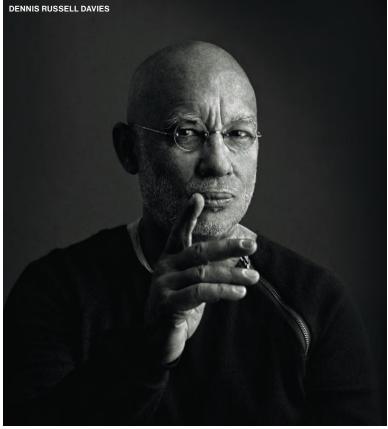
Maki Namekawa | Dennis Russell Davies The Other Minds Ensemble

Philip Glass MUSICIFOR TWO PIANOS







PROGRAM

Suite from Les Enfants terrible (1996)

arranged for 2 pianos by Maki Namekawa & Dennis Russell Davies

- i Overture
- ii The Bedroom
- iii Paul Sleepwalking
- iv Snow Falling in the Playground
- v Elizabeth Chooses a Career
- vi Death of the Twins/Finale

Philip Glass MUSICIFOR TWO PIANOS

Wednesday, December 6, 2017, St. John's Presbyterian Church, Berkeley, CA In honor of his 80th birthday ... a benefit for **OTHER MINDS**

Music from the opera La Belle et la Bête (1994)

arranged for 2 pianos and wind octet by Michael Riesman

- i Overture
- ii Beauty Goes to the Castle
- iii Dinner at the Castle
- iv The Beast's Anguish
- v A Walk in the Garden
- vi The Pavilion
- vii The Metamorphosis

With the Other Minds Ensemble:

Oboe: Robin May and Ryan Zwahlen Clarinet: Peter Josheff and Larry London Bassoon: Deborah Kramer and Shawn Jones French Horn: Katie Dennis and Scott Hartman

INTERMISSION

Four Movements for Two Pianos (2008)

- i quarter note = 144
- ii quarter note = 84
- iii quarter note = 116
- iv quarter note = 80

We're delighted to have you with us this holiday season.

Other Minds has hosted its share of inimitables over the past quarter century of promoting maverick new music. But noone deserves that sobriquet more than my brilliant, talented and predictably adventurous friend Dennis Russell Davies. We thank him and Maki Namekawa for generously proposing this benefit concert to honor their friend and colleague composer Philip Glass on the occasion of his 80th birthday.



In addition to conducting many premieres of Glass operas and orchestral works, Maestro Davies has served the cause of living composers by commissioning and performing not only fellow Americans but composers from numerous countries. Davies' personable manner and catholic traversal of diverse musical styles is exactly the contrary of most conductors. Not only is he a fearless champion of the new, he has brought new vigor to the repertory of the past with such projects as his CD boxed set of the complete 104 symphonies of Franz Josef Haydn and the 10 of Anton Bruckner.

Maki Namekawa is one of the most brilliant pianists of our era. Her scintillating performances of both new and classical composers leave audiences breathless. Since her departure from her native Japan, she has lived largely in German-speaking countries, and so you'll find her and husband Dennis conversing in that language rather than English or Japanese. Fortunately for the Maestro, Maki shares his passion for the sport of baseball, and when in the U.S. she often can be seen between concerts going early to Major League baseball games to see her favorite player Ichiro Suzuki take his batting practice. Since Dennis and I share a passion for sports as well as music, you can imagine how glad I am for that he no longer has to be a closet fan.

A warm thank you for your attendance and support of Other Minds. Enjoy a wonderful evening!

Charles Amirkhanian
Executive & Artistic Director

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The Nature of Music: Bill Fontana

Thursday, February 15, 2018 @ 7pm Goldman Theater, David Brower Center, Berkeley

Bill Fontana (born USA, 1947) is an American composer and artist who has developed an international reputation for his pioneering experiments in sound. Since the early 70's Fontana has used sound as a sculptural medium to interact with and transform our perceptions of visual and architectural spaces. He has realized sound sculptures and radio projects for museums and broadcast organizations around the world. His work has been exhibited at the Whitney Museum of American Art, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, the Museum Ludwig, Cologne, the Post Museum in Frankfurt, the Art History and Natural History Museums in Vienna, both Tate Modern and Tate Britain in London, the 48th Venice Biennale, the National Gallery of Victoria in Melbourne, and the Art Gallery of NSW in Sydney. His major radio sound art projects include works for the BBC, the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, National Public Radio, West German Radio (WDR), Swedish Radio, and Radio France among others.

