

Jesper Nordin (b. 1971)

The music of Jesper Nordin is starting to make a mark on the international music scene with its characteristic soundworld and powerful emotional impact. This has led to him being selected as one of the composers to be published by Edition Peters as "Die Neue Generation".

The music of Jesper Nordin, with its clear traces of traditional Swedish folk music, rock music and improvised music, is performed and broadcast throughout the world. His orchestral music has been performed by symphony orchestras like BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, Basel Symphony Orchestra, Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra and others. His chamber music is regularly performed by ensembles like l'itinere, ASKO, San Francisco Contemporary Music Players and Ensemble Orchestral Contemporain.

From 2004 to 2006 he was Composer in Residence at P2, the Swedish Radio's serious music channel. In 2006 the Swedish Radio also released the portrait-cd "Residues" that include several of his orchestral pieces as well as works for choir, solo instruments and electronics. "Residues" has been hailed as a "milestone for contemporary music lovers" in France and as "a central album of the Swedish music from the first decade of the 21:st century" in Swedish press.. For more info see www.jespernordin.com



Pendants (2009), 26'

for ensemble, live electronics and live video

Pendants for ensemble, live electronics and live video was commissioned and premiered by Ensemble l'itinere, conducted by Dominique Dournaud in Paris 28/4 2009. The piece was commissioned with help from Concerts Sweden and was composed in collaboration with Art Zoyd and technical assistant Carl Faia. The piece is in three movements that are also available as three independant pieces – Pendant I, Pendant II and Pendant III. The basic musical ideas in Pendants comes from the hanging bells at the back of the scene, the erratic rhythms created from the rubber balls attached to a Gran Cassa and the pending movements of my own hand. I have made extensive improvisations and playing on an instrument I've built using a Wacom drawing board and a computer. I programmed an environment where I can control the harmonic and rhythmic framework and then, using a pen on the drawing board, I can play freely within this framwork. This is the ultimate tool for me who has always searched for controlled freedom using improvisation in different ways.

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