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**U**nexpectedly emerging in everyday life, the pandemic has dramatically changed our social lives. The condition of survival has become the renunciation of such natural forms of human interaction that we sometimes fear that in order to preserve our existence, we risk losing our humanity. The arts that existed and manifested in the context of the meeting – performance, concert, recital, one-man show, but also exhibitions or installations – became septic, and artists were deprived of their audience. Art education has been exiled online. But artistic creation could not be hindered. Seeking to survive and express themselves, the artists followed their spectators to the online media adapting existing forms and looking for new formulas that would bring them closer to the audience. Also, pandemic and isolation became inspiration itself.

**M**usic and Art in Pandemic, a conference targeting the art of music, and the arts that connected with music, wants to record the artistic, social, managerial and educational experience of this pandemic year, as well of the similar situations in the history of epidemics. We invite you to participate, answering current questions about the condition of the visual artist, choreographer, director, critic, musician, composer, performer, teacher – How is the spirit of these times reflected in contemporary art? Online versus “real” art, live performance versus recording, online courses versus classroom teaching? Quo vadis music? Quo vadis art? Are the artistic options, choices, attitudes limited? What are the artistic solutions for coping or full expression? Are they only temporary or can be perennial?

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# Conference Program

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## Program by glance

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	10.00 EET First Session in English Language	10.00 EET Session in French and Romanian Language
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## MUSIC SECTION

Thursday, 18th March

### 9.15 EET – Welcome Speech

Professor PhD Oana Leahu, dean of the Faculty of Arts in the Romanian Language

Lecturer PhD Patko Eva, Faculty of Arts in the Hungarian Language

Associate Professor PhD Traian Penciu, director of the Music Department, Faculty of Arts in the Romanian Language

### 10.00 EET by Zoom: First Session in English Language, chair Ioana Baalbaki

Ioana BAALBAKI PhD (University of Arts Târgu Mureș):  
*Dealing with the Unknown. Artistic Management Solutions During the Coronavirus Pandemic in Music Institutions from Cluj-Napoca*

Jazmin EALDEN (Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts):  
*Collaborating Beyond Borders: an Exploration Into Virtual Chamber Music-Making*

Iva HRASTE SOČO PhD (Academy of Dramatic Art, University of Zagreb):  
*Music Sector in Pandemic. Croatian Example*

Christakis CHRISTOFI PhD (University of Cyprus):  
*Music and Arts in Cyprus in Pandemics*

Rakesh BATBYAL PhD (Jawaharlal Nehru University):  
*Sonic Ecology of Bengal: Aspects of a Possible Framework*

Iliana VELESCU PhD (Universitatea Ovidius din Constanța):  
*The Thematic Idea Between Transformation, Paraphrasing or Quotation*

Chiara ANTICO (Universidade NOVA, Lisbon, Portugal):  
*Daily Places, Artistic Places: All the Sounds in Our Homes*

Discussions



**14.00 EET by Zoom: Session in Hungarian Language,  
chair STRAUZ Imre-István PhD**

ELEKES Marta-Adrienne PhD (University of Arts Târgu Mureș):  
*Paris Epidemic and Art World*

ZSIGMOND Zoltán PhD, ZSIGMONDNÉ PAP Éva PhD (University of Szeged, Béla Bartók Faculty of Arts):  
*The Changes of Preferences and Attitudes in Piano Teaching During the First Year of the Pandemic*

STRAUSZ Imre-István PhD (University of Arts Târgu Mureș):  
*Choir in the Room! Thoughts and Experiences in the Light of the Last Year About the Work of the Euphonia Pedagogues' Choir.*

Discussions

**17.00 EET by Zoom: Second Session in English Language,  
chair Giovanna CARUGNO PhD**

Abigail SIN PhD (Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music, National University of Singapore):  
*Celebrating Beethoven during a Pandemic*

Murat Devrim BABACAN PhD, Ezgi BABACAN PhD (Necmettin Erbakan University):  
*Online Piano Education Through Distance Learning: an Example of Giving a Lecture*

Giovanna CARUGNO PhD (Conservatory of Pavia):  
*Music as a Tool to Express Emotions: Remembering the Quarantine Soundscape at the Middle School*

