Instructions for Contributors

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The Editors are keen to publish articles on the new music scene in all its complexity, not simply on a particular work by a particular composer. Discussion of compositional trends, performance practices, listening practices, new music contexts and reception histories are encouraged. TEMPO is sympathetic both to writing about new forms of creative practice (electronic, interdisciplinary, performance-based) and to writing that employs innovative methods of enquiry that differ from the aims of traditional musicology (work broadly adhering to the latter is nonetheless not excluded). These considerations apply equally to TEMPO’s Reviews Section.

Articles

Article suggestions or submissions, and all correspondence relating to articles, should be sent to the Editor, at tempoeditor@cambridge.org. Articles should be in the form of a MS Word Document, not in pdf format. They should generally be no more than 5,000 words in length, and may also be shorter, and may be illustrated by music examples, photographs and/or facsimiles. Normally articles will contain no more than six examples and/or tables and one or two photographs and/or facsimiles. Authors are responsible for providing camera-ready copy of each table, figure, or image with the submission of an article. Any such material should be submitted separately to the article text, in the form of a jpg or tiff, ideally at 1200 dpi. Contributors are responsible for providing a c. 150-word abstract of their article, and also for obtaining permission to reproduce any material for which they do not hold copyright and for ensuring that the appropriate acknowledgments are included in the typescript. The full address of the copyright holder should be provided. Contributors should also submit a 100-word biography.

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- PERFORMANCES (focusing on premieres of relevant contemporary works, and often grouped to form a broader context such as a festival, a series, a performer/ensemble, or a particular composer/group of composers);
- CDs and DVDs (most often reviewed individually, though broader groupings are accepted);
- BOOKS (most often reviewed individually).

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- PERFORMANCES: 2000 words
- CDs and DVDs: 800 words
- BOOKS: 1500 words

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