

ILMĀRS ŠTERNS

Sound Performance Artist, Stage Designer, Music Teacher, Composer, Archives Manager

Curriculum Vitae

CONTACT INFO

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PROFESIONAL EDUCATION

- 2017 – 2020 MA, Contemporary Arts Practice, Bern University of the Arts
Sound Performance Artist
- 2016 – 2018 MA, Audio-Visual Art Department, Art Academy of Latvia
Stage Designer
- 2008 – 2014 BA/MA, Music Teacher, Riga Teacher Training and Educational Management Academy
Contemporary Music Teacher

THESIS

- MA Performance Documentation and Documents
- BA/MA Performance Skills of Contemporary Music for Singers

FACULTY POSITIONS

- 2020 Catalogue Support Consultant, Media Library, FHNW Academy of Art and Design
Basel, Switzerland. Reference: Dr. Tabea Lurk tabea.lurk@fhnw.ch, [Link](#)
- 2018 – 2020 Cap Director's Andrea Gohl Assistant, Bern University of the Arts,
Bern, Switzerland. Reference: Dr. Andrea Gohl andrea.gohl@hkb.bfh.ch, [Link](#)
- 2015 - 2017 Singing Teacher, Riga Teacher Training and Educational Management Academy
Riga, Latvia. Reference: Prof. Inga Bērziņa inga.berzina@jvtma.lv, [Link](#)
- 2013 – 2015 Singing Teacher for Contemporary Music, Ventspils College of Music
Ventspils, Latvia. Reference: Maija Solovjova dativmv@ventspils.lv, [Link](#)

GUEST ARTIST/ARTIST TALK

- 2021 **CLOTHING IN THE MOVING IMAGE**, Guest artist in Costume design seminar, Led by Professor Lisa Meier, Berlin University of the Arts, Berlin, Germany
- 2020 **INTIMATE SPACE**, Artists talk at Toolbox "Urban Nights", Led by Andrea Gohl and Lisa Meier, Bern University of the Arts, Bern, Switzerland
- 2020 **TITLE INDEXATION AND GRAPHIC SCORES**, Artist talk within festival "EQUINOX" in discussion with artist Florian Feigl, Artistic Centre PROGR, Bern, Switzerland

LED LECTURERS / COURSES / WORKSHOPS

- 2020 **THE IMITATION OF SOUND IN EXPERIMENTAL VOICE AND COMPOSITION**, Lecture-Performance organised by Pakt-Bern "music-go-round#1", Artistic Centre PROGR, Bern, Switzerland, [Link](#)
- 2019 **SOUNDSCAPE ECOLOGY**, Lecture-workshop at Cameroon International Festival of Performance Art Yaoundé Music Studio, Yaoundé and Soa, Cameroon
- 2015 **PERFORMANCE SKILLS OF CONTEMPORARY MUSIC FOR SINGERS**, Lead the teachers' professional qualification development courses, Ventspils College of Music, Ventspils, Latvia, [Link](#)

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2014 **PERFORMANCE SKILLS OF CONTEMPORARY MUSIC FOR SINGERS**, Rapporteur at International Young Scientist Conference, Riga Teacher Training and Educational Management Academy, [Publication](#): "Performance Skills of Contemporary Music for Singers" 9th International Young Scientist Conference (2014), Riga, Latvia
- 2013 **PERFORMANCE SKILLS OF CONTEMPORARY MUSIC FOR SINGERS**, Rapporteur at International Young Scientist Conference, Riga Teacher Training and Educational Management Academy

