAS

Dean's Dissertation Fellowship

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

2017

Conference travel grant.

Selected Works

NYU SSC

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

2012

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

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

8/3/2018

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~)

Canon

CC Graciela Carena - Córdoba

Proyecto[Red]Ensamble

8/6/2016

Live performance with Pure Data and Arduino of the piece "Canon." The piece was written for and performed by Córdoba-based ensemble "Proyecto[Red]Ensamble"

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.

Mise-En at German House

German Consulate NYC

Ensemble Mise-En

2/6/2015

Live electronics performance of the piece "Venas" with New York-based Ensemble Mise-En's Bass Clarinet player Samuel Marques

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."

A Form of Pleasure

CePIA and FCEFyN

Universidad Nacional de Córdoba

6/12/2012

Video performance of the Orchestral Premiere of "Lagos," together with the premiere of the trio "Piano, Bassoon and Guitar," and of "A Time In Utopia" for choir and large ensemble conducted by Hernando Varela, with soloists from the choir of the Cantoría de la Merced.

TSONAMI

Recoleta Cultural Center - Bs.As.

LEIM ENSAMBLE

5/10/2011

Piano and analog synthesizer improvisations with LEIM Ensemble during the "TSON-AMI Encuentro de Arte Sonoro y Nueva Música" in Buenos Aires.

SELECTED COLLABORATIONS

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

Film: Al Cielo o al Infierno

Cines Gran Rex

Lauro Racosky

2011

Music for Lauro Racosky's "Al Cielo o al Infierno." Awarded Best Film Trailer at the Mar del Plata Film Festival.

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.