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#### 26 NOVEMBER 2022 | 6 p.m.



Florence Biblioteca delle Oblate | Sala Storica Dino Campana Via dell'Oriuolo, 24

# Presents Loredana Lipperini

The Femfestival is a project of Amat realized in collaboration with:















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Speakers:

**Benedetta Albanese** Councillor for Equal Opportunities of the City of Florence

Francesca Lazzeroni, Costanza Renai, Concetta Anastasi

representing Amat

#### Patrizia Montanaro

representing the Jury of the Competition

We have reached the final stage of the "Women Composers" International Competition.

Today's concert marks the conclusion of one of the main activities of Femfestival 2022. A music festival featuring female composers from all continents, where different styles and languages come together in one sound mosaic.

Tonight we will listen to the pieces that the Competition's International Jury selected from about 80 competing scores. These works represent the deep creative research that, within the field of composition, is taking place globally. A meeting of cultures, mutual growth and improvement. This second edition of the Femfestival, in collaboration with Solferino Publishing House and the literary festival Inquiete, focuses on a theme dearest to our hearts. The competition notice required, in fact, musical works inspired by *Dialogue*, declined in all its aspects: dialogue in the personal relationships, between cultures, peoples, generations, ethnicities, etc.

It becomes clear that even contemporary music, as we know it today, cannot ignore the dialogue between different cultures around the world and its relative contamination, seen as an enrichment of one's own tradition.

In this light, women can show the way, with their courage to open up and allow themselves to be enriched by different cultures. This generates something new, which also has political and social value since multicultural dialogue can bring peace. The Femfestival becomes a place, both physical and virtual, where different ideas and cultures meet and relate in order to renew themselves.

Today, with emotion and gratitude, we wish to honor all the women composers from around the world who participated in the competition and in the other activities of this second edition of the festival. We wish we could name them all.

Once again this year their enthusiasm and participation have confirmed that we are on the right path.



### **Concert Schedule**

Carla Rebora (Genova, Italy 1973) **Trasparenze di Vetro** for solo violin version II – 2022 (guest song)

Francesca Gambelli (Siena, Italy 1977) **Flebili raggi di luce** for soprano and flute On the words of Paolo Zampini (guest song)

Kaija Saariaho (Helsinki, Finland 1952) **Changing light** for soprano and flute (guest song)

Akari Komura (Tokyo, Japan 1996) *Glinstening ray* (kintsugi)

Bracha Bdil (Jerusalem, Israel 1988) *Heterophonia* 

Ingrid Stölzel (Karlsruhe, Germany 1971) *Mondspiel* 



The finalists

# Akari Komura

Japan 1996



Akari Komura is a Japanese composer-vocalist. Her interest in the somatic practice and embodied consciousness is central to her creative process. Akari imagines her score as an invitation for the performers to contemplatively engage with listening and soundmaking.

Her works have been presented at the Atlantic Music Festival, Composers Conference, Montreal Contemporary Music Lab, Nief-Norf, Penn State New Music Festival, and soundSCAPE. She holds an M.M. in Composition from the University of Michigan, and a B.A. in Vocal Arts from the University of California, Irvine. Her major teachers include Evan Chambers, Roshanne Etezady, Stephen Rush, Frances Bennett, and Seth Houston.

She is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Composition at the University of California, San Diego.

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Bracha Bdil is an Israeli composer, conductor, and pianist. Her repertoire includes orchestral music, chamber, vocal and electronic music.

Bracha's compositions have won several first prizes ;in Israel, China, Germany, Serbia, Belarus, Cuba and more. Bracha was awarded the ACUM Award, Israel (2019) and was chosen as one of the composers in representing Israel at the Asian Composers League Festival, Taiwan (2018).

Bracha Bdil is a member of the Israel Composers' League and her works are published by the Israel Music Institute.

Beginning in the fall of 2018, Bracha became the artistic director and chief conductor of the Zmora Women's Orchestra in Jerusalem.

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#### The finalists

#### Ingrid Stölzel Germany 1971

Composer Ingrid Stölzel has been described as having "a gift for melody" (San Francisco Classical Voice) and creating work that is "downright beautiful." (American Record Guide). Stölzel's compositions have been commissioned by leading soloists and ensembles, and performed in concert halls and festivals worldwide, including Carnegie Hall, Merkin Concert Hall, Kennedy Center, Seoul Arts Center, Thailand International Composition Festival, Festival Osmose (Belgium), Vox Feminae Festival (Israel), Dot the Line Festival (South Korea), Ritornello Chamber Music Festival (Canada), Festival of New Music at Florida State (USA), Beijing Modern Music Festival (China), Festival of New American Music (USA), and SoundOn Festival of Modern Music (USA). Her music has been recognized in numerous competitions, among them the Suzanne and Lee Ettelson Composer's Award, Red Note Composition Competition, the Robert Avalon International Competition for Composers, and the Kaleidoscope Chamber Orchestra Competition. Stölzel is Associate Professor of Composition at the University of Kansas School of Music

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Among the other participating scores we would like to mention:

#### **Certificate of merit**

Amelia Kaplan, USA - A brief comment on the current state of insanity Chihchun Chi-sun Lee, Taiwan - Concepts Claire Hu, USA - Before Entrance and after Exit, Dreams Await Jeraldine Herbison, USA - Promenade Katarzyna Brochocka, Polonia - Mar-cello Shuyu Lin, Cina - In a Station of the Metro Rosita Piritore, Italia - Quartetto d'archi Simona Simonini, Italia - Tutto può essere nelle mappe del tempo da distanze diverse SiHyun Uhm, Sud Corea - A Day in the City

#### **Special Mention**

Adel You Vittoria Tchotche, Italy - Primo spettro II Cécile Buchet, France - Castañuelas Katarzyna Brochocka, Poland - Mar-cello Mahshad Mahdvar, Iran - Peace for earth Shuyu Lin, China - In a Station of the Metro

#### The Jury of the "Women Composer" Competition 2022

Concetta Anastasi (Italy) Chiayu Hsu (Taiwan-USA) Patrizia Montanaro (Italy) Karola Öbermuller (Germany-USA) Barbara Rettagliati (Italy-Switzerland)

#### The ensemble:

Silvia Capra - soprano Giuditta Isoldi - flute Tazio Borgognoni - clarinet Alberto Bologni, Chiara Mura - violin Anne Lokken - viola Fabia Simini - cello

**Conducts Concetta Anastasi** 

#### **Event set-up**

sound project Marco Lunghi

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> Organization Costanza Renai

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> Consulting Barbara Rettagliati Concetta Anastasi Patrizia Montanaro

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