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT

- 2021 **CREATIVE INTERACTION WITH EVERYDAY OBJECTS IN SOUND PERFORMANCES**, workshop within the project "Angebote Schulen", Bern University of the Arts, Bern, Switzerland, [Link](#)
- 2021 **POST - AUTO ORCHESTRA**, project within framework of "HKB Geht an Land", Bern University of the Arts, Interlaken, Switzerland, [Link](#)
- 2016 **FEELINGS IN THE DARKNESS**, developing project within Latvian Blind society, Strazdumuiza, Riga, Latvia
- 2015 **ZILĀ ILGU PUĶE**, Trio Voice of Instruments concert program with original music and poetry within the anniversary of poets Aspasia and Rainis, Culture Centre of Jurmala, Jurmala, Latvia
- 2015 **ELECTRONIC PULSE IN INSTRUMENT VOICES**, original music concert program by trio Voice of Instruments, Ivanova College of Music, Rezekne, Latvia

AWARDS

- 2020 **EXCELLENCE IN ART**, Nomination, Association Ober-Gerwern, Bern, Switzerland
- 2017 **THE INTERNATIONAL PRIZE**, First place, Baltic Acoustic Music Festival "Silver Gull", Liepupe, Latvia
- 2015 **THE INTERNATIONAL PRIZE**, First place, International Competition "April Drops", Bauska, Latvia
- 2014 **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY IN TEACHING**, Third Grade, Latvian National Centre of Culture
- 2006 **COMPOSITION PRIZE**, Third place, "Train" with pianist A. Suhanova, Emils Darzins Music School
- 2006 **THE INTERNATIONAL PRIZE**, First place, Duet cello and piano, IV international children camera ensemble contest, "Playing music with friends", Jumprava, Latvia
- 2005 **COMPOSITION PRIZE**, First place, "Čeko" WITH S. Smildziņa, Region music school creative contest Joseph Medina high school, Riga, Latvia

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- 2015 **THE APPRECIATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR LEADING TEACHERS, PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION DEVELOPMENT COURSE**, "Performance Skills of Contemporary Music for Singers", Ventspils College of Music, Ventspils, Latvia
- 2014 **THE APPRECIATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR AN INVESTMENT IN TEACHING THE NEW GENERATION OF JAZZ MUSICIANS IN LATVIA**, Latvian National Centre of Culture
- 2014 **THE APPRECIATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR AN INVESTMENT IN TEACHING THE NEW GENERATION OF JAZZ MUSICIANS IN LATVIA**, Festival Saulkrasti Jazz, Saulkrasti, Latvia

RESIDENCY

- 2021 **TWO HUMANS AND A HARP**, with Mathilde Bernard, Artist residency, Dampfzentrale Bern, Bern Switzerland, [Link](#)
- 2019 **OPEN OPERA STADL**, Artist residency at Griessner Stadl, Stadl An der Mur, Steiermark, Austria, [Link](#)
- 2017 **INTERCULTURAL ARTS**, artist residency within Art Academy of Latvia co-operation with Swiss creative association "Intercultural Creative Factory Solothurn", Solothurn, Switzerland

LAB

- 2019 **HUMAN VOICE**, Roy Hart International Arts Centre, Thoiras, France, [Link](#)
- 2019 **CHOREOGRAPHY LAB FOR YUNG AUDIENCE**, Dance Network Switzerland – RESO, Support by Pro Helvetia, Brig, Switzerland, [Link](#)
- 2018 **CHOREOGRAPHY LAB FOR YUNG AUDIENCE**, Dance Network Switzerland – RESO, Support by Pro Helvetia, Monthey, Switzerland, [Link](#)
- 2018 **A COMMON COPY SHOP**, LAB by Nicolas Y Galeazzi within Festival "République Géniale", Kunstmuseum Bern, Bern, Switzerland, [Link](#)
- 2018 **COPY SHOP**, Performance Art LAB, Guest Nicolas Y Galeazzi, Jura, Switzerland
- 2017 **PAPER CLUB**, "Open studio", Academy Bauhaus, Dessau, Germany, [Link](#)

