

Margareta Ferek-Petric

Music Biennale Zagreb – Croatia



Margareta Ferek Petric was born 1982 in Zagreb, Croatia. She studied composition with Ivan Eröd, Chaya Czernowin and Klaus Peter Sattler at The University of Music and performing Arts in Vienna.

She was granted scholarships from various institutions and foundations such as (i.a.) Home Suisse Foundation (2006-09), Thyll-Dürr Foundation (2009/10) , Austrian Ministry of Culture (2012), as well as the Office of the Austrian federal Chancellor (State Scholarship for Composers - 2016).

In 2010, she was invited for a working stay in Casa Zia Lina on Elba by Thyll-Dürr Foundation and in 2011 she received a "Theodor Körner" award for an orchestral composition "Take 7". Since 2015 she is working as a part of the managing committee of ÖGZM (Austrian Society for Contemporary Music).

In 2016 Croatia was represented by Margareta's music on "63rd International Rostrum Of Composers" , and "in 2017 she became a Förderungspreis der Stadt Wien" award winner. In 2018 Ferek-Petric was an Artist in Residence Carinthian Summer Music Festival. She was awarded with croatian prizes "Josip Stolcer Slavenski Prize" and "Boris Papandopulo Prize" – both for "All the world's a stage" and "Prix Annelie de Man 2nd Prize" and an "Audience Prize" in Amsterdam – both for the harpsichord piece "Ištartu". In the USA her piece "Beastie Poetry" reached the finals of the composition competition held by Flute New Music Consortium. In 2019 she was chosen to represent Croatia in ISCM world music days in Tallin and was selected as a new artistic director of Music Biennale Zagreb for 2021/23. Few of the latest works have been recorded on albums published by Decca Records, Croatia Records and neos records. Her music is being regularly commissioned and performed by renowned ensembles and instrumentalists, diverse festivals and is being broadcasted in radio stations around the world.

Margareta's work is "colorful, ironic and deep – with a strive to create absurd sound images". She lives and works in Vienna, Austria. (www.margaretaferekpetric.com)