

# ***Patterns and Music***

## **MENTOR**

Massimiliano Viel

## **DATES**

**25-29<sup>th</sup> May** (deadline for application submission **25.04.2015**)

## **LANGUAGE**

English

## **PARTICIPATION FEE**

€ 570 (*including accomodation and half-board*)

## **TOPICS / TAGS**

*listening, music perception, pattern composition, history of western music, performing arts, participation, temporality*

## **MODULE OUTLINE**

To escape the identitary cages we are surrounded by, whilst dealing with today's culture with its complexities, diversity and pervasiveness, a conscious approach to the whole range of music phenomena is fundamental both for curatorial and artistic/music practices and the perception of the habitual music listener.

The module puts forth an approach to music stemming from an analysis of listening, and proposes a series of techniques for music production as well as strategies to deal with music in its broadest acceptance. Specifically, it will trace the consequences of embracing the conceptual frame of cognitive patterns when dealing with the complexities of the evolution of music structures (from the history of Western musical tradition up to the forms and styles of the music practices in today's media culture).

Alternating discussion of theoretical notions and listening experiences with practical laboratories (production/composition and performing with voice, body-percussion and found objects), the module is suitable for participants with any degree of music knowledge from novice to skilled musician, as no previous knowledge of music theory and music notation are required.

## **SCHEDULE**

May 25<sup>th</sup>

*morning*

Guided tour to Cittadellarte, including the Pistoletto, Arte Povera collections and temporary exhibitions (curated by Luca Furlan)

Group presentation

*afternoon*

Introduction of the main topics of the course

Discussion

May 26<sup>th</sup>

*morning*

A simple technique of pattern composition

*afternoon*

Laboratory: My first composition

May 27<sup>th</sup>

*morning*

Special and notorious patterns

*afternoon*

Laboratory: Using the voice

May 28<sup>th</sup>

*morning*

A pattern history of Western music

*afternoon*

Laboratory: My first music performance project

May 29<sup>th</sup>

*morning*

What is there in music besides patterns?

*afternoon*

Laboratory: Let's build a collective pattern performance

## REFERENCES

*The mentor will prepare a reader for participants with key texts, some of which will be discussed during the week*

Agamben G., *What is an apparatus? and other essays*, Stanford, University Press, Palo Alto, 2009

Besseler H., *Das musikalische Hafaren der Neuzeit*, Berlin, 1959

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Foucault M., *The Archeology of Knowledge*, trans. by S. Smith, Pantheon Books, New York, 1969

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Ockelford A., *Repetition in music: theoretical and metatheoretical perspectives*, Ashgate, London, 2005

## **MENTOR**

### **BIOGRAPHY AND STATEMENT**

Massimiliano Viel is a composer, musician and researcher. His manifold activities as composer, keyboard player and sound designer brought him to collaborate with ensembles, orchestras and theatres all over the world and with composers such as L. Berio and K. Stockhausen.

Besides the production of scores for acoustic and electronic instruments, from solo works to orchestra pieces, he developed his artistic path around the relationship between music and other media, realizing performances and installations in close contact with theatre, visual arts and dance.

He is member of the Italian collective "otolab", devoted to audiovisual performance.

He is a professor at Bolzano's Conservatory (Italy) and PhD researcher at the Planetary Collegium T-Node, University of Plymouth (UK).

### **PROJECTS (selection)**

2014 "Cluster (for Demetrio Stratos)", Milano Musica festival

<http://www.ursss.com/2014/11/massimiliano-viel-cluster-per-demetrio-stratos/>

2014 "Ordo Coelestis", installation (with Fabio Volpi) , EXPO Gate Milano

<https://vimeo.com/104996448>

2012 "Andromeda", installation, Palinsesti 2012, Palazzo Altan, San Vito al Tagliamento Udine

<https://vimeo.com/90741456>

2012 "EM", Cronosfera Festival, Cavatore, Alessandria  
<https://soundcloud.com/user9792013/live-cronosfera2012>

2009 "Weltraum" and "Pulsars", the Opera Il Cairo, Egypt

2007 "OP7" (otolab), Forum Universal de las Culturas, Monterrey, Mexico

2003 "Quartetto.swf"(otolab), Netmage '03, Bologna

## PUBLICATIONS (selection)

### *Books*

2008 Maule E. & Viel M., *La fabbrica dei suoni*, Carocci, Roma

2007 Bertacchini C., Maule E. & Viel M., *Parole, suoni e musiche*, Junior, Bergamo

### *Papers*

2014 *Nell'Alto dei Giorni Immobili, un'analisi estetica*, in Santarcangelo V. (ed.), *Have your Trip. La musica di Fausto Romitelli*. Auditorium, Milano

"In the Name of the Pattern" in Noemalab, <http://noemalab.eu/ideas/in-the-name-of-the-pattern/>, 22 June 2014

2013 *Prefazione* in Maconie R. (ed.), *Stockhausen, conferenze e interviste*, Postmedia, Milano

2012 *Sounds and Objects* in *Technoetic Arts*, 9-2/3. Intellect Ltd  
*On and on. A Survey of the role of Repetition in Music*, in *Limina* 2/2012

### *Websites*

[www.massimilianoviel.net](http://www.massimilianoviel.net)

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<https://vimeo.com/massimilianoviel>

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