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Group 1

- 1. Joachim Heintz (Hannover, Germany)
- Ed Jacobs (Greenville, NC)
- Steingrímur Rohloff (Copenhagen, Denmark)
- Patrik Bishay (Bad Homburg, Germany)
- Randy Nordschow (Brooklyn, NY)
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- 8. Hannes Seidl (Frankfurt, Germany)
- Joseph Dangerfield (Fayetteville, WV)
- 10. Valerio Sannicandro (Paris, France)
- 11. Evan Johnson (Arlington, MA)
- 12. Dominick Argento (Minneapolis, MN)
- 13. David A. Jaffe (Berkeley, CA)

- Klaus-Hinrich Stahmer (Wuerzburg, Germany)
- 15. Nathaniel Tull Phillips (Portland, OR)
- 16. Johannes K. Hildebrandt (Weimar, Germany)
- Aristides Strongylis (Leipzig, Germany) 17. Marcos Balter (Chicago, IL)
 - 18. Lei Liang (San Diego, CA)
 - James Aikman (Ann Arbor, MI)
 - Mary Jane Leach (Valley Falls, NY)
 - 21. Elizabeth Brown (Brooklyn, NY)
 - 22. Eric Marty (Athens, GA)
 - 23. Žibuoklė Martinaitytė (New York, NY)
 - 24. Keeril Makan (Cambridge, MA)
 - 25. Lothar Voigtländer (Berlin, Germany)

Group 2

- Mario Wiegand (Weimar, Germany)
- 2. Annie Gosfield (New York, NY)
- 3. John King (New York, NY)
- 4. Huck Hodge (Seattle, WA)
- 5. Gerhard Stäbler (Düsseldorf, Germany) 17. Rene C. Hirschfeld (Berlin, Germany)
- Robert Carl (Hartford, CT)
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- 13. Vivienne Olive (Nuremberg, Germany)
- 14. Dean Drummond (Montclair, NJ)

- Anne La Berge (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)
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- Mia Schmidt (Germany)
- 19. Manuel Hidalgo (Stuttgart, Germany)
- 20. Randy Gibson (New York, NY)
- 21. Paul Lansky (Princeton Junction, NJ)
- 22. Jason Eckardt (Kerhonkson, NY)
- 23. Burton Goldstein (Santa Monica, CA)
- 24. Kunsu Shim (Düsseldorf, Germany)
- 25. Dieter Mack (Lübeck, Germany)
- 26. Jeffrey Holmes (Los Angeles, CA)

Group 3

- Gerald Eckert (Seoul, South Korea/ Eckernförde, Germany)
- 2. Juan Campoverde (Evanston, IL)
- 3. Peter M. Hamel (Munich, Germany)
- 4. Reso Kiknadze (Lübeck, Germany)
- Hans Tutschku (Boston, MA)
- 6. Hans Zender (Freiburg, Germany)
- Claus-Steffen Mahnkopf (Leipzig, Germany)
- 8. Fumie Shikichi (Meldorf, Germany)
- 9. Joel Hoffman (Cincinnati, OH)
- 10. Joan La Barbara (New York, NY)

- 11. Alex Freeman (Northfield, MN)
- 12. Gabriel Iranyi (Berlin, Germany)
- 13. Mayako Kubo (Berlin, Germany)
- 14. Hubert Hoche (Helmstadt, Germany)
- 15. Luke Dahn (Orange City, IA)
- Boris Yoffe (Karlsruhe, Germany)
- 17. Stefan Streich (Berlin, Germany)
- 18. Annette Schlünz (Starsbourg, Germany)
- 19. Joël-François Durand (Seattle, WA)
- 20. Peter Ruzicka (Hamburg, Germany)
- 21. Byron Au Yong (Seattle, WA)
- 22. Peter Helmut Lang (Weimar, Germany)

