

Electronic and Computer Music: A Journey Through the Uncharted Territories of Sound

In the ever-evolving landscape of music, electronic and computer music stand as beacons of innovation and sonic exploration. These genres have pushed the boundaries of musical expression, creating new and captivating soundscapes that have captivated audiences worldwide. In this captivating book, renowned composer Matas Petrikas takes readers on an electrifying journey into the uncharted territories of electronic and computer music.

Chapter 1: The Dawn of Electronic Music

The book begins by tracing the origins of electronic music, exploring the pioneering work of early experimenters such as Edgard Varèse, Karlheinz Stockhausen, and Pierre Schaeffer. Petrikas delves into the development of early electronic instruments, including the theremin, the Ondes Martenot, and the Moog synthesizer. Through detailed descriptions and historical anecdotes, he paints a vivid picture of the birth of a new era in music.



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Chapter 2: Sound Synthesis and Audio Processing

The heart of the book lies in its exploration of sound synthesis and audio processing techniques. Petrikas provides a comprehensive overview of the fundamental principles of sound generation, manipulation, and effects. He explains the concepts of oscillators, filters, envelopes, and modulation, empowering readers with the technical knowledge to create their own unique electronic sounds. The chapter also covers advanced topics such as granular synthesis, spectral analysis, and spatialization.



Chapter 3: Electronic Instruments and Controllers

Petrikas dedicates an entire chapter to the fascinating world of electronic instruments and controllers. He introduces readers to a wide range of

devices, from classic analog synthesizers to modern digital workstations and programmable controllers. The chapter provides in-depth descriptions of their features, capabilities, and iconic sounds. Petrikas also discusses the role of these instruments in shaping the evolution of electronic music and performance.

Chapter 4: Computer Music and Digital Audio Workstations

In the digital age, computer music has become an indispensable tool for composers and producers. Petrikas explores the vast capabilities of modern digital audio workstations (DAWs), such as Ableton Live, Logic Pro, and Cubase. He covers essential topics such as sequencing, sampling, MIDI programming, and mixing, empowering readers to harness the power of computers to create sophisticated electronic compositions.

Chapter 5: Experimental and Avant-Garde Electronic Music

Beyond the mainstream, electronic and computer music have given rise to a vibrant world of experimental and avant-garde practices. Petrikas introduces readers to the works of groundbreaking artists such as John Cage, Luciano Berio, and Alvin Lucier. He explores the use of unconventional sound sources, extended techniques, and conceptual frameworks that push the boundaries of musical expression.

Chapter 6: Electronic and Computer Music in Performance

While electronic music can be enjoyed in recorded form, it truly comes alive in live performance. Petrikas delves into the challenges and opportunities of performing electronic music on stage. He discusses issues such as equipment setup, synchronization, and the use of live improvisation and interactive technologies. The chapter provides practical advice and insights

into the art of creating memorable and engaging electronic music performances.



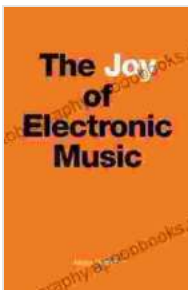
Bringing electronic music to life in live performances

Chapter 7: The Future of Electronic and Computer Music

In the final chapter, Petrikas looks ahead to the future of electronic and computer music. He examines emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence, virtual reality, and interactive sound installations. He discusses the potential of these technologies to further expand the sonic possibilities of electronic music and create immersive and transformative musical experiences.

Electronic and Computer Music by Matas Petrikas is an essential guide for anyone with a passion for this groundbreaking genre. Through its comprehensive coverage of sound synthesis, audio processing, electronic instruments, computer music, experimental practices, performance techniques, and future directions, this book provides a deep understanding and appreciation for the vast sonic landscapes of electronic and computer music.

Whether you are a composer, producer, performer, or simply a curious listener, this book will ignite your imagination and inspire you to explore the uncharted territories of sound. Embark on this electrifying journey with Matas Petrikas and discover the boundless possibilities of electronic and computer music.



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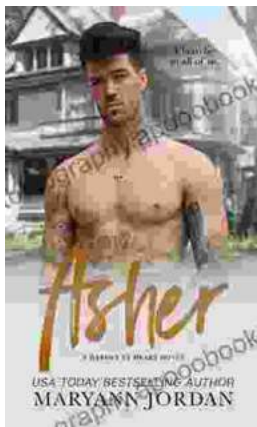
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