Other Minds Festival 23, Sound Poetry

April 9 through April 14, 2018 ODC Theater, San Francisco

The major event of our season will be Other Minds Festival 23, performances April 9-14, 2018, and will be devoted to text-sound compositional work utilizing "speech" as a musical medium–text, isolated phonemes, and other vocal utterances as sound material and structural elements. Much of this repertoire also involves aspects of electronic manipulation in live performance. Works by Amy X Neuburg, Pamela Z, Clark Coolidge, Anne Waldman, John Giorno, Brion Gysin, Sheila Davies, Alvin Curran, and Mark Applebaum will receive their OM debuts. OM will also present Austrian-born American composer Ernst Toch's complete Gesprochene Musik (including its two rediscovered "lost" movements which accompany the better known Geographical Fugue), Kurt Schwitter's notorious Ursonate ("Primeval Sonata"), and Virgil Thomson/Gertrude Stein's delightful Capital Capitals.

We're inviting back to San Francisco some of the superstars — John Giorno, Clark Coolidge, Anne Waldman, and others — and we're bringing Enzo Minarelli from Italy, Jaap Blonk from Holland, Sten Sandell from Sweden, Tone Åse and Espen Sommer Eide from Norway, and a host of younger sound poets to make a joyful noise for all to celebrate.

The relationship between Philip Glass and the piano is a very interesting one and to no small degree is connected in a very direct way to the conductor/pianist Dennis Russell Davies, pianist Maki Namekawa, and the composer's own personal relationship to the piano.

Quite simply because so many composers play the piano and compose at it, the subject of composer-pianists is always an interesting one. There have been a great number of famous composers who also happened to be excellent pianists. These well-known names range from Mozart and Beethoven through the great Russian pianists of the 20th Century, to figures in more recent times like William Bolcom and Thomas Adès.

Starting his musical life as a flutist, Philip Glass actually began playing the piano at a fairly advanced age as a teenager. Over the years the piano became a bigger part of his creative life. While never described as a virtuoso, Glass himself calls himself "a decent pianist for a composer." This statement in itself is significant because over the 20th century many composers started to move away from being active performers. Glass was part of a generation of composers who placed the composer back in front of the public in a direct way. In doing so, these composers once again became part of one of the more intimate streams of musical creativity, that direct and intimate link between a composer and the public.

While the lineage of composer/pianists is a long and illustrious list, it is perhaps only superseded by the list of famous conductor/pianists. For decades, Davies' career has been largely based in Europe because of his desire to find communities where he could conduct symphony, opera, and chamber music all in the same city. Starting as a pianist, Davies has consistently remained an active performer as a soloist, an accompanist, and as part of the Namekawa-Davies piano duo.

Composing for the piano has remained a constant since Glass wrote those first pieces for Davies, the $\acute{E}tudes~Booh~1$ (1994). Even beyond keyboard pieces, no other performer has done more to inspire, instigate, nurture and champion the music of Philip Glass than has Dennis Russell Davies. For the recording of $\acute{E}tudes~Booh~2$ (2014), Maki Namekawa was the immediate choice. She has been performing Glass' music consistently for well over a decade and brought her crystalline technique to the work. But, perhaps more importantly, Namekawa has been touring with Glass for years, performing the complete cycle – providing the extra musical insight that comes from years of developing personal interpretations.

It has been a particularly fruitful musical collaboration in perhaps the most intimately personal medium. What these three gifted musical personalities have accomplished together represents a unique constellation of talents converging into a singular artistic purpose and exploration into the artistic possibilities of the piano.

This evening's performance begins with the suite from the opera Les Enfants terribles exploring the expressive possibilities of multiple pianos. The opera is the third part of a trilogy of operas based on the works of Jean Cocteau. "Les Enfants" is a story of quasi- incest between siblings, jealousy, and mind games. This period represented a great turning in Glass' music towards more emotional and mature subject matter. The music from this "dance-opera" ranges from a thrilling overture which opens the piece to sounds straight from French music (The Bedroom) to a vivid portrayal of Sleepwalking in music (Elizabeth Chooses a Career).

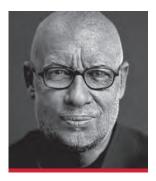
Tonight, Other Minds presents the American premiere of the suite from Cocteau's La Belle et la $B\hat{e}te$ for two pianos and eight winds. La Belle et la $B\hat{e}te$ (1946) is Glass' second opera based on works by Cocteau and a classic of French cinema. The original version is performed in conjunction with the projected film (with the original version soundtrack eliminated entirely) and the dialogue is sung.

