NEWS SECTION

Composers

Notes of premières of new works run from three months before to three months following publication of this issue, i.e. from 1 July to 31 December. There is therefore a three-month overlap between issues, and omissions and late news for the three ‘following’ months of the current issue will be picked up in the three ‘prior’ months of the next one. News of more distant forthcoming premières is given more briefly; full details will be found in subsequent issues.

JOHN ADAMS Son of Chamber Symphony (première) – 30 November Stanford, Dinkelspiel Auditorium / Alarm Will Sound.

LOUIS ANDRIESSEN The City of Dis (première) – 18 November Los Angeles, Walt Disney Concert Hall / Los Angeles Master Chorale c. Grant Gershon.

HARRISON BIRTWISTLE is composing a new work for the musikFabrik ensemble, to be premièred in Cologne on 26 November.

ELLIOTT CARTER Horn Concerto (première) – 15 November Boston / James Sommerville (hn), Boston Symphony Orchestra c. James Levine.


DETLEV GLANERT Dédé va (première) – 9 November Boston / Ma’alot Quintet.


PELLE GUDMUNSEN-HOLMGREEN Plateaux for piano and orchestra (première) – 4 October Copenhagen, Radiohusets koncertsal / Juho Pohjonen (pno), Danish National Symphony Orchestra c. Ed Spanjaard. Lost Ground (première) – 15 November Copenhagen, Radiohusets koncertsal / Paul Hillier (ten), Kronos Quartet.


CRISTÓBAL HALFETTER Introducción y escena (première) – 24 September Burgos / Dresdner Philharmonie c. Rafael Frühbeck de Burgos.


ROBIN HOLLOWAY En blanc et Noir, orchestration of Debussy’s 2-piano cycle (première) – 8 August Gloucester, Cathedral, Three Choirs Festival / Philharmonia Orchestra c. Christopher Robinson.

SIMON HOLT sueños (première) – 5 November London, Queen Elizabeth Hall / Roderick Williams (bar), London Sinfonietta with visuals by Julia Bardsley.

MAGNUS LINDBERG Seht die Sonne (première) – 25 August Berlin, Philharmonie / Berlin PO c. Simon Rattle.

JOHN MCCABE Symphony Labyrinth (première) – 14 September Liverpool, Philharmonic Hall / Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra c. Vasily Petrenko.

PER NØRGAARD Lysning (première) – 23 September Ven, Denmark / DR Ungdoms Ensemblet c. Morten Ryeland.

ARVO PÄRT Morning Star (première) – 10 December

WOLFGANG RIHM Psalmus (première) – 27 July
Munich, Nationaltheater / Pascal Gallois (bsn),
Bayarische Staatsorchester, c. Kent Nagano. Canzona
nuova (première in version for viola) – 29 September
Strasbourg, Palais du Rhin / Christophe Desjardins
(vla).

TERRY RILEY The cusp of magic for pipa and string quartet (UK première) – 27 July
London, Barbican Hall / Kronos Quartet with Wu Man (pipa).

AULIS SALLINEN Concerto for clarinet, viola and
chamber orchestra (première) – 31 October
Helsinki, Finlandia Hall / Tommi Aalto (vla), Christopher
Sundqvist (cl), Finnish Radio SO c. Okko Kamu.

KURT SCHWERTSIK Divertimento (première) –
19 December
Essen, Alfred Krupp Saal / Håkan
Hardenberger (tp), Niederösterreichisches Tonkünstlerorchester c. Kristjan Järvi.

JOBY TALBOT Mandala (première) – 30 November

JOHN TAVENER Lalishri (première) – 26 September
London, Royal Festival Hall / Nicola Benedetti (vln),
London Philharmonic Orchestra c. Andrew Litton.

DAVID DEL TREDICI Magyar Madness (première) –
9 October
Iowa City, University of Iowa / David Krakauer (cl), Orion String Quartet.

MARK-ANTHONY TURNAGE Chicago Remains
(première) – 25 October
Chicago, Symphony Center / Chicago Symphony Orchestra c. Bernard Haitink.

A PRAYER OUT OF STILLNESS (première) – 18 October
Orsobio, Konserthuset / John Patitucci (db), Swedish
Chamber Orchestra c. Martin Yates. (UK première) –
6 November
Glasgow, City Halls / John Patitucci (db), Scottish Chamber Orchestra c. Olari Elts.

JUDITH WEIR Winter Song (première) – 14 December
Glasgow, City Halls / Scottish Chamber Orchestra c. Oliver Knussen.

Books Received
(A listing in this column does not preclude a review in a future edition of Tempo)

The Math behind the Music by Leon Harkleroad.
Cambridge University Press, £40.00 / $70.00 (hardback), £14.99 / $24.99 (paperback).

Cambridge University Press, £55.00 / $120.00 (hardback), £25.99 / $48.00 (paperback).

J. S. Bach. Life in Music by Peter Williams. Cambridge University Press.

Living Electronic Music by Simon Emmerson. Ashgate,
£55.00 (hardback), £17.99 (paperback).

Discovering Mahler. Writings on Mahler 1955–2005 by
Donald Mitchell. Boydell Press, £40.00.

call for young quartets

The first Blonay Summer School for Contemporary String Quartets held in June 2006, was reviewed in Tempo [January 2007 p. 66]. The second Summer School will take place from 10–22 June 2008 in Blonay Switzerland.

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