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Mark R. Taylor's creative processes have been made the subject of a 2-hour-long film by Edward Dorrian, the dedicatee of several of Taylor's recent compositions, including Failure, which was premiered at the 'Five Years' Gallery, Hoxton, last December alongside work by Jake & Dinos Chapman.

Peter Palmer has lectured on Swiss music at various British institutions with the support of the Pro Helvetia Foundation. This autumn he will talk about Vaughan Williams, Gurney and Warlock at a Zurich symposium promoted by the Othmar Schoeck Society.

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