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2021 **WORK-IN-PROGRESS**, Swiss Arts Council Pro Helvetia grant, Research "Experimental forms of musical improvisation between performer and cloth in sound performances", Bern, Switzerland
- 2021 **RADOŠO PERSONU NODARBINĀTĪBAS PROGRAMMA**, (Creative Artist Employment Programme), Cultural Capital Foundation of State grant, Riga, Latvia
- 2019 **INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH PROJECT**, Swiss Arts Council Pro Helvetia grant, "The Cameroon International Festival of Performance Art" with theme "Art and Ecology: Performance Art against Pollution", Yaoundé, Cameroon, [Link](#)
- 2017 – 2020 **CREATIVE JOURNEY**, Cultural Capital Foundation of State scholarship, In interdisciplinary project "Studies in Bern University of the Arts", Bern, Switzerland, [Link](#)
- 2017 – 2018 **SWISS-EUROPEAN MOBILITY PROGRAM**, Scholarship for the two semesters in Bern, University of the Arts, Bern, Switzerland, [Link](#)

MEMBERSHIP

- 2020 "PANCH", Swiss Performance Art Network, Member
2016 "SIDEGUNDE", Latvian Art Society, Member

SOLO PERFORMANCES *(Selection)*

- 2021 **PERF. N° 004/2020**, association Crescenda, Basel, Switzerland
2020 **PERF. N° 004/2020**, Reihe Neu-Oerlikon, Kasko Basel, Basel, Switzerland, [Link](#)
2020 **PERF. N° 004/2020**, retirement ceremony S. Vicini, Bern University, Haus der Universität, Swiss
2019 **PERF. N° 009/2019**, The Cameroon International Festival of Performance Art, "Art and Ecology: Performance Art against Pollution", Yaoundé Music Studio, Yaoundé, Cameroon, [Link](#)
2019 **PERF. N° 007/2018**, Museum Night, Off-Space ATOLOR, St. Gallen, Switzerland, [Link](#)
2019 **PERF. N° 007/2019**, festival Zoom In, Artistic Centre PROGR, Bern, Switzerland, [Link](#)
2019 **PERF. N° 007/2018**, event "Play Time: À suivre #34", Bern University of the Arts, Bern, Switzerland
2019 **PERF. N° 004/2019**, ACT Performance Festival, Public space, Park Platz, Zurich, Switzerland, [Link](#)
2019 **PERF. N° 004/2019**, exhibition "hier einschlagen brises la vitre rompere il vetro smash glass here", Bern University of the Arts, Bern, Switzerland
2019 **PERF. N° 004/2019**, ACT Performance Festival, Messe Basel Halle 2, Basel, Switzerland, [Link](#)
2019 **PERF. N° 007/2018**, ACT Performance Festival, Arsenic, Lausanne, Switzerland, [Link](#)
2018 **PERF. N° 001/2018**, D'Excentricités IX Festival, Institut Supérieur des Beaux-Arts de Besançon, Besançon, France, [Link](#)

GROUP PERFORMANCES *(Selection)*

- 2021 **PERF. N° 003/2021**, with Mirko Kircher (b. 1991), Rapid Open-air festival, Bonaduz, Switzerland, [Link](#)
2021 **PERF. N° 002/2021**, with Mathilde Bernard (b. 1990), Dampfzentrale Bern, Switzerland, [Link](#)
2021 **POSTAUTO ORCHESTRA**, with Zoë Gordon, Juliana Santacruz, Mirjam Hässig, Lucien McElroy, Project "HKB Geht an Land", SBB Public transport, Interlaken, Switzerland, [Link](#), [Press](#)
2020 **HOPE**, with Johanna Schwarzl, Melissa Da Silva, Dan Marginean, Fabio A. Da Silva, Mara Möriz, Tirza Mirjam Vogel, Mathis Pellaux, Robin Park, Online Christmas concert by Organisation ArTconnection Libre Eglise Church, Bern, Switzerland, [Link](#)
2019 **PERF. N° 011/2019 DAS RAUNEN DER DINGE** with Franziska Baumann, Claudia Brieske, Lara Süss, Johannes Schütt, Chloé Bieri, Franziska Bruecker, Valentin Dreifuss, Ilmārs Štern, Angela Bürger, Daniel Clénin, Stanislas Pili, Giulio Gasparoli, Musikfestival Bern, Ehemaliges Hochregallager der Swisscom, Bern, Switzerland, [Link](#), [Video](#)
2019 **THE BIG WIND BLOW**, with Mélanie Gobet, La Fête de la Danse, Public Space, Freiburg, Switzerland, [Link](#)
2019 **SPIT IT OUT!** concept by Ilmārs Šterns. Performers Yann Alhadeff, Laura Pezzoli, Ilmārs Šterns, Miles Zuberbühler, event "Theatre Musical Lab", Bern University of the Arts, Switzerland
2019 **B(O)KS**, Improvisation concept, Luz Gonzales, Luciana Peyceré, Alexandra Hallén, Afi Sika Kuzeawu "Play Time: Miniatures: Uraufführungen Komposition und Théâtre musical", Musical Theatre, Bern University of the Arts, Bern, Switzerland
2018 **PERF. N° 001/2018**, Performance with Elisabetta Cuccaro, ACT Performance Festival, Espace Hippoméne, Geneva, Switzerland, [Link](#)