Kim Jayson VILLEZCA (The Graduate School, University of Santo Tomas, Manila):  
*On the Irony, Unsayability and the Silence of Music: An Investigation into the Limits of Schopenhauer's Aesthetics of Music*

Peirui YANG (University of Alcalá):  
*Sound Art and Pandemic: a Documentary Soundscape*

Mirela TÂRC PhD (University of Oradea, Faculty of Arts):  
*With the "Magic Flute" in Pandemic*

Discussions

## ***Friday, 19th March***

### **14.00 EET by Zoom: Session in Romanian Language, chair Anamaria Mădălina HOTORAN PhD**

Ardeleanu ROXANA-SORANA PhD (West University  
Timișoara, Faculty of Music and Theatre):  
*The Accompanist Pianist in Pandemic, Virtual Instrumental  
Partner*

Alina PERȚ-ALEXANDRESCU ("Sigismund Toduță", Art  
Highschool, Deva):  
*Online Piano Lesson - a Challenge for Progress*

Radu Igazság PhD (The National University of Theatre and  
Film, Bucharest):  
*Like Orpheus Through the Pandemic*

Ioana Luminița GOREA PhD (University of Oradea, Faculty of  
Arts):  
*The Prospects of Musical Auditions During the 2020-2021  
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Radu POL-VĂRZARU ("Liviu Rebreanu" School, Târgu Mureș):  
*About Minimizing Latency in Art*

Anamaria Mădălina HOTORAN PhD (Emanuel University,  
Oradea):  
*Perspectives of Online Academic Music Education in  
Romania. An Analysis in the International Context*

Liana ȘUTEU (University of Arts, Targu-Mures):  
*Music Education Class as Part of Online Education*

Andrada Tatiana CRIȘAN ("Gheorghe Dima" National Music  
Academy, Cluj Napoca):  
*The Effects of Music on the Human Psyche*

Discussions

## PERFORMING ARTS SECTION

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### **10.00 EET by Zoom: Session in French and Romanian Language chair EGYED Emese PhD**

Julien DAILLÈRE PhD:

*Performing Arts on the Phone: Remote But not Digital*

EGYED Emese PhD (Babeş-Bolyai University):

*A Social Project from the Playwright Farkas Bolyai (1817)*

Drissa SANOGO PhD (Université Peleforo Gon Coulibaly,  
Korhogo):

*Le théâtre et sa contribution dans la lutte contre la  
pandémie de Covid-19 en Côte d'Ivoire*

Marcela DAN PhD (University of Arts Târgu Mureş):

*How the Pandemic is Transforming Arts?*

Constantin TOVARNIŢCHII PhD (West University Timișoara,  
Faculty of Music and Theatre):

*Quo vadis music? Quo vadis arts?*

Discussions

***Friday, 19th March***

**10.00 EET by Zoom: Session in English Language**  
**chair Armando ROTONDI PhD**

Armando ROTONDI PhD (Institute of the Arts Barcelona):  
*Rethinking the (Web)-Space in adapting performances*

András HATHÁZI PhD (Babeş-Bolyai University, Faculty of  
Theatre and Film):  
*The Theatre as a Meeting Place*

Sebastian - Vlad POPA PhD (University of Bucharest):  
*Prelude to the Roaring 20s*

Gilberto CONTI PADAPO (Charles University):  
*Online Theatre Teaching - The Challenge of a New Era*

Stéphanie MELYON-REINETTE PhD (Independent  
researcher):

*LE SACRÉ. A Butoh Performance Between Hypo-  
Insularity, Marronnage and Aesthetic-Institutional  
Affranchissement*

Diana BEJAN (CHIRIPUCI) (The National University of  
Theatre and Film, Bucharest):

*“Online” Choreography Versus “Real” Choreography*

Li-Min LIN PhD, Zemeijia (Bebe) LAN, Wendy Kah Yan CHEY,  
Kaiqin CAO (Shanghai Jiao Tong University)

*Recovery x 2: “Flow of Emotions in a COVID-19 China”  
Photo Exhibit*

Discussions

## Daily Places, Artistic Places: All the Sounds in Our Homes

Presented in the English language in the Music Section

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The author holds a 'summa cum laude' Master in Music Performance, having however finished her Master in Education. She presented papers in international conferences about sound memory and Holocaust studies, and continues her activity as a musician-researcher in chamber music groups: she's particularly concerned with timelessness and ephemerality of music, non-verbal communication and collective memory.

