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ALEJANDRO ROMÁN

Alejandro Román nace en Madrid en 1971. Compositor y pianista, es considerado por la crítica como uno de los más significativos compositores de su generación. Estudió composición con Antón García Abril, Valentín Ruiz y Zulema de la Cruz en el Real Conservatorio Superior de Música de Madrid. También estudió piano de Jazz con Tony Heimer, Jorge Villaescusa y Ricard Miralles, armonía, composición y arreglos y música de cine con Claudio Gabis, Eva Gancedo y Miguel Blanco. Ha realizado cursos de especialización con Giancarlo Simonacci, Carmelo Bernaola, Adolfo Núñez, Emiliano del Cerro y Jean Claude Risset entre otros, asistiendo a diversos encuentros con compositores como Cristóbal Halffter, Leonardo Balada, Joan Guinjoan, Jesús Villa Rojo, Krzysztof Penderecki o Philip Glass.

En su catálogo figuran más de sesenta de obras para piano, canto, arpa, guitarra, orquesta, cámara, electroacústica, y también es compositor de temas modernos (jazz, pop) y música para cine, teatro y danza, habiendo escrito la banda sonora de una veintena de cortometrajes y cinco largometrajes.

Ha sido galardonado con diversos premios nacionales a la creación musical: Premio de la I Tribuna de Jóvenes Compositores de la Fundación Sax-Ensemble por *Argos*, Premio "Juan Crisóstomo Arriaga" por *Ménades*, en el "XVI Premio SGAE Jóvenes Compositores", 2^a Premio "Ángel Iglesias" por *Dos Estudios Extraños*, en el "II Concurso de Composición para Guitarra "Ciudad de Badajoz", Premio a la Mejor Banda Sonora Original por *Niño Vudú* en el "IX Festival de Cine Ciudad de Zaragoza". En 2015 ha recibido el "Premio Cultura Viva" en la categoría de Música por su contribución como intérprete, compositor, investigador y pedagogo.

Entre sus obras más representativas destacan "*Ménades, op. 28*", para orquesta de cámara, "*Argos, op. 26*", para quinteto de saxofones, dos

percusionistas y piano, o las obras orquestales “*Abriliana, op. 21*” y “*Acuarelas de Irlanda, op. 42*”, aunque son sobre todo destacables sus obras camerísticas, como “*Homenaje a Bartok, op. 10*”, “*Cuarteto de Cuerda, op. 12*”, o “*Diégesis, op. 52*”, y especialmente las compuestas para arpa: “*Ludus Ludovico, op. 30*”, para flauta, cuarteto de cuerda y arpa, “*Sonata, op. 9*”, para flauta, violoncello y arpa, “*Levedad del Amor, op. 37*”, para flauta, violoncello y arpa o “*Khitara y Syrinx, op. 35*”, para flauta y arpa. También son de reseñar sus obras para piano, especialmente “*Gaiena, diez paisajes jienenses, Op. 47*”, obra encargo para la 56^a edición del Concurso Internacional de Piano “Premio Jaén”. Sus obras están editadas en varios CD’s.

Es Doctor en Filosofía por la UNED, con la tesis doctoral “*Análisis Musivisual, una aproximación metodológica al estudio de la música cinematográfica*”. Como docente ha sido profesor de la Escuela de Música Creativa de Madrid (EMC), y profesor de Fundamentos de Composición en los Conservatorios de El Escorial y Alcalá de Henares (Madrid). En la actualidad es profesor de la Universidad Alfonso X el Sabio y del Real Conservatorio Superior de Música de Madrid, donde desde 2003 desarrolla su labor docente e investigadora como Profesor de “Composición para Medios Audiovisuales” en el Aula “C.I.N.E.M.A.” (Composición e Investigación en los Medios Audiovisuales). Es autor de varios libros, entre ellos “*El Lenguaje Musivisual, semiótica y estética de la música cinematográfica*”.

El interés creativo de Alejandro Román se basa en la búsqueda de una música personal de cierto eclecticismo a partir de cualquier técnica, estética o inspiración que mantenga una importante conexión con nuestro mundo contemporáneo.

