

# Zimoun

Sound Sculptures & Installations

## Simple Systems, Complex Behaviours

The sound sculptures and installations of Zimoun are graceful, mechanized works of playful poetry, their structural simplicity opens like an industrial bloom to reveal a complex and intricate series of relationships, an ongoing interplay between the «artificial» and the «organic».

He is interested in the artistic research of simple and elegant systems to generate and study complex behaviours in sound and motion. He creates sound pieces from basic components, often using multiples of the same prepared mechanical elements to examine the creation and degeneration of patterns.

## Biography

Zimoun, born in Switzerland in 1977, is autodidact and residing in Bern. To develop his work he has often collaborated with other artists and experts working in related fields (development, architecture, science, research, engineering,...). (1)

His work has been featured in numerous solo and group shows as well as performances throughout Europe, Asia and North America. (2)  
Zimoun has been awarded different art prizes and residencies (3) and has served as a guest lecturer, presenter and instructor. (4)

In 2003, Zimoun and graphic designer Marc Beekhuis founded Leerraum [ ] - which serves as a label and a networking hub of artists in similar fields. It has become a platform for creative exchange among those who explore forms and structures based on reductive principles and careful yet radical use of materials. (5)

- (1) Artificial Intelligence Laboratory Zurich University, Daniel Imboden / dim-tech, Flo Kaufmann, Hannes Zweifel Architecture, Jonathan Villeneuve, Pe Lang, Helena Gough, Kenneth Kirschner, Don Li & Philipp Schaufelberger, Asher, Fourm, Mahmoud Refat... et al.
- (2) including bitforms Gallery New York (USA), Elektra Montreal (CAN), Cybersonica London (UK), Kunsthalle Bern (CH), DDM Gallery Shanghai (CN), Transmediale Berlin (GER), Art Museum Liechtenstein (LI), Museum of Fine Arts Bern (CH), Sonicaacts Amsterdam (NL), Dissonanze Rome (I), La Rada Locarno (CH), ISEA Singapore (SIN), Stadtgalerie Bern (CH), Yatra Arts Toronto (Can), Seconde Nature (FR), Swiss Art Awards (CH),... et al. (for details see CV, page 6).
- (3) Ars Electronica Honorary Mention, Sitemapping/Mediaprojects (BAK), first prize by the Aeschlimann Corti Grant (CH), Kiefer-Hablitzel-Prize / Swiss Art Awards, Residencies/Grants in Beijing and New York City,... et al. (for details see CV, page 6).
- (4) the School of the Art Institute Chicago (USA), Geneva University of Art and Design (CH), School of Fine Arts Rennes (FR), Institute for Electroacoustic Music in Sweden EMS (S), Zurich University of the Arts ZHdK (CH), Osage Gallery Hong Kong (CN), the Ontario College of Art and Design (CAN).
- (5) [www.leerraum.ch](http://www.leerraum.ch)

## Curriculum Vitae

Zimoun, born 1977 in Bern, Switzerland, Autodidact, living and working in Bern.

## Awards / Residencies

- 2010 \_Ars Electronica Honorary Mention (Digital Musics & Sound Art).
- 2009 \_Aeschlimann Corti Grant, First Prize / Hauptpreis.
- 2008 \_Sitemapping/Mediaprojects Award, Bundesamt für Kultur (BAK).
- 2007 \_New York Residency, Amt für Kultur des Kantons Bern.
- 2006 \_Kiefer Hablitzel Prize, Swiss Art Awards.
- 2005 \_Aeschlimann Corti Grant, Förderpreis.
- 2004 \_Residency in Beijing, China. (Pro Helvetia, Stadt + Kanton Bern)
- 2000 \_Honorary Mention Swiss Youth Photo Award.

## Solo Exhibitions (selection 2004-2010)

- 2010 \_Elektra Festival / Push Gallery Montreal (CAN), Lydgalleriet Bergen (NOR), La Rada Locarno (CH), Kunstmuseum Liechtenstein / Schichtwechsel (LI), Kunstraum Kreuzlingen (CH).
- 2009 \_Links Duflon Racz Gallery Bern (CH).
- 2008 \_Gosia Koscielak Gallery Chicago (USA), Bon Accueil Rennes (FR), Monkey Town New York (USA).
- 2007 \_Espacio Menosuno Madrid (E), die Schachtel Milano (I), Artis Galerie Büren (CH).
- 2006 \_Stadtgalerie Bern (CH), Leerraum [ ] Bern (CH).
- 2005 \_FIT Berlin (GER), Kunstraum Aarau (CH), Galerie Wandelbar Gstaad (CH), Marks Blond Gallery Bern (CH), Artis Galerie Büren a.A. (CH).
- 2004 \_Galerie Wandelbar Gstaad (CH), Tonus Music Labor Bern (CH).