INTERMISSION

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- Alexander Schubert (Hamburg, Germany)
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- 4. Mike Svoboda (Basel, Switzerland)
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- Manfred Stahnke (Hamburg, Germany)
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- 21. Conrad Cummings (New York, NY)
- 22. Alexandre Lunsqui (São Paulo, Brazil)
- 23. Carlos Sandoval (Berlin, Germany)
- Michael Edward Edgerton (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)
- 25. Bun-Ching Lam (Montlaur, France)

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Group 5

- 1. Alexander Keuk (Dresden, Germany)
- 2. Bill Alves (Claremont, CA)
- 3. Knut Müller (Leipzig, Germany)
- 4. Iris ter Schiphorst (Berlin, Germany)
- 5. Jing Jing Luo (Oberlin, OH)
- 6. Georg Hajdu (Hamburg, Germany)
- 7. Franghiz Ali-Zadeh (Berlin, Germany)
- 8. Michael Gordon (New York, NY)
- Peter Michael von der Nahmer (Munich, Germany)
- 10. Richard Carrick (New York, NY)
- 11. Dániel Péter Biró (Victoria, BC, Canada)
- Ulrich Leyendecker (Gaugrehweiler, Germany)
- Sidney Corbett (Berlin/Mannheim, Germany)

- 14. Uros Rojko (Ljubljana, Slovenia)
- 15. Gordon Kampe (Essen, Germany)
- 16. Kamran İnce (Memphis, TN)
- 17. Michael Denhoff (Bonn, Germany)
- 18. Alvin Lucier (Middletown, CT)
- Moritz Eggert (Ahrenshoop, Germany)
 Charlotte Seither (Berlin, Germany)
- 21. Robert HP Platz (Cologne, Germany)
- 22. Vera Ivanova (Santa Ana, CA)
- 23. Dimitri Terzakis (Leipzig, Germany)
- 24. Georg Klein (Berlin, Germany)
- 25. John Eaton (North Bergen, NJ)26. Laura Kaminsky (New York, NY)
- 27. Nicolaus A. Huber (Essen, Germany)

Either/Or

Richard Carrick, conductor

Michelle Farah, oboe
Brad Balliett, bassoon
Gareth Flowers, trumpet
Chris McIntyre, trombone
William Schimmel, accordion
David Shively, percussion
Stephen Gosling, piano
Esther Noh, violin
Erin Wight, viola
Caleb van der Swaagh, cello
Margaret Lancaster, toy piano



CAGE100 Party Pieces was commissioned by the Forum for Contemporary Music Leipzig, with support from the Federal Cultural Foundation, the Cultural Foundation of Saxony, and the City of Leipzig.

About the Program

CAGE100

July 2012 marked the beginning of the year-long art and music festival CAGE100, and of the "Party Pieces Project" as one part of it. Produced by the Forum for Contemporary Music Leipzig (Forum Zeitgenössischer Musik Leipzig – FZML), the festival is dedicated to the American composer and artist John Cage, in celebration of his 100th birthday. Among myriad global celebrations of Cage, CAGE100 is quite unique. Tonight's "Party Pieces Project" mirrors and epitomizes the extent and dimension of the year-long CAGE100 festival, engaging 125 composers for the creation of these "Party Pieces."

Extensive curatorial planning preceded the realization of the CAGE100 project: How does one appropriately present John Cage, whose reflections on the concept of artwork, authorship, authenticity, and the conditions of presentation and participation in art led to his own radical solutions for performance and presentation? How can these works be presented in sincere dedication to Cage, while also avoiding selection bias at the hands of contemporary presenters? How best to present a portrait of Cage that is, for the audience, participatory, contemporary, critical, and thought-provoking? In dealing with these questions, it is obvious that any gallery space or concert hall is too small, and a single festival week too limited. And so, CAGE100 spread around the globe, invading both urban and virtual spaces, and thereby striving to encourage both observation and interrogation of Cage's genius.