When thinking about the past year but especially March 2020, musicians immediately figure out how differently they start spending their time: everybody had to reorganize daily and professional routine by imagining a new space for music.

All the sounds of hours of warming up, studying, rehearsals sessions and concerts which were filling theaters, dressing rooms and concert halls left a still silence, while homes became the most soundly and artistic places for classical music. This paper seeks to explore the aesthetics of this phenomenon: because of the ephemerality of this art, no sketches and tangible elements remain after hours of practice. Nevertheless, the sound makes the air vibrating and a space could be considered as part of the artistic experience. Aesthetically, the context of the performance - the stage, the theater - represents an inspiration itself: which aspects (tiredness, distractions) did challenge musicians at home? This intervention aims to elaborate on the meaning and value of the performance in our own daily places, in the attempt of visualizing the space we need around. Talking about personal practice, videorecording or streaming recitals, the room holds all the sounds and harmonies: music is ephemeral, but the performance remains there timelessly. Where performance happens, art is there.

# The Accompanist Pianist in Pandemic, Virtual Instrumental Partner

Presented in the Romanian language in the Music Section

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Music represents a way of communication that transcends the semantic meaning of the spoken word and shares the most profound and intimate emotions. The aim of the artist as interpreter, keystone of his whole existence, is the/his need to express oneself through sound, animated in each moment by passion. The musician interpreter completes the faithful rendering of the music sheet with his own thoughts and feelings, while the sincere sharing wears within itself the garments of generosity. This need of expressing oneself has, in turn, the need of a public, of which it was deprived during the pandemic. Even more, the didactic activity of the accompanist pianist in the academic musical educational system was greatly influenced by the restrictions of the pandemic and required most suitable solutions for serving the complete training of the musician students. Despite the improper circumstances, the personal experience and the students' opinions about the pedagogical achievements describe the victory of passion and love for music in these difficult times.

## Pianistul acompaniator în pandemie, partener instrumental virtual

Muzica reprezintă un mod de comunicare ce transcende semnificația semantică a cuvântului rostit și împărtășește cele mai profunde și intime trăiri sufletești. Menirea artistului interpret, cheie de boltă a întregii sale existențe, este nevoia de exprimare prin sunet, animată în fiecare clipă de pasiune. Muzicianul interpret completează redarea fidelă a notației partituri cu propriile sale gânduri și sentimente, iar împărtășirea sinceră poartă cu sine veștmântul generozității. Această nevoie de exprimare are, la rândul său, nevoie de auditoriu, de care a fost văduvită în contextul pandemiei. Cu atât mai mult, activitatea didactică a pianistului acompaniator în învățământul muzical superior a fost deosebit de influențată de restricțiile pandemiei și a impus căutarea celor mai potrivite soluții pentru a servi pregătirii complete a studenților instrumentiști. În ciuda condițiilor improprie, experiența personală și opiniile studenților despre realizările pedagogice descriu victoria pasiunii și a iubirii pentru muzică în aceste vremuri deosebit de dificile.

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## Dealing with the Unknown. Artistic Management Solutions During the Coronavirus Pandemic in Music Institutions from Cluj-Napoca

Presented in the English language in the Music Section

On March 16, 2020, the President of Romania declared a State of Emergency, which determined the cessation of artistic activities with the public, strongly marking the quality of life of cultural operators and consumers of classical music. The classical music sector in Romania is structured, from a legislative point of view, in two categories, the first category is represented by the budgetary institutions - Philharmonic, Opera, Operetta Theaters, etc. ; and the second category consists of the private sector, namely artistic associations and cultural foundations. In the present research we will analyze the impact of the Covid epidemic on the current seasons of the budgetary music institutions in Cluj-Napoca. Cluj-Napoca has a well-structured cultural infrastructure consisting of the Romanian National Opera, the Hungarian State Opera and the State Philharmonic "Transylvania", each of these three institutions adopting its own cultural strategy between March 2020 - March 2021, the period covered by my study. Following the way in which the musical institutions adapted their concert season and cultural offer to the regulations and limitations imposed at national level, I will try, during my research, to answer the following questions: What were the communication channels between cultural institutions and the public? What types of events took place? How has the musical repertoire been modified/adapted to the limitations imposed by law? What was the public response to the proposed offers? Have the characteristics of classical music consumers changed?

