

## **Volkmar Klien - Zum Großen Ganzen -**

Music always evolves as faith-based community. Even when it's solely for loudspeakers.

It gives rise to - and demands participation in - the great big oneness that occurs via the communion of musicking; whether that participation extends only to listening or that presence radiates only from speakers.

A signpost to the moment when - in communion with others - eternity takes place.

**Volkmar Klien:** Growing up in Vienna Volkmar Klien (\*1971, Hollabrunn) spent his childhood engulfed in the city's rich musical life with all its glorious traditions and engrained rituals. Working from this background Volkmar Klien today strives to extend traditional practices of composing, producing and listening far beyond the established settings of concert music. He works in various areas of the audible and occasionally inaudible arts navigating the manifold links in-between the different modes of human perception, the spheres of presentation and the roles these play in the communal generation of meaning.

His works have been widely recognized, exhibited, performed and presented. he has received commissions from institutions truly varied in nature. For the Volksoper Wien (Vienna, Austria) he composed music to a full evening ballet, the Curtis R. Priem Experimental Media & Performing Arts Center (EMPAC, Troy, NY) invited him to produce multi-channel electronic sound works and for Transitio MX (Mexico City) he produced a mixed media installation acoustically surveying landscapes. In his installation 'aural codes', funded by the Arts Council England, he turned the radio sphere over London into his exhibition space inviting residents to tune in and also interact.

Volkmar Klien's work has been awarded numerous prizes and awards, amongst these an Honorary Mention at the Prix Ars Electronica, the State Scholarship for Composition of the Republic of Austria, the Max Brand Prize for Electronic Music, the Scholarship of the Vienna Symphonic Orchestra and the Gustav Mahler Prize for Composition.

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