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MYTH - SCIENCE ENSEMBLE

Thomas Aber
Dwight Frizzell

with

Nophachai Cholthichanta, clarinet
Hyun Kim, piano

CONCERT PROGRAM

SHADOW WORLDS

- Bénédiction Nuptiale (1900)..... Daniel Bontoux
for clarinet, bass clarinet, and organ
- 60 Seconds! (2014)..... David Mastikosa
miniature for bass clarinet
- Shadowplay (for Sarah) (2013, rev. 2015)..... Patrick Dunn
for bass clarinet
- Groove! (2002)..... Jonathan Russell
for bass clarinet solo
- Duo de Concert (1904)..... Paul Jeanjean
for clarinet, bass clarinet, and piano

INTERMISSION

GENERATIVE WORLDS

- Star Seed (2011)..... Dan Warneke, Thomas Aber, & Dwight Frizzell
for Stella Music Box, voice, WX5, bass clarinet, bells, 4-channel sound and video
- Slippages (2015)..... Thomas Aber & Dwight Frizzell
actions for clarinets, bass clarinets, zwooms and 4-channel sound and video
projection after the paintings of Warren Rosser (animated by Frizzell)
- Tree of Life (2014)..... Dwight Frizzell & Michael Henry
for strings, woodwinds, electro acoustics, multi-channel sound and video
- Oceans of Kansas (2014)..... Dwight Frizzell, Thomas Aber, & Patrick Conway
for chalk & ocean sounds, bass clarinet soloist, gamelan & video
- Osiris Wobble (1989)..... Dwight Frizzell
for clarinet and bass clarinet

BIOGRAPHIES

MYTH SCIENCE DUO

Dwight Frizzell and Thomas Aber (Myth – Science Ensemble) are composer-artist/performers incorporating bio-musical soundscapes, generative audio and video art, astronomical elements, and folk-forms in their works featuring the entire family of clarinets. They first performed together in 1982 on “Ionisations,” a KOPN-FM radio series that included Pauline Oliveros and Diamanda Galas. They participated together in the first International Radio Solstice Broadcast, which brought together musicians from the world-over, including Alvin Curran and Frederic Rzewski, to promote world peace. Aber and Frizzell are both founding members of the newEar contemporary chamber ensemble and BCR, the Afro-Nuclear Wavabilly Funk Swing Reggae Turska band popular in the Midwest. The Myth – Science Ensemble was inspired by Sun Ra, whose open musical and cosmic outlook provided a point of departure for the ensemble’s wide-ranging explorations. Aber and Frizzell use a wide array of clarinets and saxophones, as well as bagpipes, Cherokee flutes, wind-wand, zwooms (long-hose reed instruments), electronics, and video for their performances and recordings.

THOMAS ABER

Thomas Aber is bass clarinetist with the Omaha Symphony and was a founding member of Kansas city’s contemporary music ensemble *newEar*. His studies of the bass clarinet took him to the Juilliard School and then to the Netherlands, where he studied with Harry Sparnaay. While living in Holland, Aber was a prize winner in the Gaudeamus Foundation’s International Competition for Interpreters of Contemporary Music. In 1989 he worked with Charles Dodge for the premiere of *Elegy*, the first fractal-generated composition. Aber earned his DMA in clarinet at the Conservatory of the University of Missouri at Kansas City. His musical interests are wide-ranging, extending from the contemporary and classical styles to traditional music and instruments from around the world.

DWIGHT FRIZZELL

Dwight Frizzell’s boyhood neighbor in Independence, Missouri was Harry Truman, who appears in Dwight’s work as a pianist, Atlantean King and time-traveler. Frizzell released the “Beyond the Black Crack” LP in 1976 (“...one of the 70s underground masterpieces”—TOP magazine), studied video art with Douglas Davis (1977), clarinet with Raymond Luedeke (1979), and metaphysics with Sun Ra (1980-1990). His work was exhibited at Biennale de Paris, World-Wide Video Festival (Amsterdam), and Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. His radio pieces were broadcast on NPR (USA), Radio Nova (Paris), WKCR (NYC), and Resonance FM (London). As a pacifist, Frizzell collaborated with Michael Henry and the Air Force Reserve in 2001 creating “Sonic Force” for A10 Warthog Attack Planes, woodwinds, brass and voices. He received a Golden Reel Award for his soundscape composition, *The Irish Wilderness*, (2005). Frizzell is a founding member of BCR, newEar contemporary chamber ensemble, and National Audio Theatre Festivals.

the International Clarinet Association are all original works composed as recently as 2012 and 2013 for clarinets, electro-acoustics, and video projection

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

APRIL

FRI 12 Opera Theatre

7:30 pm, Faulkner Performing Arts Center
\$10 general admission; \$5 student/faculty/staff

FRI 12 Guest Artist Recital: Doug Stone, jazz saxophone

7:30 pm, Guisinger Music House
1 E. Mountain Street
free and open to the public

SAT 13 Opera Theatre

7:30 pm, Faulkner Performing Arts Center
\$10 general admission; \$5 student/faculty/staff

SUN 14 Music Honors Recital

3:00 pm, Faulkner Performing Arts Center
free and open to the public

MON 15 Na Cello Studio Recital

7:30 pm, Stella Boyle Smith Concert Hall
free and open to the public

TUE 16 Ragsdale Percussion Studio Recital

7:30 pm, Stella Boyle Smith Concert Hall
free and open to the public

TUE 16 Inspirational Chorale

7:30 pm, Faulkner Performing Arts Center
\$10 general admission; \$5 student/faculty/staff

WED 17 Cholthitchanta Clarinet Studio Recital

7:30 pm, Stella Boyle Smith Concert Hall
free and open to the public

WED 17 Jazz Lab Ensemble

7:30 pm, Faulkner Performing Arts Center
\$10 general admission; \$5 student/faculty/staff

THU 18 Hertzog Guitar Studio Recital

6:00 pm, Stella Boyle Smith Concert Hall
free and open to the public

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