



ALAN COURTIS

Alan Courtis IN-FORMED MUSIC

In-formed music is a presentation by acclaimed experimental musician and sound artist Alan Courtis (Buenos Aires, 1972). The pieces in the exhibition include a photograph documenting an action where he sound-recorded Edvard Munch's *The Scream*; an installation comprised by several cassette players on loops and a cordless electric guitar which produces sounds from its circuits, and music sheets with interventions by Courtis.

The central piece in the show is *In-formed Music* a composition for ensemble and newspaper, which was played at the opening, directed by Alma Laprida. Three groups of musicians shake, tear or strike newspapers producing textures of sounds. In-formed music was premiered by the renown experimental musician Pauline Oliveros in 2010, at the Ione's Festival in Kingston, New York. The video included in the exhibition documents that first performance.

Alan Courtis was a founding member of the band Reynols and currently of *L'Autopsie a révélé que la mort était due a l'Autopsie*. He has participated in over 400 records published by experimental recording companies worldwide. He has toured in Japan, China, Europe, USA, Australia, Asia and Latin American having even performed near the North Pole. He has received awards from The Wire, The Chicago Reader, The Beijinger, Dusted Magazine, among others. His music has been aired on numerous radio stations including BBC, WFMU, Resonance-FM, ART on AIR, RAI, Sveriges Radio, WDR, NRK.

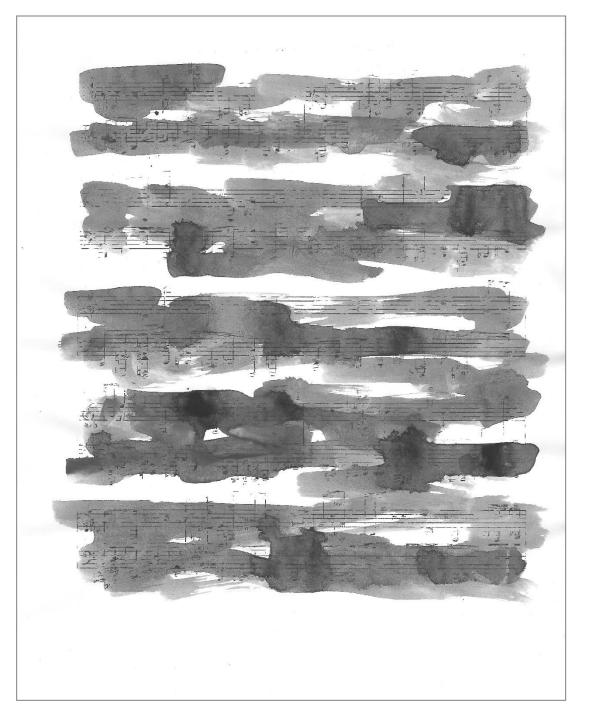
Curtis has received commissions to produce new work from por Český Rozhlas (Czech Republic), and Phoenix Basel Ensemble (Switzerland) and has been in residence at EMS (Sweden), GRM (France), Cafe Oto (England), USF (Norway). His compositions have been played by music ensembles in New York, Liverpool, Geneve, Bangor, Basel, Uden, Lausanne, Bangkok, México and Buenos Aires. He has collaborated with musicians such as Keiji Haino, Merzbow, Pauline Oliveros, Lee Ranaldo (Sonic Youth), Otomo Yoshihide, RLW, Jim O'Rourke, Yoshimi (Boredoms), Eddie Prevost (AMM), Rick Bishop (Sun City Girls), Makoto Kawabata (Acid Mothers Temple), New Blockaders, and others. Alan Courtis also has extensive experience as an educator, teaching in music schools in Europe, Asia and the Americas.

