

Call for Scores – Pilgrim's Walk

Kalvfestivalen – International Venue for New Music Development is requesting submissions for soloists to be performed during the festival.

One of the events at the festival 2009 is a short pilgrim's walk of about 2 km. It will consist of seven stations. Each station is devoted to one of the seven keywords of the pilgrim - Slowness, Freedom, Simplicity, Silence, Light Heartedness, Sharing and Spirituality. At arrival to each station, a short text will be read followed by a short piece of music, reflecting the actual keyword.

More information about the pilgrim's walk and the keywords on next page.

About the music:

- Solo works for a portable/handheld, non amplified instrument.
- Duration ca 2-3 minutes.
- Each work should reflect one of the seven keywords.
- Each work should be able to be performed on at least two (optional) instruments.

7 works will be chosen for performance, one at each station.

Composers of contemporary art music of any age and any nationality are welcome to submit a maximum of three (3) scores.

Chosen composers will receive a recording of all performed works. Free board and lodging will also be offered to those composers who will be able to attend the festival. Travel expenses can not be compensated.

DEADLINE: May 1, 2009. Results will be announced around May 15.

SUBMISSION INFORMATION:

Submit by email to: pilgrim@kalvfestival.se

Please send each score as a separate email containing:

1. Score as pdf-file, marked with pilgrim keyword, durata and instruments
2. Contact info
3. Short bio
4. Photo

Any questions can be sent to the same email address.

More info on www.kalvfestival.se and on next page.

PILGRIM'S WALK

You can look upon the pilgrim's movement as a reaction against modern society, characterized by affluent consumption, superficiality, restlessness, rootlessness and high speed. We are forced to confront, more and more, the negative consequences of this unbiological, unspiritual and thereby inhuman western civilization. When we don't feel at home here any more, we are looking for ways to a more harmonious style of life. A pilgrim is such a seeker. The meaning of the word is just "a stranger on his way".

The outer walk in slow pace through the landscape gives room for the inner journey. The goal is knowingness of self, more harmonious relations both to yourself, to those around you, to nature and that spiritual reality, which, beyond every border, holds the source and the aim of all beingness.

Here in Kindaholm we have, for a couple of years, been trying to apply this, and have gained experiences from walking on local pathways.

We have often been working with the concepts contained in "the seven keywords of the pilgrim", expressing in a concentrated form what the life of a pilgrim is about.

During the "Kalvfestivalen", the International Venue for New Music Development for the year 2009, we are planning a shorter walk of about 2 km under silence with seven stations, each one aimed at reflexions about one of the keywords accompanied by the performance of newly written music for solo instruments.

SHORT REFLEXIONS AROUND THE SEVEN KEYWORDS OF THE PILGRIM

SLOWNESS

When life is too busy, I need to come to a standstill for a while. In a slower pace I am more present and can keep up with both myself and you.

FREEDOM

I want to break up from my stuffiness, from my fixations and from absurd demands.
I want to have free access to myself and my potentials.

SIMPLICITY

I want to peel off the complicated, resource demanding and exclusive and find my way back to simplicity. There you find life most immediate.

SILENCE

I want to shut off the noise, the roaring and an overwhelming inflow and listen to the silence. There I can feel the calm breathing of life. Sweet music can arise there.

LIGHT HEARTEDNESS

I want to give away the nagging worry about the future and be present in the resting and acting confidence.

SHARING

I want to share with you what I have and am. I want to listen and understand, to grieve and rejoice together.

SPIRITUALITY

I want to widen the perspective towards what is beyond time and space.
I want to find my way to what is whole and holy, to the source and aim of everything.