

DEGREE RECITAL

Timo Pehkonen

Sunday, March 3, 2019, 8pm
Phillip T. Young Recital Hall, MacLaurin Building
Free admission

PROGRAM

Emerge (approx. 3'00")

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Liam Pistor, clarinet Timo Pehkonen, piano

VII (8'02") Timo Pehkonen

for fixed media with video

Sointula (approx. 17'30") Timo Pehkonen

Ilya Ivanov Gochev, violin I
Carlos Quijano Vazquez, violin II
Natalie Dzbik, violin III
Felix Alanis, viola I
Seth McMillan, viola II
Manuel Cruz, cello
Rachel Burtman, double bass
Brandon Bronson, vibraphone, triangle, gongs, bass drum
Ethan Hill, conductor

Emerge – Originally written for Jože Kotar and Luca Ferrini for their ongoing performance project Music From The Islands and premiered at Summartónar 2018 in Faroe Islands. This work is inspired by the people and land of WSÁNEĆ (Saanich), which means emerging people/land.

VII – The prerecorded sounds are digitally stretched vibrating strings of a clean sounding electric guitar. The compositional material is taken from the distinct scordatura (alternate tuning) of the seven string instruments in the following work *Sointula*. The shapes in the video are abstract representations of the unique scordatura superimposed on the standard tuning of the violin family of instruments.

Sointula — Theoretically, it explores techniques such as natural harmonics, rhythmic symmetry, elaborate tuning, the relationship between the harmonic series and twelve-tone equal temperament, shapes represented as sound ("soundshapes"), timbre acting as harmony acting as rhythm, musical extrapolation, the process and result of layered composition, metric modulation. Poetically, it portrays themes such as unification, persistence, open landscapes, melody, location and relocation, opposition, reassurance, water, abstract structures and ideas, the life-affirming experience of attentively listening to natural sounds.

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Timo Pehkonen is from the class of Professor Anna Höstman.

This recital is presented in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Master of Music (Composition) program.