

Peter Lieuwen - Biographical Information

The music of Peter Lieuwen (b.1953, Utrecht, The Netherlands) has been commissioned, performed and recorded by orchestras, small ensembles, and artists throughout North America and Europe. The composer has received honors, grants and awards from The National Orchestral Association (1991), Meet the Composer, Inc. (1986), League of Composers – ISCM (1987), Musicians Accord (1986), The Contemporary Record Society (1987), The Arts Council of Wales (1995, 1996, 1998) and The Texas Composers Forum (1992).

Peter Lieuwen's symphonic music has been hailed as “an attractive array of shimmering, shuddering sonorities” (The New York Times). His orchestral works have been introduced by such orchestras as The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Saint Louis Symphony, San Antonio Symphony, Pacific Symphony Orchestra, Mexico City Philharmonic, National Orchestral Association, Grossetto Symphony Orchestra (Italy), Kozalin State Philharmonic (Poland), Leipzig Academic Orchestra, Musicfest International Orchestra (Wales) and the Orchestra of the Swan (UK). Renowned conductors including Carl St. Clair, Paul Freeman, Danielle Gatti, Szymon Kawalla, Franz Krager, Lavard Skou-Larsen and Jorge Mester have presented his works.

The composer's chamber and vocal works have been presented by various artists and ensembles including The Cassatt String Quartet, Western Arts Trio, New Mexico Brass Quintet, New Mexico Winds, Cevitas, Cumberland Wind Quintet, Moran Wind Quintet, The Core Ensemble, Ensemble Bash (UK), Enhake, SOLI Chamber Ensemble, clarinetists David Campbell (UK) and Wonkak Kim, percussionist Steven Schick, pianist Marc Andre Hamelin, violinist Andrzej Grabiec and trumpeters Doc Severinsen and Allen Vizzutti. Peter Lieuwen is currently Professor of Music and Composer-in-Residence in the Department of Performance Studies at Texas A&M University. His compositions are published by Keiser Classical and recorded on Albany, Crystal, Divine Art /métier, ProArte/Fanfare, MSR Classics, Naxos and New World labels.