Cocteau's is the first definitive version of the fairy tale (the second being Walt Disney's version of 1991). Through Cocteau's extraordinary cinematic alchemy, the ordinary world is transformed into a dreamlike and poetic world of magic. The power of the creative and natural realms, represented respectively by Beauty and the Beast, finally emerges and allows the world of imagination to take flight.

The first true collaboration of all three performers took place in 2008 when the Klavier Festival Ruhr commissioned Glass' Four Movements for Two Pianos, a piece that has gone on to become a repertoire piece for two pianists.

Four Movements for Two Pianos builds widely upon the expressive possibility of multiple pianos. The compacted harmonies stand in contrast to earlier Glass pieces of the past 15 years. The composer, still using repetition, moved toward a new turn harmonic development through autodidactic processes, that is to say that the supplementary notes Glass introduces to the harmonies that are at first heard as "wrong" are quickly heard in their proper context. Also of interest are the roles the soloists play in the work. The piece does not limit performers to a certain range of the piano for the duration of the piece. Glass has each performer exchanging roles freely. That choice results in the listener hearing each performer's style in different ranges at different moments in the piece.

Dennis Russell Davies recently retired as
Chief Conductor Bruckner Orchestra and Opera
Linz as well as the Basel Symphony Orchestra.
In 2016 he will have held principal positions
with orchestras, opera houses and festivals for
a continuous 46 years that have also included
the Vienna Radio Symphony Orchestra,
Bonn Opera and Beethovenhalle Orchestra,
State Opera Stuttgart, American Composers'
Orchestra, St Paul Chamber Orchestra, Norwalk
Symphony Orchestra, Cabrillo Music Festival
and Stuttgart Chamber Orchestra. In 2017 he



became Music Director of the Brno Philharmonic (Czech Republic).

Also a pianist and chamber musician, his activities show an extensive repertoire from the Baroque to today's new music that he uses in fearlessly structured programming to successfully challenge and inspire audiences on both sides of the Atlantic alongside his close working relationships with composers who include Philip Glass, Luciano Berio, John Cage, William Bolcom, Heinz Winbeck, Laurie Anderson, Philippe Manoury, Aaron Copland, Hans Werner Henze, and Michael Nyman.

Dennis Russell Davies has conducted the orchestras of Cleveland, Philadelphia, Chicago, San Francisco, Boston, the New York Philharmonic, Munich and Berlin Philharmonic. Currently he works with Gewandhausorchester Leipzig, Royal Concertgebouworkest, Konzerthausorchester Berlin, Dresden Philharmonic, Netherlands Radio Philharmonic, Orquesta Nacional de España, St. Petersburg Philharmonic, Yomiuri Nippon SO, and the Academia di Santa Cecilia di Roma. He first conducted at the Bayreuth Wagner Festival from 1978-80. Since then he has been conducting at the Metropolitan Opera New York, Opéra National de Paris, Wiener Staatsoper, Salzburg Festival, Lyric Opera of Chicago, Lincoln Center Festival New York, Houston Grand Opera, Hamburg and the Bavarian State Operas. He inaugurated the new Linz Opera House in April 2013 conducting the world premiere of Philip Glass's opera *The Lost* followed by Strauss' *Der Rosenkavalier* before starting a new production of Wagner's "Ring Cycle" from 2013 to 2015.

Dennis Russell Davies was born April 16, 1944, in Toledo, OH and studied piano and conducting at the Juilliard School, New York. He is Professor Emeritus of Orchestral Conducting at Salzburg's Mozarteum, a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the French Ministry of Culture has appointed him "Commandeur des Arts et Lettres."

Maki Namekawa is a leading figure among a group of young artists in Germany today who have brought new music by leading international composers into the mainstream of German concert activity. As a soloist and a chamber musician equally at home in classical and contemporary repertoire, Maki Namekawa performs regularly at international venues such as Suntory Hall in Tokyo, the Musik-Biennale Berlin, the 32. Stagione del Concerti in Latina/Italy, the Festival Éclat in Stuttgart, Ars Electronica Linz, at the ZKM Karlsruhe



and the Ruhr Piano Festival. She performs and records frequently for the major German radio networks in Munich, Stuttgart, Karlsruhe, Cologne, Saarbrücken, and Frankfurt, and has appeared in concerts for the Dutch Radio, Swiss Radio, and Radio France.

Her engagements as a soloist include performances of Alfred Schnittke's Concerto for Piano and String Orchestra with the Stuttgart Chamber Orchestra in Stuttgart and at the Festival International de Musique de Colmar. She successfully performed Arnold Schönberg's Piano Concerto and Franz Liszt's Totentanz with Bruckner Orchester Linz under Dennis Russell Davies, Shostakovich's Piano Concerto No. 2 with the Munich Philharmonic and Carter's Piano Concerto "Dialogues" with the Concertgebouw Orkest and the Basel Sinfonietta.