## Online Piano Education Through Distance Learning: an Example of Giving a Lecture

Presented in the English language in the Music Section

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As it is well known, similar to the rest of the world due to Covid-19 Turkey also has confronted the pandemic. Therefore higher education institutions resumed through distance learning training plans in the process. In this study, the researcher examined how piano education embodied in the music teaching program is carried out through distance learning, what difficulties are encountered, and how solutions are produced. With the intention of surmounting this health situation which is unusual for all of us, the field researches are executed to comprehend the different practice examples in the world in all respects, to learn the procedure, and to find solutions to the problems confronted are considered important in terms of contributing to education in the subsequent period. Thus, in this study, the piano education process that was practiced by the researchers in the previous period and this ongoing process was examined stepwise. The research initially explained the infrastructure services that the institution can provide to the university lecturers, the minimum conditions and infrastructure facilities necessary for the students and lecturers to provide distance education, furthermore, technological and musical equipment. These infrastructure services and materials are categorized as preparation for the course. Subsequently, how the lesson lectured through distance learning, after-school practice possibilities, and mutual expectations of the students and the teachers were discussed. During this process, naturally, the performance projects to be taken for the learning outcome of the course, the obstacles encountered in the whole process, and the discussions and suggestions toward their solution were presented. The research was conducted as a case-study rather than thorough qualitative research within the framework of its limitations.



## Sonic Ecology of Bengal: Aspects of a Possible Framework

Presented in the English language in the Music Section

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Sonic Ecology is an inclusive concept as the evolution of the sonic culture while having evolved and disciplined practices related to sound, i.e., music, also have naturally existing variants of sound which influences the way an overarching sonic ambience is structured. The present paper shall try and explore the possibilities of a framework in which the sonic ecology can be articulated. As part of this examination the site of Bengal, both eastern (Bangladesh) and western (West Bengal) is selected from where there will be a selection made for this purpose to argue that this is in the realm of possibilities.

As one of the leading historians of India, his books *Communalism in Bengal: From Famine to Noakhali* (1943-47), Sage Publication, 2005 ; *The Penguin Book of Modern Indian Speeches* (Edited, with an Introduction, Penguin Publishers, 2007); and *JNU the Making of a University* (Harper Collins, 2015) are widely read across the world. His recent book, *The Modern School (1920-2020) A Century of Schooling India*, Amazon Westland, 2020 has brought history of schooling in the larger framework of institutional history of India. He is Teacher of History and theory of Media in Centre for Media Studies of which he is a founding faculty. He also set up India Studies Chair in University of Tokyo and has learnt Romanian at Sinaia in 2008.

## “Online” Choreography Versus “Real” Choreography

Presented in the English language in the Performing Arts Section

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She collaborates with “Constantin Tănase” Revue Theater in Bucharest and has also performed in various theaters in the country. She is a teacher of ballet and contemporary dance at “Casa de Balet”, where her students have won various scholarships and awards at international competitions. Also, she is a research assistant in the project “Developing a Methodology of Therapy Through Theatre with an Effect at the Neurochemical and Neurocognitive Levels” (MET), CINETic center.

With the installation of the pandemic in our lives, already for a year, dance, an art mostly viewed live, on different stages and in theaters, has moved its activity online. It tried to adapt to the new requirements, managing to survive in these conditions. Most of the theaters started to post often on social networks, hoping that through this increased activity, they would still keep their audience. The purpose of this writing is to present the advantages and disadvantages of passing choreographic performances in the online environment. Was this forcing to stop the physical meeting a barrier from all points of view, or did it also bring positive parts in the choreographic field? Has it increased or restricted the imagination? What will happen to choreographic art in the next period? In the future, will the audience want to watch live choreographic performances or will they prefer the online environment?

## Music as a Tool to Express Emotions: Remembering the Quarantine Soundscape at the Middle School

Presented in the English language in the Music Section

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The paper aims at illustrating the results of a pilot study carried out with 20 students attending an Italian middle school after the lockdown. In the first phase of the research, the music teacher collected data about the personal memories of the students related to the soundscape of quarantine. The thematic analysis showed that while most students identified listening and making music as relaxing and positive activities, others had troubles remembering the sounds heard during the lockdown. After that, the students were asked to describe the seasons of quarantine through a multimodal approach, which combined music, words and pictures. The students used Google Classroom and mobile apps to meet, discuss and share ideas. Most of the words written by the students on the Classroom platform were referred to positive affects. This demonstrated the value of the music lesson as a space to deliver powerful contents and to express emotions.

