

PRESS RELEASE

Program

Giga-Hertz Festival for Electronic Music and Sound Art 2023

»Radical Polytronics«

December 6 to 10, 2023

*Every year, the ZKM | Center for Art and Media Karlsruhe in collaboration with the SWR Experimentalstudio awards the Giga-Hertz Award for Electronic Music. This year's winner for her life's work is the American composer **Laurie Spiegel**. For the first time this year, the Award Ceremony is embedded in a festival that lasts several days. From Wednesday to Sunday, the entire spectrum of contemporary electronic music and sound art will be covered in concerts, DJ sets, artist talks, and workshops for all age groups. The highlight of the festival is the presentation of the Giga-Hertz Award on Saturday evening (Giga-Hertz Festival for Electronic Music and Sound Art 2023 »Radical Polytronics«, December 6 to 10, 2023)*

The theme of the Giga-Hertz Festival 2023 is »Radical Polytronics«. For five days, composers and musicians will celebrate the radical power and fascinating diversity of electronic music and sound art in concerts, artist talks, and workshops. Ever since its foundation, the ZKM | Karlsruhe offers artists the opportunity to compose and perform outside of the mainstream in a radically open, artistic laboratory situation.

The program of the Giga-Hertz Festival 2023:

Welcome Address

Arne Braun,

State Secretary, Ministry of Science, Research, and the Arts, Baden-Württemberg

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Dominika Szope,

Head of the Department of Cultural Affairs of the City of Karlsruhe

Wednesday, Dezember 6, 2023

8 pm, Cube

»Sonic Moods«

Opening concert with **Oren Ambarchi** and **Puce Mary**

Thursday, December 7, 2023

7 pm, Media Theater

Concert of the SWR Experimentalstudio and the Explore Ensemble

Works:

John Croft »...ne l'aura che trema«, German première

Beatrice Dillon »Seven Reorganisations«

Christian Mason »Hölderlin's Madness«, première

Performed by **Lotte Betts-Dean** (mezzo-soprano) and **Thorwald**

Jorgensen (theremin)

Explore Ensemble

SWR Experimentalstudio: Live electronics

Mirella Weingarten and **Wiebke Pöpel**: video installation

9 pm, Cube

»Acousmatic Dreamland«

By and with **Ludger Brümmer**

Works: »La Cloche sans Valleese«, »Deconstructing Double

District«, »Nyx«

Friday, December 8, 2023

Start: 2 pm, BÄM

Workshop Sound@BÄM – special edition of the BÄMlab as part of the Giga-Hertz Festival

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6 pm, Auditorium

Book Presentation

»Die Zukunftstauglichkeit der akustischen Ökologie« / »The future viability of acoustic ecology«: On the new German language edition of **R. Murray Schafers »Die Ordnung der Klänge« / »The Tuning of the World« presented by Professor Sabine Breitsameter**

PopExperimental Concerts:

8 pm, Cube

Thomas Köner (première)

and

9.15 pm, Media Theater

Concert with **bela** (PopExperimental Award Honorary Mention 2023)

and

This Machine! (PopExperimental Award 2023)

10.30 pm, Foyer

Get Together & DJ Performances I:

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Saturday, December 9, 2023

2–3 pm, Cube

»Uncharted Interactions«

World premières of the 2021/22 production award winners

Yu-Jung Chen

Yvette Janine Jackson «EXTANT« / Sam Dunscombe (clarinet),

Judith Hamann (cello), SWR Experimentalstudio: **Joachim Haas**

& Maurice Oeser (sound directors)

Artist workshops 3 pm:

Media workshop

Live Coding: Sonic Pi with **Michael Vierling**

and

Media Theater

»Sonic Meditations« after **Pauline Oliveros** by and with **Blanc Sceol**

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Start 6.30 pm

Presentation of the Giga Hertz Prize 2023

with concerts by the 2023 prizewinners in the Cube

Get Together & DJ Performances II (start 9.30 pm)

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Sunday, 10.12.2023

Start 2 pm (to be announced), Cube

Lifetime Achievement Award: **Laurie Spiegel**

Panel discussion »The Great Unknown: Musicking in the Age of Early Computer Music« / »Das große Unbekannte: Musicking im frühen Zeitalter der Computermusik«

With **Bettina Wackernagel**, **Dorit Chrysler**, and **Ludger Brümmer** in German

Ludger Brümmer in conversation with Laurie Spiegel

in English

Portrait Concert: **Laurie Spiegel**

Winners in 2023

The U.S. composer **Laurie Spiegel** receives this year's Giga-Hertz Award for her lifetime achievements. The Production Award go to the U.S. composer and performer **Lea Bertucci** and the French-born sound artist **Jessica Ekomane**. The Finnish-German trio **This Machine!** are the winners of the PopExperimental Award.

Honorable Mentions, Giga-Hertz Award 2023 // **Manuel Rocha Iturbide** // **Nyokabi Kariuki** // **Piotr Kurek**

Honorary Mentions, PopExperimental Award // **bela** // **Sophia Mitiku** // **Rashaad Newsome**

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[About the winners in 2023](#)

The Giga-Hertz Main Award and the Production Award are awarded in collaboration with the SWR Experimentalstudio. The PopExperimental Award is sponsored by the ZKM/HfG e.V. Support Association and will be awarded for the first time this year by the ZKM together with the Popakademie Baden-Württemberg (University of Music Business, Creative Industries, and Popular Music).

Service for journalists

Further information about the award winners and the program of the Giga-Hertz Festival 2023 can be found on the ZKM website. The press release and pictures of the award winners can also be found in our [Press area](#).

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