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November 5, 2013

featuring Aron Kallay and Ricki Ray, piano & keyboard



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November 9

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Vicky Ray, piano

Aron Kallay, piano

November 5, 2013 ■ 8:00 P.M.

Salmon Recital Hall



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Program

Three Quarter-tone Pieces (1924)

I. Largo
II. Allegro
III. Chorale

Charles Ives

Water Clock/Music Box (2013)

Jason F. Heath

All Sense of Proportion (2013)

1. Shameless Denials
2. Changes
3. Black Toccata

Bill Alves

~Intermission~

Rad (2003)

Enno Poppe

Program Notes

Three Quarter-Tone Pieces
Of the three short pieces that I've composed with the use of quarter-tones, the first and last were originally intended for a quarter-tone piano, two keyboards, and for one player.

The first movement, Largo, is primarily diatonic, using quarter-tones as passing-notes or suspensions and quarter-tone chords as extensions or variants, though the middle section is of quarter-tone extensions.

The second movement, Allegro, for two pianos, one tuned a quarter-tone sharp, is mostly made of rhythms contrasted or "split" between the two pianos. From a pure quarter-tone harmonic standpoint it doesn't amount to much.

The last is a "Chorale" played by two pianos as it stands written for one piano; there is very little doubling. It attempts to work along the pure quarter-tone harmonic lines outlined in the second section of this paper, and is made of a phrase in quarter-tones going to one in half-tones and ending in whole tones, while the harmonic plan remains throughout on a quarter-tone basis.

-Charles Ives

All Sense of Proportion
In Plato's Republic, he mocks theorists who search for meaning through their ears, twisting strings on pegs to find truth, regardless of those strings' "shameless denials" (in Desmond Lee's translation). I have done my share of string twisting (or the electronic equivalent) myself but make no claims to Platonic truth thereby, only to that certain "twisted" meaning that finds its way through our ears. This piece is tuned in just intonation, that is, through true proportions, specifically the third and seventh harmonics found in the natural vibrations of strings.

-Bill Alves

Water Clock/Music Box
(Música de la Clepsidra de Borges)

Excerpts from Jorge Luis Borges' sonnet, "Caja de Música", selected and translated by the composer:

Music of the water clock.
Drops of slow honey, of invisible gold.
Fragile and eternal thread,
Mysterious and clear.

Program Notes

They are a yesterday that returns.
From what time?
From what garden of melancholy do they come to me?

I won't know. It's not important.

In this music, I am. I want to be.
I bleed myself out.

Rad kind of summary of years I've spent working with microintervals. There are roughly a hundred different scales available, of which some are used just for a few seconds. The constant retuning [of the two keyboards] makes for a nearly inexhaustible supply of notes. The Typology of the scales includes: tempered scales with steps ranging from 1.66 to 0.1 semitones, including scales that have no octaves, like the one based on 0.96 semitones; scales with identical differences in frequency that grow closer together as they move upwards (spectral sections); sequences of chords; combinations of various scales such that several notes are assigned to each key.

-Enno Poppe

Artists

Pianists **Vicki Ray** and **Aron Kallay** have given hundreds of world premieres in Los Angeles and across the country. Mark Swed of the LA Times called them "Exquisite. Every sound sounded considered, alive, worthy of our wonder," when they premiered John Cage's *The 10,000 Things* in 2012.

The Ray-Kallay Duo is dedicated to expanding the sonic possibilities of the multiple keyboard concert, often using two acoustic grands, two keyboards, or combinations of both. In redefining the 21st century piano duo, they also frequently include live electronics and alternate tuning systems in their programs. Their repertoire ranges from icons of the genre to newly composed works crafted specifically for their unusual and special resources.

In addition to their thriving solo and chamber careers, Vicki and Aron are also music educators in Southern California: Vicki is Head of Keyboard Studies at the Herb Alpert School of Music (CalArts), while Aron teaches music technology, theory, and piano and the University of Southern California (USC), Pomona College, and Chapman University.

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Dale A. Merrill, Dean

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