

GuteLjudKarte: *the Churches*

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Bro church

still

Calm like the sea;
Like a high wind that never ceases.
Lao Tzu

still is an electro acoustic piece in four movemants

In April 2007, on the Swedish island of Gotland, I spent two weeks recording the sounds of a few objects: a long cardboard tube, a wooden cutting board, two mirrors and a window, some stones.

Two years later, I returned to the place of the recordings. Listening to the sounds, I understood that they were already music; they wanted only to be together. So I combined them without any electronic transformations, applying only equalization, compression and reverberation.

And while I was composing, the sounds spoke: of stillness in movement, of resting in change, of stability within an endless flow...

still was composed in Visby at Visby International Centre for Composers, in Stockholm at EMS and in Paris at GRM, 2007-2009. Commissioned by InaGRM 2009.

Benjamin Thigpen. Nomad, foreigner, born in the United States, naturalized in France. After dropping out of conservatory, he studied literature and aesthetics and travelled extensively. He gradually returned to music though electronic composition.

He creates music for loudspeakers – as a composer and as a performing electronic musician. He composes in various European electroacoustic studios and gives concerts throughout the world. He has released three solo CDs: *human for scale* (EMF Media 2005), *divide by zero* (Sub Rosa 2011) and *flux* (empreintes DIGITALes 2017). He performs in the duo Rust with instrument inventor and composer Jean-François Laporte, and in various other configurations with cellist Benjamin Carat, with electronic musician Stefano Bassanese, with clarinetist Massimo Carrozzo, and with percussionist and vocalist Seijiro Murayama. He teaches computer music at Arts2, in Belgium.

He thinks that music is not a language but a lived visceral experience, and that it is not the art of sound but the art of the transcendence of sound.



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