## Group Exhibitions (selection)

- 2010 \_Seconde Nature, Vasarely' Fondation Aix en Provence (FR), Swiss Art Awards Basel (CH), Moscow Biennale for Young Art (RUS).
- 2009 \_bitforms Gallery New York (USA), Kunsthalle Bern (CH), Stuttgarter Filmwinter / Media Space Stuttgart (GER), Kunsthaus Interlaken (CH), Tabakalera San Sebastian (E), Lentos Linz (A).
- 2008 \_Centre Pasquart Biel/Bienne (CH), Sonicacts XII Amsterdam (NL), ISEA Singapore (SIN), Nemo Festival Paris (FR), Netherlands Media Art Institute Amsterdam (NL), Centre pour l'image contemporaine Geneva (CH), Miller Fine Arts Center Mcminville (USA).
- 2006 \_Cyberonica 06 London (UK), Swiss Art Awards Basel (CH), Volkssystem Toulouse (FR), Intersonar Freiburg (GER), Kunsthalle Bern (CH), Centre Pasquart Biel / Bienne (CH), S11 Solothurn (CH).
- 2005 \_Kunsthalle Bern (CH), Photoforum Centre Pasquart Biel (CH), Kunstmuseum Bern (CH), Kunstkeller Bern (CH), S11 Solothurn (CH).
- 2004 \_DDM Gallery Shanghai (CHN), Yan Art Space Beijing (CHN), Photoforum Centre Pasquart Biel (CH), Kunsthalle Bern (CH), Artis Galerie Büren (CH), Progr Bern (CH).
- 2003 \_Photoforum Centre Pasquart Biel (CH), Galerie am Leewasser Brunnen (CH).
- 2002 \_Photoforum Centre Pasquart Biel (CH).

## Performances (selection 2006-2010, Part 1)

- 2010 \_Yatra Arts Toronto (CAN), Intr:Muros Festival Sevilla (ES).
- 2009 \_Transmediale Berlin (GER), Institut for Electroracoustic Music Sweden Stockholm (SWE).
- 2008 \_Elektra Festival Montreal (CAN), Sonic Acts Festival Amsterdam (NL), Elektroni[k] Festival Rennes (FR), ISEA Singapore (SIN), Tag <> Den Haag (NL), Ausland Berlin (GER), Blurred Edges Festival Hamburg, ...

## Performances (selection 2006-2009, Part 2)

- 2008 \_Monkey Town New York (USA), Melkweg Amsterdam (NL), RH Studio New York (USA) Staatsgalerie Stuttgart (GER), Casa del Popolo Montreal (CAN), Piano Factory Boston (USA), Bowerbird Philadelphia (USA), Institute for Advanced Study Philadelphia (USA), Kornhaus Bern (CH), Yatra Arts / Interaccess Toronto (CAN).
- 2007 \_Imak Projects New York (USA), Dissonanze Festival Roma (I), Hörbar Hamburg (GER), Zentrale Randlage Berlin (GER), Théâtre L'L Bruxelles (B), Kulturbunker Mühlheim Köln (GER), Festival de Marseille (FR), Intro Maastricht (NL), Hamilton Arts Collective Baltimore (USA), Mex Dortmund (GER), Leerraum [ ] Bern (CH), Théâtre Sévelin 36 Lausanne (CH), Dampfzentrale Bern (CH).
- 2006 \_Kunstraum Aarau (CH), OSC//8 Festival Geneva (CH).

## Lectures / Workshops / Presentations (taught)

- 2010 \_Ontario College of Art & Design, Toronto, Canada.  
\_Osage Gallery, Soho Art Space, Hong Kong, China.  
\_Störung 5.0 Festival, Barcelona, Spain.  
\_Exploratorium Museum, San Francisco, USA.
- 2009 \_EMS Institute for Electroacoustic Music, Stockholm, Sweden.
- 2008 \_School of the Art Institute of Chicago, USA.  
\_Geneva University of Art and Design, Switzerland.  
\_School of Fine Arts Rennes, France.
- 2007 \_Zürcher Hochschule der Künste (zhdk), Switzerland.

## Releases (DVD's+CD's)

- 2010 \_Zimoun feat. Helena Gough, [leerraum.ch] (5.1 dvd)
- 2008 \_Mahmoud Refat, Pe Lang + Zimoun «Statics III» (4.1 dvd)  
\_Asher + Zimoun «Untitled Movement» [leerraum.ch] (5.1 dvd)  
\_Fourm + Zimoun «Primary Structures» [leerraum.ch] (5.1 dvd)
- 2007 \_Kenneth Kirschner + Zimoun «July 29, 2004 (4.1)» (4.1 dvd)
- 2007 \_Zimoun + Mik Keusen «Prepared I» [leerraum.ch] (cd)  
\_Leerraum [ ] «Klangspenden» [leerraum.ch] (5.1 dvd)
- 2006 \_Zimoun «Kabel 0.1/0.2» [leerraum.ch] (cd)
- 2006 \_Mahmoud Refat + Zimoun «Statics I» [leerraum.ch] (cd)  
\_Mahmoud Refat, Pe Lang + Zimoun «Statics II» [leerraum.ch] (cd)
- 2004 \_Fm3+Zimoun «live 19.06.2004» [leerraum.ch] (cd)
- 2003 \_Zimoun «Nå» feat. Don Li & Ph. Schaufelberger [tonus-music] (cd)  
\_Zimoun «Flachland» [leerraum.ch] (cd)  
\_Zimoun «Viskos» [leerraum.ch] (cd)  
\_Zimoun «Drums» [leerraum.ch] (cd)
- 2002 \_Zimoun «Momental» [ammoniac-music records] (cd)

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