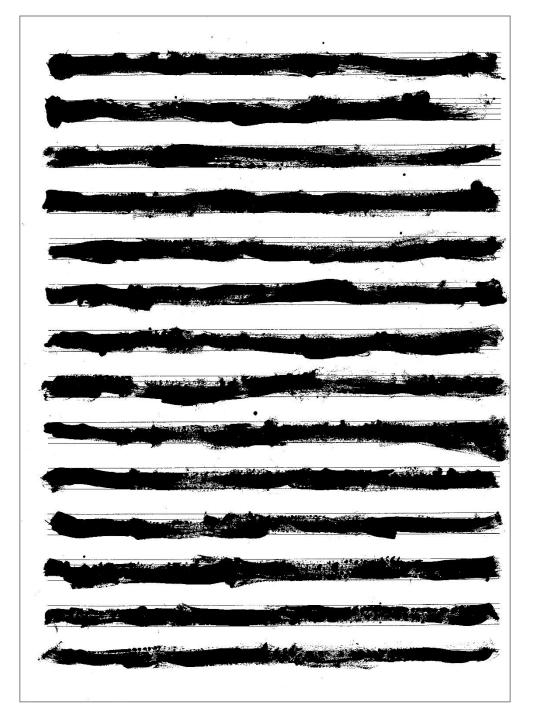


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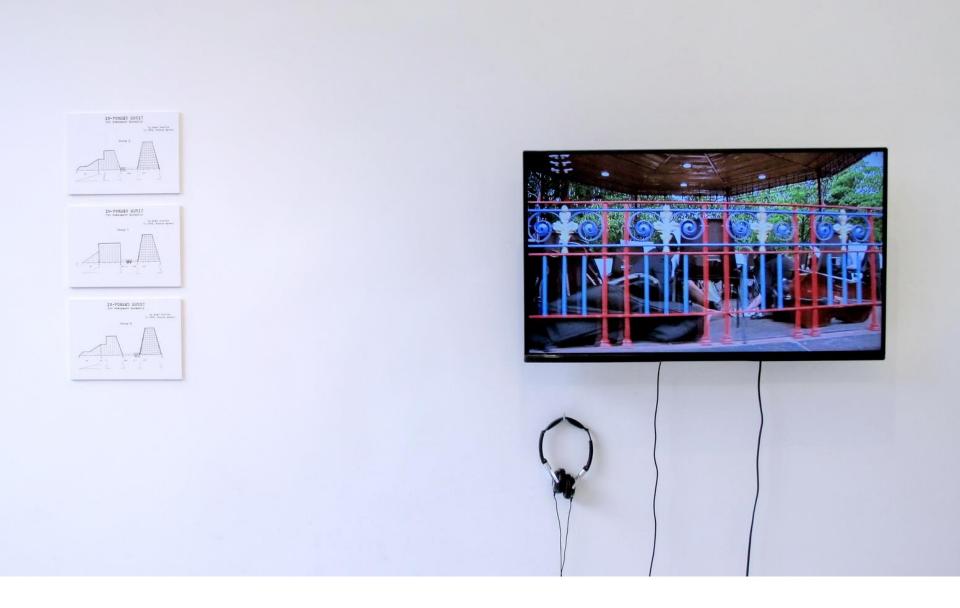
S/T 2015 Variable dimensions Sound Device for Unstringed Guitar and amp, 3 Cassette Loops



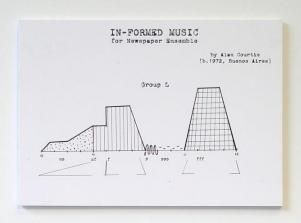
Recording of Munch's The Scream
2014
Digital recording
and 25 x 25 cm lambda print

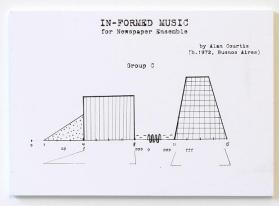


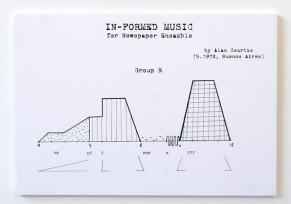
Recording of Munch's The Scream detail

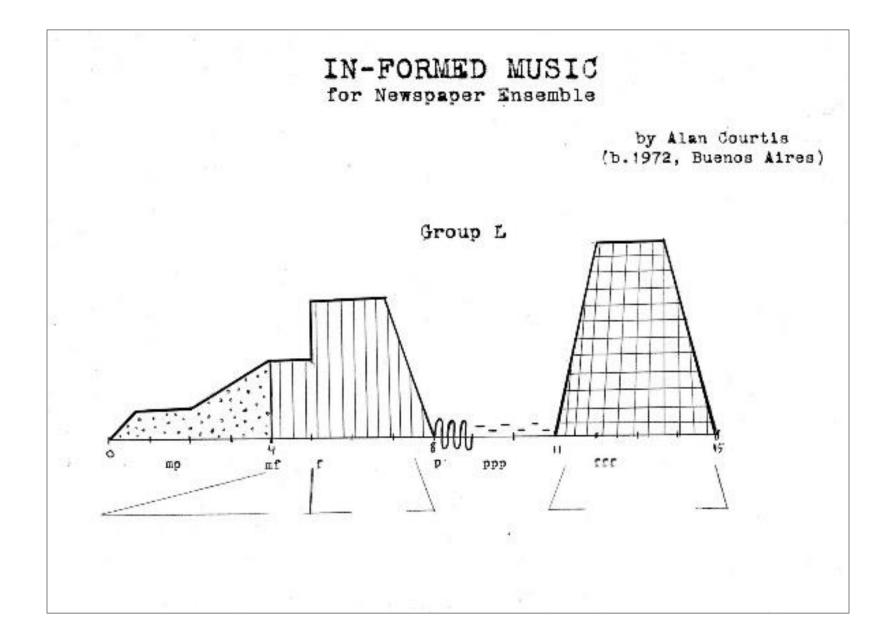




















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