Maki Namekawa studied piano at the Kunitachi Conservatory with Mikio Ikezawa and Henriette Puig-Roget (Conservatoire de Paris). In 1994 she won the Leonid-Kreuzer-Price, which is annually awarded by the Kreuzer Society of Japan. She continued her studies with Werner Genuit and Kaya Han at the University of Music Karlsruhe, where she completed her diploma as a soloist with special distinction. She then expanded her experience in interpreting classical and romantical repertoire with Edith Picht-Axenfeld and György Kurtág. At the same time, she refined her studies of contemporary music with Prof. Dr. Stefan Litwin (University of Music Saarland), Pierre-Laurent Aimard (Hochschule für Musik Köln), and Florent Boffard (Ensemble Intercontemporain). Next to her performance schedule, she has been teaching at the Music Universities in Karlsruhe and Saarbrücken. In 2002 she taught at the International Summer Course for New Music in Darmstadt, where she also premiered several new compositions with Johannes Kalitzke and members of Ensemble Modern and Ensemble Recherche.

Philip Glass. Through his operas, his symphonies, compositions for his own ensemble, and wide-ranging collaborations with artists ranging from Twyla Tharp to Woody Allen to David Bowie, Philip Glass has had an extraordinary and unprecedented impact upon the musical and intellectual life of his times.

Philip Glass has written music for experimental theater and for Academy Award-winning motion pictures such as *The Hours* and Martin Scorsese's *Kundun*, and *Koyaanisqatsi*, his



initial filmic landscape with Godfrey Reggio. The operas – *Einstein on the Beach, Satyagraha*, and *Akhnaten*, among others – play in the world's leading houses, and rarely to an empty seat. His associations, personal and professional, with leading rock, pop, and world music artists date back to the 1960s. Indeed, Glass is the first composer to win a wide, multi-generational audience in the opera house, the concert hall, the dance world, in film and in popular music – simultaneously.

He was born in 1937 and grew up in Baltimore. He studied at the University of Chicago, the Juilliard School and in Aspen with Darius Milhaud. Finding himself dissatisfied with much of what then passed for modern music, he moved to Europe, where he studied with the legendary pedagogue Nadia Boulanger (who also taught Aaron Copland, Virgil Thomson and Quincy Jones) and worked closely with the sitar virtuoso Ravi Shankar. He returned to New York in 1967 and formed the Philip Glass Ensemble – seven musicians playing keyboards and a variety of woodwinds, amplified and fed through a mixer. The new musical style that Glass was evolving was eventually dubbed "minimalism." Glass himself never liked the term and preferred to speak of himself as a composer of "music with repetitive structures." It immersed a listener in a sort of sonic weather that twists, turns, surrounds, develops.

Other Minds Ensemble. The shape-shifting OM Ensemble was formed two decades ago to match the fluid and ever-evolving instrumentation of newlyminted music. The Bay Area's best orchestral musicians have been assembled, as needed, for the U.S. premieres of music by Alvin Lucier (1999), the German composer Dieter Schnebel (2008), and world premieres of OM-commissioned pieces by Jack Body (2003) Catherine Lamb (2009), and John Kennedy (2012). More recently the ensemble delivered a memorable performance of the Suite for Violin, Piano and Small Orchestra of Lou Harrison, conducted by Dennis Russell Davies (2017). Our thanks to our eight wind players tonight as they assist in the American premiere of Philip Glass' La belle et la Bête.

This program was made possible by The Clarence E. Heller Charitable Foundation, The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, Ronald Kay (in Memory of Renate Kay), Jill and William Shanbrom and Steinway and Sons.

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Founded in 1993, Other Minds in San Francisco is a leading organization for new and experimental music, devoted to championing the most original, eccentric, and underrepresented creative voices in contemporary music, with an emphasis on composers of the American Experimental Tradition. From festival concerts, film screenings, radio broadcasts, and the commissioning of new works, to producing and releasing CDs, preserving thousands of interviews and concerts and distributing them free on the Internet, Other Minds has become one of the world's major conservators of new music's ecology.

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Once again this year, the Other Minds Festival will call your attention to some utterly fantastic but lesser known or forgotten corners of the world of music. This year's Festival spotlights the medium of sound poetry, stretching over 100 years from the Futurists and Gertrude Stein to the living present with John Giorno, Anne Waldman, Pamela Z, and a host of Europeans who rarely are heard in America.

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Charles Amirkhanian
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