- 2018 **IMPROVISATION**, Concert for experimental music. Franziska Baumann, Marc Unternahrer, Christian Kobi, Kristine Oppegaard, Stanislas Pili, Marlena Skoczylas, Ilmārs Šterns, Frederico Tramontana, Steve Valentin. Bern University of the Arts, Bern, Switzerland
- 2018 **PERF. N° 010/2018 SHAKE THE PROGR!** Collective performance by Olivia Schneider, Ilmārs Šterns etc. Artistic Centre PROGR, Bern, Switzerland
- 2018 **PERF. N° 010/2018 SHAKE THE MUSEUM!** Collective performance by Olivia Schneider, Ilmārs Šterns, etc. Kulturnacht Langenthal Chrämerhaus, Langenthal, Switzerland
- 2017 **PERF. N° 018/2017**, Performance with Jonas Schmidt, Artistic Centre PROGR, Bern, Switzerland
- 2017 **OPEN STAGE "PAPER CLUB"**, Olivia Schneider, Desirée Amani, Claudia Barth, Caroline Bourrit, Mélanie Gobet, Mirjam Heikkinen, Elisha Heller, Emma Murray, Jenny Szabo, Jazmin Taco, Latefa Wiersch, Dorothea Schürch, Jean Louis Johannides, Sibel Kocakaya, Torsten Blume, Maly Valerian Bauhaus Academy, Dessau, Germany
- 2017 **THIS IS PERFORMANCE ART**, Olivia Schneider, Desirée Amani, Emma Murray, Jazmin Taco, Dorothea Schürch, Sibel Kocakaya, Maly Valerian, Short film festival "shnit" Artistic Centre PROGR, Bern, Switzerland
- 2017 **PERF. N° 013/2017**, Olivia Schneider, Larisa Lang, Ilmārs Šterns, Short film festival "shnit", Artistic Centre PROGR, Bern, Switzerland

EXHIBITION / INSTALLATIONS *(Selection)*

- 2021 **PERF. N° 002/2020**, Video Installation within project "Capitale Lumière", Pierrefontaine-Les-Varans, France, [Link](#)
- 2020 **PERF. N° 002/2020**, Video installation within action "l'Heure blue", Online platform of Bern University of the Arts, Bern, Switzerland
- 2020 **PERF. N° 001/2020**, Audio-visual soundscape installation, Sound Art Exhibition "Sound and Ecology", GEDOK-Forum Gallery, Karlsruhe, Germany, [Link](#)
- 2018 **PERF. N° 007/2018**, Performance with painter Gianni Vasari, Art exhibition "Feuer fangen!", Museum Rehmann, Laufenburg, Switzerland, Documentation
- 2017 **PERF. N° 006/2017**, Sound installation created by Ilmārs Šterns, Maija Solovjova, Art installation "CODE" by artist Kristaps Priede, Žanis Lipke Memorial, Riga, Latvia, [Link](#)

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