The Party Pieces Project

A group composition by 125 composers in honor of John Cage

In the years 1944-45, during one of the frequent meetings of John Cage's close circle of friends, the idea of an "exquisite corpse" composition had been developed. Under the title "Party Pieces," an excerpt of the preserved compositions was later published in 1982.

As John Cage recalls in the preface:

"We were all composers and friends to boot: Virgil Thomson, Lou Harrison, Henry Cowell, Ben Weber, Merton Brown. Lou and I, coming both of us from California, naturally thought of evening gatherings as occasions for playing games. One of us must have suggested changing the well-known drawing of "exquisite corpses" into a musical pastime. These pieces were written in Lou's loft one floor up from the sidewalk on Bleecker Street between Sixth and Seventh Avenues, late in spring or during the summer, I'd guess '44 or '45."

The compositions created during these meetings followed pre-determined rules defined by the participants. Each composer writes a measure of music and then folds the sheet music paper directly at the bar line. Within the following measure he adds two more notes to give the other composer a hint at how the composition could be continued. The next composer connects to these notes and finishes the measure, folds the sheet music at the bar line and writes down two notes in the next new measure, etc.

Inspired by and using the same rules as Cage's original "party pieces," the Party Pieces Project expands the process to 125 composers around the world. As part of the CAGE100 festival, the Party Pieces Project aspires to reflect and preserve Cage's compositional style, philosophies, and ideas in the creation of new work.

Rules for the Party Pieces Project

- 1. Each composer contributes a small, original part to the whole piece.
- Each composer notates by hand a maximum of five measures or one minute of music onto the sheet music template (with or without staff lines), which has been provided by FZML.
- Each composer receives the final measure or section of the previous composer's contribution.
- Each composer has one week to complete his or her contribution and return it to FZML.
- The composer can freely select instrumentation from among an ensemble comprised of the following: oboe, bassoon, trumpet in C, trombone, pitched percussion [marimba, xylophone, vibraphone], accordion, piano, violin, viola, or violoncello.
- 6. Techniques such as prepared piano, scordatura, or live electronics cannot be facilitated. However, it is possible to use various kinds of mallets for percussion, or various kinds of dampers and mutes for strings and winds, as long as the musicians have enough time to change or remove them before their next "Party Piece." Apart from these constraints, all playing techniques are allowed.

The whole composition will be conducted, but it is also possible that the musicians will orient themselves with a digital video clock.

Preparation for the Party Pieces Project began in 2010. Composers were selected by a board of trustees, and were recruited from Germany, where the CAGE100 project originated, and from the United States, the birthplace and home of John Cage. To ensure that the entire composition was completed during the festival, the composers were divided into five groups, which became the five movements of the final piece. The classification of composers into groups and the order within these groups was established by means of the I-Ching coin oracle – a process Cage himself often used in his compositions. In this way it was guaranteed that no external forces or personal tastes influenced the overall composition.

Prior to beginning their compositions, each composer received a package containing information about the Party Pieces Project and two sheet music templates for their handwritten notation. One page included staff lines and the other did not, to accommodate both traditional and graphic notation. All participants were told which composers were involved in the overall composition, but not in which group, their position within that group, nor the overall order of the piece. The first and last participants in each group were aware of only their position in that group. But otherwise, all participants were unaware of their predecessor and/or successor. This arrangement avoided influence amongst the participants. The forwarding of the anonymous connecting measure was always done by the FZML. The FZML was also responsible for collecting and archiving each submission.

Composition of the Party Pieces Project began on June 26, 2012 and concluded in March 2013. The exhibition of the handwritten Party Pieces scores was held from August 22 through September 15, 2013, at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Leipzig. The world premiere performance of the Party Pieces will take place on October 17, 2013 at Columbia University's Miller Theatre in New York.