## Music and Arts in Cyprus during the Pandemic

Presented in the English language in the Music Section

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Cultural activity readjusts to different social contexts in pandemics. During this period, music and artistic creation significantly expand their prominent presence in mass media, internet and social media, because of the social distancing measures. As cultural expressions, on the air and online, during this specific period they reinforce their strong popular and intercultural character, since cultural activity embodies a common unprecedented experience in an interconnected world. At the same time, music and art serve values that reveal their connexion with the social context and prompt to re-examine their parallel or mutual definition. Various cultural agents, and actors express themselves, original music, artistic and cultural spaces dialogue and bold speeches appear, often of a participatory nature. From this perspective, music and art in Cyprus during the pandemic present a case study of a critical polyphony who appear through the interaction of multiple spaces, discourses and values.

## Online Theatre Teaching - The Challenge of a New Era

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Teaching is a action of exchanging knowledge, a cooperation between the teacher and students. Working with theatre in a practical way you get to know more about, psychological, presencial and theoretical relations between persons, when you create masks and develop a performance with them, you reach really powerful sides of the act and the ritual theatre. During the Covid time, I needed to develop a new way how to make my students participate, learn and create their masks and characters. Its not easy because by computer monitor is not possible to pass all the emotions and focus in the same way as you are in presencial class. Its a new era that it will for sure influence a lot our way to see theatre, teach and perform , but for sure the art of act will never disappear and when it will back it will be a explosion of energy.

## The Effects of Music on the Human Psyche

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Music is a complex phenomenon that has accompanied humanity since its inception by adopting multiple forms. The compositional act itself can be defined, in a broad sense, as the processing of a certain musical content springing from the infinite cognitive processing of the individual. In the trials of history on humanity, music receives spiritual valences, becoming an auditory vehicle with strong healing meanings. The first references to the role that music played during an epidemic throughout history can be found during the Renaissance when Europe, especially Italy, was devastated by the plague. The composers inserted in the madrigals and motets of the time different rhetorical figures regarding the landmark events of the period. What was the purpose of these insertions in the musical material? How can music help us through its means and methods to cooperate with the negative effects that a global pandemic brings to the sphere of human consciousness?

### Efectele muzicii asupra psihicului uman

Muzica este un fenomen complex care a acompaniat umanitatea de la începuturile ei adoptând forme și modalități multiple. Actul compozițional în sine poate fi definit, într-un sens larg, drept o prelucrare a unui anumit conținut muzical izvorât din infinitele procesări cognitive ale individului însuși. În încercările istoriei asupra omenirii muzica primește valențe spirituale, devenind un vehicul auditiv cu puternice înțelesuri tămăduitoare. Primele referințe cu privire la rolul pe care muzica l-a avut în cursul unei epidemii în cursul istoriei se regăsesc în perioada Renașterii când Europa, în special Italia, era devastată de ciumă. Compozitorii au inserat în cadrul madrigalelor și motetelor vremii diferite figuri retorice cu referire la evenimentele marcante ale perioadei. Care era scopul acestor inserții în cadrul materialului muzical? Cum ne poate ajuta muzica prin mijloacele și metodele ei proprii să cooperăm cu efectele negative pe care o pandemie mondială le aduce în sfera conștiinței umane?

## Performing Arts on the Phone: Remote But not Digital

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The health crisis of 2020 forced a large part of the performing arts sector to attempt remote experiments to overcome the inability to offer IRL performances. Digital then generally established itself as the only alternative. Yet there are forms of remote interaction that do not rely on digital channels, or only partly. This is the case with forms of creation and mediation by telephone. After a short presentation of the "Avoir Lieu" research and experimentation program, launched with La Marge Heureuse, I will discuss my practice of teleperformance which is a form of remote audioguided theater at home, as well as my Human Interactive Voice Response performances.

<https://www.lamargeheureuse.com/docs/map-programme.pdf>

## How the Pandemic Has Transformed Arts?

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2020 was a difficult year for all the artists as well as for the audience.

