

GASK, Kutná Hora, 17 September

The Gallery of the Central Bohemian Region is hosting the third edition of A Day of Sound, a festival that brings experimental and independent music to this gallery of contemporary art. Audiences are drawn to A Day of Sound by the gallery's evocative setting (both its interiors and the main garden stage in the Jesuit College's gardens) and by curator Pavel Klusák's unique selection of performers.

The evening stage will be headlined by Swedish producer **BJ Nilsen (Sweden)** and musician and sound designer **Marta de Pascalis (Italy)**.

Swedish composer and sound artist **BJ Nilsen** currently lives and works in Amsterdam. His evocative ambient experimentations are made using the sounds of nature and climatic phenomena. Nilsen is a resident artist at Britain's renowned Touch label and at Vienna's Editions Mego. He has appeared at leading festivals of electronic music and multimedia art, including CTM, Unsound and Sónar. In recent years, he has made sound recordings in the Arctic regions of Norway and Russia.

Marta de Pascalis creates hypnotic soundscapes using analogue electronics and a system of looped magnetic tapes. A past artist-in-residence at the EU-funded SHAPE platform, her albums *Her Core* and *Sonus Ruinae* – both of which are characterised by a strong intellectual foundation – were well received. De Pascalis is a founder of Berlin's Marina di Neukölln underground festival. Concerning her sources of inspiration and loops, she says: "Speaking of other musicians working with tapes and loops, I especially love Terry Riley, Aaron Dilloway and Boards of Canada."

Festival programmer Pavel Klusák says of his choice of performing artists: "We're pleased to announce that also appearing at the festival is **Julia Reidy (Australia)**, who's introduced the twelve-string guitar into contemporary open forms of electronic experimentation in a unique manner. Her vibrant, surprising and style-defying music is captured on the LP *Vanish* (Editions Mego). The LP, which was praised by the renowned magazine *Wire*, is the last in a series of strong albums released by Julia Reidy on leading international labels."

Tomáš Šenkyřík presents his latest album of "field recordings", *Water*, for which he used special sensors to capture sounds from the watery depths and from contaminated waters near the north Bohemian town of Most, as well as specially recorded rhythmic textures of snowfall. For Šenkyřík, this deep listening is a way of connecting with the ancient natural world.

The festival is also delighted to welcome **Milan Guštar**, the leading representative of Czech sound art and Pythagorean electronics. And one of Slovakia's most radical musicians today, **Fero Király**, will give a live performance of Alvin Lucier's iconic "I Am Sitting in a Room".

The band **Pátí na světě** has recorded this year's most surprising album, *Jupiter Carousel*, an aesthetic manifesto consisting of a series of unusual songs. For this occasion, the

band, led by musician, architect and storyteller Ivan Palacký, will be joined by vocalist Lucie Páchová.

Returning to the historical setting of the Jesuit College with their Baroque violas da gamba is the duo of **Irena Havlová and Vojtěch Havel**. The international success of this year's album *Melodies in the Sand*, which was released in the Netherlands, is a good opportunity to recall the unique nature of these innovative and unassuming spiritual stars of Czech acoustic alternative music.

A Day of Sound is an intensive submersion into the latest experimental and visionary music. It is a condensed, one-day experience for people who are in touch with new music, but it also aims to provide a profound and entertaining experience of experimental music for anyone wanting to learn more about it. The unique setting of the Gallery of the Central Bohemian Region provides an inspiring stage for concerts inside the Jesuit College and outside in the open air. Come to Kutná Hora and enjoy A Day of Sound!

A Day of Sound 2021, LINE-UP:

B. J. Nilsen (SWE)

Marta de Pascalis (IT)

Julia Reidy (AUS)

Vojtěch and Irena Havel (CZ)

Pátí na světě (feat. Lucie Páchová) (CZ)

Fero Király plays Alvin Lucier (SK)

Tomáš Šenkyřík (CZ)

Milan Guštar (CZ)

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