

The Yggdrasil - Soli

9 solo pieces
to be performed independently or
simultaneously in any combination

Conceived and curated by
Ulrich Krieger
(2006-14)



The Yggdrasil–Soli

is a project conceived and curated by Ulrich Krieger
and composed by:

Antoine Beuger, Julia Holter, Ulrich Krieger, Radu Malfatti,
Aniela Perry, Michael Pisaro-Liu, Mark So, Carter Williams.

The Yggdrasil-Soli were an invitation to 7 composer friends of mine to write solo pieces, which they can perform themselves, and which can be performed either as a solo or simultaneously in any combination with any of the other solo pieces of the series.

There were no further restrictions for the composers but that the pieces have to be 30 minutes long or playable within 30 minutes, and that they have to be playable simultaneously with the other pieces.

The “bookends” of the series are my two compositions:
‘3 Nornen’, which was the initial piece, and
‘Von den letzten Dingen’, which was the last piece of the series.

Yggdrasil is the Nordic Weltenbaum (world tree),
which reaches into and connects all the nine mythological Germanic worlds.
Worlds of the gods: Asgard, Vanaheimr, (Lius)Alfheimr
Worlds of the humans (and giants): Midgard, Jötunheimr (Utgard), Muspellsheimr
Underworld: Hel(heimr), Svartalfheimr, Niflheimr

The individual pieces are:

Antoine Beuger	un feu qui n'est pas celui du soleil	flute
Ulrich Krieger	Drei Nornen	alto saxophone
Radu Malfatti	unagiya	bass harmonica
Carter Williams	'Wieder ward Milch und Zucker vermischt ...'	violin
Aniela Perry	Dáinn, Dvalinn, Duneyrr, Duraprór	cello
Michael Pisaro-Liu	melody branch	guitar
Mark So	Underworld	piano
Julia Holter	Drop and Bell Song	percussion
Ulrich Krieger	Von den letzten Dingen	laptop

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01	Ulrich Krieger	Drei Nornen (2006) alto saxophone	Vanaheimr – home of the Vanir, the older Nordic gods
02	Radu Malfatti	unagiya (2014) bass-mouthorgan	Ásgarðr – home of the Aesir, the younger Nordic gods
03	Antoine Beuger	un feu qui n'est pas celui du soleil (2009) flute	(Ljós)Álfheimr – home of the light elves
04	Michael Pisaro-Liu	branch melody (2010) electric guitar	Miðgarðr – home of the humans; earth
05	Aniela Marie Perry	Dáinn, Dvalinn, Duneyrr, Duraprór (2009) prepared violoncello	Jötunheimr [<i>Útgarðr</i>] – eastern home of the Jötunn, the giants
06	Carter Williams	'Wieder ward Milch und Zucker vermischt ...' (2009) prepared violin	Muspellzheimr – the primordial southern world of fire; home of the fire-giants
07	Julia Holter	Drop and Bell Song (2010) water & bell percussion	Svartálfaheimr – underground home of the dark elves, the dwarfs
08	Mark So	Underworld (2010) Julie Tolentino & Stosh Fila's ruined field piano	Helheimr – underworld home of Hel, a giant, and the dead
09	Ulrich Krieger	Von den letzten Dingen (2010) laptop; sounds created by Scott Cazan (2010)	Niflheimr [Niflhel] – the primordial northern world of ice and fog; home of Hrímrthursar, the frost-giants

10 Beuger, Holter, Krieger, Malfatti, Perry, Pisaro-Liu, So, Williams

Yggdrasil-Soli (2006-14)

superimposition of all nine soli

Yggdrasil – the mythological Nordic Weltenbaum (world tree), which comprises, reaches into and connects all the nine mythological Germanic worlds. It is all there is.

All pieces are performed by their composers.

Special thanks to Scott Cazan, the ‘hidden 9th composer’...

Any of the soli can be combined with any other(s) of the set.

Feel free to make copies and play them from different systems at the same time.