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Alejandro Román was born in Madrid (Spain) in 1971. Composer and pianist, is considered by critics as one of the most significant composers of his generation. He studied composition with Antón García Abril, Valentín Ruiz and Zulema de la Cruz at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Madrid. He also studied Jazz piano with Tony Heimer, Jorge Villaescusa and Ricard Miralles, harmony, composition and arranging, and film music with Claudio Gabis, Eva Gancedo and Miguel Blanco. He has specialized courses with Giancarlo Simonacci, Bernaola, Adolfo Nuñez, Emiliano del Cerro and Jean Claude Risset among others, attending various meetings with composers Cristóbal Halffter, Leonardo Balada, Joan Guinjoan, Jesus Villa Rojo, Krzysztof Penderecki and Philip Glass.

His catalog contains more than sixty works for piano, voice, harp, guitar, orchestra, chamber, electroacoustic, and is also a composer of modern themes (jazz, pop) and music for film, theater and dance, having written the soundtrack twenty-five short films.

He has received several awards for music creation: Award for Young Composers Tribune Foundation Sax-Ensemble, Prize "Juan Crisostomo Arriaga" in the "XVI Prize SGAE Young Composers", 2nd Award "Ángel Iglesias" in "II Guitar Composition Competition "Ciudad de Badajoz", Award for Best Original Score in "IX Film Festival Ciudad de Zaragoza". In 2015 he received the "Living Culture Award" in the category of Music for his contribution as a performer, composer, researcher and educator.

Among his most representative works include "*Maenads, op. 28*", for chamber orchestra, "*Argos, op. 26*", for quintet of saxophones, two percussionists and piano, or orchestral works "*Abrialiana, op. 21*" and "*Watercolors of Ireland, op. 42*", but are especially noteworthy their chamber works, such as "*Hommage to Bartok, op. 10*", "*String Quartet, op. 12*", or "*Diégesis, op. 52*", and the works especially composed for the harp,

"Ludus Ludovico, op. 30", for flute, harp and string quartet, *"Sonata, Op. 9"* for flute, cello and harp, *"Lightness of Love, op. 37"*, for flute, cello and harp or *"Khitara and Syrinx, op. 35"* for flute and harp. They are also review his piano works, especially *"Gaiena, ten jienenses landscapes, Op. 47,"* a work commissioned for the 56th edition of the International "Premio Jaén" Piano Competition. His works are published in several CDs.

He holds a PhD of the Department of Philosophy Aesthetics of UNED, with his doctoral thesis with the title *"Analysis Musivisual, a methodological approach to the study of film music"*. As a teacher he has been professor of Escuela de Música Creativa of Madrid (EMC), and Professor of Fundamentals of Composition at the Conservatory of El Escorial and Alcalá de Henares. Since 2003 developing teaching and research as Professor of "Composition for Film and Audiovisual Media" at the Classroom "CINEMA" (Composition and Research in Audiovisual Media) of the Royal Conservatory of Music in Madrid. He is the author of several books, including *"The Language Musivisual, semiotics and aesthetics of film music"*.

For Alejandro Román, the creative interest is based on finding a certain personal music from eclecticism, from any technical, aesthetic or inspiration, to maintain a strong connection with our contemporary world.

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TOCCATA PARA PIANO

Comencé a escribir “Ewig” en 2011, año en que se conmemoraba el centenario por el fallecimiento de Gustav Mahler, y en el que verdaderamente comencé a descubrir la profundidad de la obra mahleriana. Fui convocado a impartir algunas conferencias en torno a Mahler, como la que di en la Universidad Pública de Navarra, Pamplona, titulada *“Mahler y el Cine”*, la comunicación *“Música preexistente: función y significado desde el Análisis Musivisual”* que presenté en el VI Simposio Internacional “La Creación Musical en la Banda Sonora”, celebrado en la Universidad de Salamanca, y más tarde nuevamente *“Mahler y el Cine”* en el Real Conservatorio Superior de Música de Madrid, ya en 2012.