The artists were forced to bring masks on stage that they would never have wanted. Many art creators have moved their shows online. The public was also affected by all this madness. The people stayed at home and paid tickets online for shows broadcasted online.

For many theater makers, preserving a palpable sense of liveness was paramount in adapting a theatrical project for a digital medium.

Plays and monologues on Zoom about lockdown life had most appreciated on the virtual space. Online plays had a lot of success in most of the countries. Some digital productions had shown fantastical formal originality- such as Belarus Free Theatre's experimental Zoom show A School of Fools. Conversation and subject matter had focused on pandemic life.

Many creators, however, got most excited by projects that brought theater to the digital space in unprecedented ways. Theatre has offered us comfort, provocation and entertainment.

### Cum a transformat pandemia artele

Pandemia COVID-19 a stagnat artele spectacolului la nivel global.

Multe teatre au încercat să se adapteze noilor condiții, să-și reinventeze repertoriul, să găsească forme noi de a rămâne aproape de spectatori. Închiderea teatrului a forțat apropierea de virtual. Au putut fi vizionate online spectacole din întreaga lume, dar s-a simțit lipsa emoțiilor din teatru.

Pe YouTube sau Zoom au apărut noi spectacole cu multă inventivitate. Sub forma activismului teatral, în special pe fondul mișcării Black Lives Matter, s-a realizat ieftin o producție teatrală live. Aceasta s-a axat pe rasismul experimentat de asiaticii britanici de est ca rezultat al Covid-19. După uciderea lui George Floyd, toate acestea au combinat artele, politica și activismul. A existat, de asemenea, seria Almeida Shifting Tides, care s-a axat pe activismul climatic în piesele audio realizate de tinerii actori.

Cu toate acestea, trebuie să încercăm să convertim sentimentele negative în experiențe pozitive, să le folosim în mod creativ, acum și în viitor.



## Collaborating Beyond Borders: an Exploration Into Virtual Chamber Music-Making

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The emergence and rapid development of CoVid-19 at the beginning of 2020 stopped the global population in its tracks. Venues were closed, performances were cancelled, and artists around the world had their creative projects postponed indefinitely. One particular post-graduate research project was the recording of three new pieces for saxophone and mixed chamber ensemble. This paper presents an exploration into the revised creative process of these musical works, and details how new creative pathways and technology-based alternatives were utilised to see the project through to completion. The revised research process revealed that, with the right considerations, chamber music projects can be effectively facilitated online. Incorporating more of an online-based, digital component to our professional practice may be one way of collaborating beyond borders to keep the music playing for instrumentalists and audiences alike.

## A Social Project from the Playwright Farkas Bolyai (1817)

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Following long lasting extreme weather conditions, famine ravaged Transylvania in 1817. Farkas Bolyai, professor of mathematics at the Reformed College in Marosvásárhely (present day Târgu Mureș) has previously sent in several dramas for a competition of historical plays launched in 1814 by the Erdélyi Múzeum Review, but the publication of results was delayed. Due to the famine, the public started to disappear from the performances of the local theater ensemble. Farkas Bolyai has decided to drop out of the competition and withdraw the plays he submitted. He added some other pieces and published the volume in 1817 in Nagyszeben (present day Sibiu) hoping to offer all profit to the population in need. The book (entitled *Öt szomorú játék* / Five sad plays) did not bring him the desired fame, but his effort is nevertheless to be appreciated (instead of his name, he put only A patriot as author on the book cover).

### Le projet social du dramaturge (Farkas Bolyai, 1817)

La famine de 1817 qui s'est généralisée la principauté de la Transylvanie fut le résultat des longues intempérances météorologiques. Farkas Bolyai, professeur de mathématiques du collège protestant de Târgu Mures, s'était impliqué dans le concours de drames historiques organisé par la revue Erdélyi Múzeum de Cluj en 1814. Le résultat du concours s'était fait attendre. Entre temps surtout à cause de la famine le public avait abandonné les spectacles de la troupe locale. Farkas Bolyai avait renoncé à la participation au concours et retira ses drames. Il les fit publier à Sibiu en 1817 dans l'espoir de pouvoir soulager par le gain les souffrances des habitants de sa ville. Le recueil (intitulé *Cinq tragédies*) n'a pas donné le résultat compté, mais nous apprécions l'effort hors du commun de l'auteur (qui publia le livre sous le pseudonyme „Egy hazafi „– *Un patriote*).