Sebastian Vaske, Curator Party Pieces Project

About the Artists

Richard Carrick, born in Paris of
French-Algerian and British descent,
is a New York-based composer, pianist,
and conductor. His music, described as
"charming, with exoticism and sheer
infectiousness" by Allan Kozinn of The
New York Times, has been performed
internationally by ISCM World Music
Days-Switzerland, Vienna's Konzerthaus,
the New York Philharmonic, Darmstadt
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House, Nieuw Ensemble, JACK Quartet,
Nouvel Ensemble Moderne, soloists Tony
Arnold, Magnus Andersson, Carin Levine,
Rohan de Saram, and others.

Upcoming premieres include a largeensemble work for the New York
Philharmonic BIENNIAL 2014, a Fromm
Foundation commission for MiVOS
Quartet, Dark Flow Double Quartet for
Either/Or and Ensemble Son on tour
in the U.S. and Sweden, and Prisoner's
Cinema for large ensemble and image
projection. Recent works include
the hour-long Flow Cycle for Strings
(released on New World Records in 2011),
Harmonixity for saxophone quartet
and Adagios for Strings. He also writes
large-scale multi-media works including
the "operatically ambitious" (The Village

Voice) Cosmicomics, based on stories by Italo Calvino and combining video, electronics, and live musicians.

Carrick teaches composition at Columbia
University and New York University.
He has given master-classes and guest
lectured about his music at universities
in Tokyo, Seoul, London, Stockholm,
Amsterdam, Paris, Darmstadt, and New
York City where he was Visiting Artist-inResidence at the New School in 2010.

Carrick is co-founder/co-artistic director of the New York-based experimental music ensemble Either/Or. As a critically acclaimed pianist and conductor he regularly premieres diverse works by leading composers including Helmut Lachenmann, Jonny Greenwood, Chava Czernowin, Horatiu Radulescu, Rebecca Saunders, as well as his own compositions. He received his BA from Columbia University, a Masters and Doctorate from the University of California-San Diego with Brian Ferneyhough, and pursued further studies at IRCAM and the Koninklijk Conservatorium in The Hague, Recent works are distributed by Project Schott New York.

Either/Or is a flexible chamber ensemble based in New York City. Founded in 2004 by pianist/composer Richard Carrick and percussionist David Shively, Either/ Or presents compelling new and recent works for unconventional ensemble formations rarely heard elsewhere. The group draws upon its roster, featuring some of New York's leading interpreters, in programming intense chamber music alongside larger ensemble works. E/O has performed to critical acclaim at Miller Theatre, Merkin Concert Hall, The Kitchen, Philadelphia Museum of Art, MATA Festival, and ICA:Boston, in addition to frequent appearances at experimental music venues such as The Stone, Roulette, and Issue Project Room.

Programs have included numerous world, U.S., and New York premieres; these range from major works of American experimental music to rarely heard classics from the dynamic margins of the European avant-garde. In addition to ongoing collaborations with emerging artists, Either/Or has brought distinguished composers such as Helmut Lachenmann (2008), Paolo Aralla (2009), Chaya Czernowin (2010, 2011), Karin Rehnqvist (2012), and Rebecca Saunders (2013) to New York for portrait concerts and lectures through E/O's Composer's Atelier series.

Either/Or released its first two CDs in 2011, on Starkland and on New World Records. Additionally, Either/Or and its directors have been Artists in Residence at Eugene Lang College of the New School for Social Research (2010) and New York University Faculty of Arts & Sciences (2008-9). Educational activities have included lectures, workshops, open rehearsals, and premieres of student works.

About Miller Theatre

Miller Theatre at Columbia University is the leading presenter of new music in New York City and one of the most vital forces nationwide for innovative programming. In partnership with Columbia University School of the Arts, Miller is dedicated to producing and presenting unique events in dance, contemporary and early music, jazz, opera, and performance. Founded in 1988 with funding from John Goelet, Brooke Astor, and the Kathryn Bache Miller Fund, Miller Theatre has built a reputation for attracting new and diverse audiences to the performing arts and expanding public knowledge of contemporary music.

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Peter Evans, trumpet Miller Puckette & Rand Steiger, electronics Steven Schick, conductor

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