Aquel año de 2011, recién cumplidos cuarenta años, me encontraba en una crisis personal quizá fruto, entre otras cuestiones, de la propia toma de conciencia del paso del tiempo, pensamiento recurrente en la casi totalidad de la obra de Mahler. De este modo, y en estas circunstancias, se fue gestando en mí la idea de realizar una “toccata” para piano (proyecto ya pensado hacía unos años) que planteara nuevamente, desde mi perspectiva, el tema mahleriano de la inexorabilidad del paso del tiempo... “Ewig”, que en alemán significa “Para siempre”, es la última palabra que aparece en “La Canción de la Tierra”, en un motivo descendente de segunda mayor con el significado de una dulce despedida, cantada por la contralto. La toccata se basa en este intervalo y en la contraposición del cromatismo representado por el de segunda menor, en una lucha ya planteada desde el inicio de la pieza, y que da lugar a secciones donde hay más o menos predominancia de uno de los intervalos. El carácter indicado, “furioso, bárbaro” hace alusión al “Allegro Bárbaro” de Bartok, cuyo tema es citado en la toccata. Entre sección y sección el tema de “Ewig” aparece como la calma entre momentos de tempestad sonora, hasta llegar al punto climático en que aparece la dulce

sonoridad del final de “La Canción de la Tierra”, que es interrumpida nuevamente por la fulgurante aparición de la toccata que lleva al oyente hasta el final, donde intervienen nuevamente los dos intervalos que pugnan por vencer, siempre enmarcados por el de tritono, el cual no es más que un moderador entre ambos.

La obra está dedicada al pianista y amigo, Javier Herguera

ALEJANDRO ROMÁN, DICIEMBRE DE 2015

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TOCCATA FOR PIANO

I started writing "Ewig" in 2011, when commemorating the centenary of the death of Gustav Mahler, and which I truly began to discover the depth of the Mahler work. I was summoned to deliver some lectures on Mahler, as I gave at the Public University of Navarra, Pamplona, entitled "*Mahler and Film*", the communication "*Preexisting Music: function and meaning from the analysis Musivisual*" that I presented at the VI International Symposium "The Musical Soundtrack Creation" held at the University of Salamanca, and later again, "*Mahler and Film*" at the Madrid Royal Conservatory, in 2012.

That year 2011, just turned forty, I was in a personal crisis may result, among other things, of self-awareness of time, recurs in almost all the works of Mahler thought. Thus, in these circumstances, was growing in me the idea of a "toccata" for piano (project already designed a few years ago) that raised again, from my perspective, the Mahler theme of the inexorability of time ... "Ewig" which in German means "Forever" is the last word in "The Song of the Earth" in a descending major second motif, meaning of a sweet farewell sung by the contralto. The toccata is based on this interval and the contrast represented by the chromaticity minor second, in a fight already raised from the start of the piece, and which results in sections where there are more or less predominance of one of the intervals. The character indicated, "furious, barbarous" refers to "Allegro Barbaro" by Bartok, whose theme is quoted in the toccata. Between section and section, the theme of "Ewig" appears as calm between moments of sonic storm, until the climate point it appears the sweet sound of the end of "The Song of the Earth", which is interrupted again by the dazzling appearance the toccata that takes the listener to the end, where the two intervals that are struggling to overcome,

always framed by the tritone, which is merely a moderator between the two involved again.

The work is dedicated to the pianist and friend, Javier Herguera

ALEJANDRO ROMÁN, DECEMBER, 2015

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Con carácter $\text{♩} = 80 - 90$

1 2

7 2 4 3
p 2 4 3

10 2 4 3
p 2 4 3
pesante

14 poco accel.
p súbito ff

A Furioso, bárbaro
 $\text{♩} = 80 - 85$

19

20

21

23

25

6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6

3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

27

6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6

3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

29

6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6

3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

31

6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6

3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

marcato

33

34

35

B Un poco Meno Mosso

$\text{♩} = 75 - 80$

36

Musical score for piano, page 10, system 39. The score consists of three staves. The top staff is in G major (two sharps) and 2/4 time, with a dynamic of forte (f). The middle staff is also in G major (two sharps) and 2/4 time, with a dynamic of forte (f). The bottom staff is in C major (no sharps or flats) and 2/4 time. The music features eighth-note patterns and rests, with a melodic line marked by a brace on the left side of the page.

Musical score for piano, page 10, measures 40-41. The score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and 4/4 time, starting with a repeat sign. It features a melodic line with various note heads and stems. The bottom staff is in bass clef and 4/4 time, also starting with a repeat sign. It features sustained notes and a bass line. Measure 40 ends with a double bar line and measure 41 begins with a repeat sign.

Sost. Ped.

43

"Ewig..."

mf

3/4

3/4

3/4

Musical score for piano, page 10, measures 45-46. The score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef, 3/4 time, and the bottom staff is in bass clef, 3/4 time. Measure 45 starts with a whole rest followed by a measure in 4/4 with a sixteenth-note pattern. Measure 46 begins with a measure in 4/4 with eighth-note chords, followed by a measure in 2/4 with eighth-note chords. The score concludes with a final measure in 2/4.

C Muy ligero y vaporoso

Musical score for piano, page 20, measures 50-51. The score consists of two staves: treble and bass. The key signature changes from C major (no sharps or flats) to F# major (one sharp). Measure 50 starts with a forte dynamic (f) and immediately changes to a piano dynamic (pp). The instruction is to play without pedal, on one string, and with articulation. Measure 51 continues the melodic line with eighth-note patterns.

Musical score for piano, page 20, measures 51-52. The score consists of two staves: treble and bass. The key signature changes from F# major (one sharp) back to C major (no sharps or flats). Measure 51 continues the melodic line with eighth-note patterns. Measure 52 continues the melodic line with eighth-note patterns.

Musical score for piano, page 20, measures 52-53. The score consists of two staves: treble and bass. The key signature changes from C major (no sharps or flats) back to F# major (one sharp). Measure 52 continues the melodic line with eighth-note patterns. Measure 53 continues the melodic line with eighth-note patterns.

Musical score for piano, page 20, measures 53-54. The score consists of two staves: treble and bass. The key signature changes from F# major (one sharp) back to C major (no sharps or flats). Measure 53 continues the melodic line with eighth-note patterns. Measure 54 concludes the section with a final melodic line.

54

p

55

56

mf

57

p

Musical score for piano, page 22, measures 58-59. The score consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Measure 58 starts with a dynamic of *mp*. The melody is primarily in the treble clef staff, featuring eighth-note pairs connected by slurs. Measure 59 begins with a dynamic of *pp*, continuing the eighth-note pairs with slurs. The bass staff provides harmonic support with sustained notes and eighth-note chords.

Musical score for piano, page 22, measures 59-60. The score continues from measure 59. The dynamic remains *pp* through the beginning of measure 60. The melody in the treble clef staff consists of eighth-note pairs with slurs. The bass staff continues to provide harmonic support with sustained notes and eighth-note chords.

Musical score for piano, page 22, measures 60-61. The score continues from measure 60. The dynamic changes to *mf* at the start of measure 61. The melody in the treble clef staff consists of eighth-note pairs with slurs. The bass staff continues to provide harmonic support with sustained notes and eighth-note chords.

Musical score for piano, page 22, measures 61-62. The score continues from measure 61. The dynamic is *p* for the first half of measure 62, followed by *fff* for the second half. The melody in the treble clef staff consists of eighth-note pairs with slurs. The bass staff continues to provide harmonic support with sustained notes and eighth-note chords. Measure 62 concludes with a key change to $\frac{2}{4}$ time.

D

63 "Ewig..." ,

E A toda velocidad

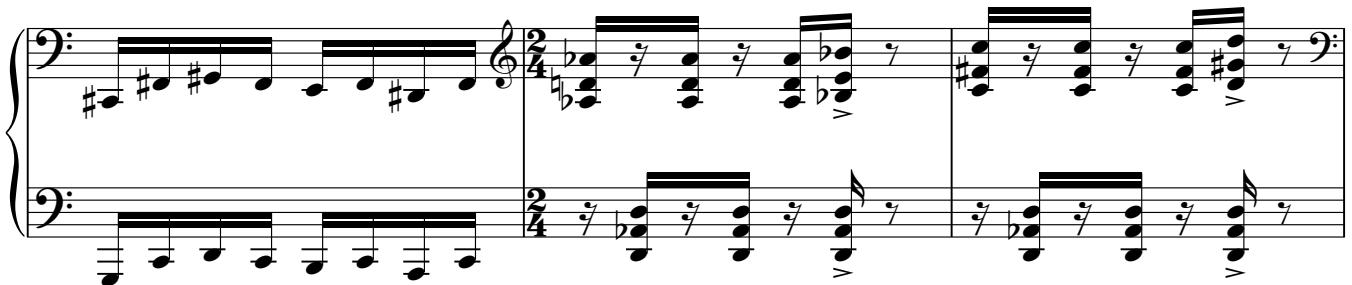
69 $\text{♩} = 135 - 145$

ff martellato

71

74

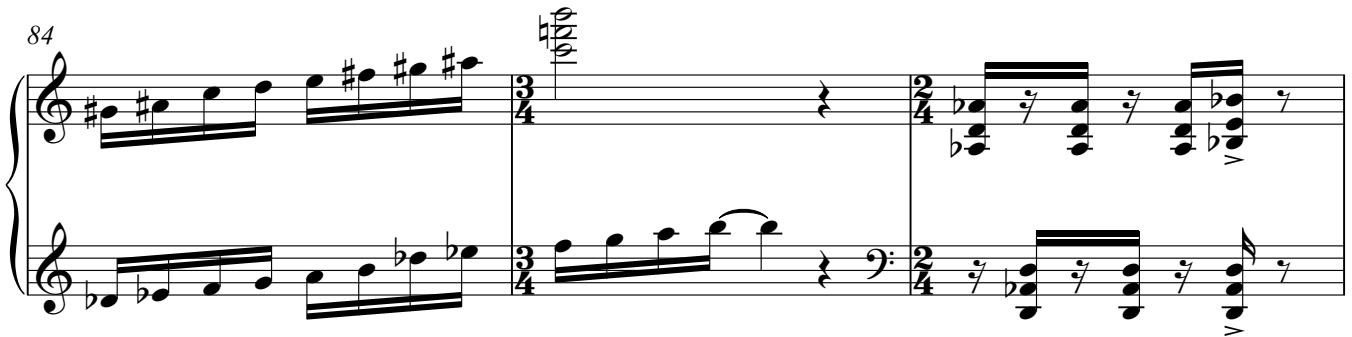
78



81



84



87



91

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92

93

94

95

96

96

97

98

100

101

102

104

105

106

108

ff furioso

113

117

120

F **Meno Mosso**

124 $\text{♩} = 75 - 85$

"Ewig..."

G **Lírico, casi místico**

130 $\text{♩} = 55 - 60$

134 "Ewig..."

138

142

8va ----- |

147

8va ----- |

poco rit.

sfz

sfz

H Toccata Finale (inesperada)

$\text{♩} = 135 - 145$

152

ff subito

154

ff

156

I

p sin pedal, una corda, muy articulado

158

160

162

fff

The musical score for "Ewig, Op. 58" features four systems of piano music. The first system (measures 156-157) starts in 2/4 time with a treble clef and a key signature of 5 sharps. It transitions to a bass clef and a key signature of 3 sharps in measure 157. The second system (measures 158-159) continues this pattern. The third system (measures 160-161) follows. The fourth system (measures 162-163) concludes with a dynamic marking of *fff*. The score uses various note heads and stems, and includes a rehearsal mark "I" above the first measure.

164

166 *poco rall.*

J II^o Tempo
♩ = 80 - 85

168

170

172

174

176

178

K A toda velocidad
♩ = 100-105

ff cresc.

180

182

184

186

ffff

Pozuelo de Alarcón,
de 26 de Junio de 2011 a
19 de Diciembre de 2015

7'01"

ALEJANDRO ROMÁN
Catálogo de Obras para Piano

“Miniaturas, op. 1” (1997)

Duración: 11 min.

“Tres Preludios Nocturnos, op. 2” (1997-2004)

Duración: 12 min.

“Tres Gymnopédias Satiéricas, op. 3” (1997)

Duración: 6 min.

“Orestes, op. 4” (1997)

Piano Preparado

Duración: 4 min

“Sonatina, op. 7” (1999)

Duración: 11 min.

“Entre Arrecifes, op. 11” (1999)

Duración: 4 min.

“Black Cage, op. 19” (2002)

Piano preparado y electroacústica

Duración: 8,5 min

“Gaiena, doce paisajes jienenses, op. 47” (2013)

Duración: 7 min.

“Ewig, op. 58” (2015)

Duración: 7 min.

“Abriliana, op. 21b” (2015)

Duración: 6'5 min.

“Catálogo de Elfos y Hadas, op. 36b” (2015)

Duración: 12 min.

“OidaRadio 2, op. 59” (2015)

Duración: 4'5 min.

“Bocetos Flamencos, op. 12b” (2016)

Duración: 21 min.