## Paris Epidemic and Art World

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When reading music history writings, music textbooks a while ago, we quickly skipped those statements as "in that year cholera was raging in the city", or "everybody who had the possibility moved to the countryside away from the epidemic". Today however, as a global pandemic hit us as well, we are getting caught up in these findings, and we are reading every detail with special attention.

It is a fact that in the spring of 1832, Paris suffered a widespread cholera epidemic, resulting in 18,400 deaths in the city and nearly 100,000 in France. We wonder how did this affected the contemporary art life? We will try to analyze this, quoting from the testimonies of the writers-poets, as well as focusing on the living conditions of some significant musicians, highlighting the events of their career from those times.

### Párizsi járvány és művészvilág

Zenetörténeti írások, zenei szakkönyvek olvasásakor korábban hamar átsiklottunk egy olyan megállapításon, hogy abban az évben „kolera dühöngött a városban”, vagy hogy „aki tehette vidékre költözött a járvány elől”. Ma azonban, hogy napjainkat is elérte egy világméretű pandémia, megakadunk ezeknél, s megkülönböztetett figyelemmel olvassuk a részleteket.

Tény, hogy 1832 tavaszán Párizs széleskörű kolerajárványt szenvedett el, amelynek következtében a városban 18 400, Franciaországban pedig közel 100 000 haláleset következett be. Vajon hogyan befolyásolta ez a korabeli művészeti életet? Ezt próbáljuk vázlatosan körüljárni, ott tevékenykedő írók-költők vallomásaiból idézve, valamint néhány jelentős zenész életkörülményeit, pályájának arra az időszakra vonatkozó eseményeit helyezve a megvilágításba.

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## The Prospects of Musical Auditions During the 2020-2021 Pandemic

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This study aims to analyse the impact of musical auditions on the audience in the context of social isolation due to the 2020-2021 pandemic. In order to get a complete picture, we set out to conduct a questionnaire-based survey and analyse the data from various perspectives, such as musical preferences, the means of auditioning, the environment the audition takes place in and the impact the music has on the audience. To conclude with, we highlight the main findings which will hopefully shed some light on the changes brought by this unexpected pandemic and the ways people adapted around it.

### Valențe ale audiției muzicale în pandemia anilor 2020-2021.

În acest studiu am urmărit impactul pe care l-a exercitat asupra ascultătorilor audiția muzicală în condițiile izolării sociale impuse de starea de urgență datorată pandemiei din 2020-2021. Pentru a avea o imagine cât mai completă, ne-am propus să facem o anchetă pe bază de chestionar, ale cărei date le-am prelucrat în conținutul acestui studiu, din mai multe perspective: a preferințelor muzicale, a mijloacelor de efectuare a audiției, a mediului în care e ascultată muzica și a rolului, respectiv impactului pe care muzica îl are asupra ascultătorului. Încheiem acest studiu cu un corolar de concluzii, care pun în lumină transformările aduse de această neașteptată pandemie, și modalitățile noastre de adaptare.

## The Theatre as a Meeting Place

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Will we meet in the theatre?

Do the actor and the spectator meet? The acting student and the teacher by any chance? Of course, they meet, because they are in the same space or if they are limited to online courses due to the pandemic, they are participants in the same event, be it a lecture or a teaching process. But I am not talking about this meeting, I am not intrigued by this superficial contact.

For me, the meeting is a conscious, obviously essential connection of the participants. We do not push the image of ourselves forward, but we relate honestly, simply, openly, curiously to each other, to our environment, to the events.

Something that hardly happens in the current theatre. And it is simply impossible in the online space.

So now I refrain from exploring the latter option and only consider the "traditional", face-to-face, real, physical encounters. More specifically, its shortcomings.

## Perspectives of Online Academic Music Education in Romania. An Analysis in the International Context

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Even before the pandemic, formal (accredited) online music education, especially with its theoretical specializations, was an alternative abroad, especially in the US. During the pandemic, online education was the only one accepted in many countries, in some contexts in hybrid form online-onsite. To what extent will we return to the forms of traditional education? The future of education depends on a correct assessment of the benefits of the two systems. We will see what are the advantages and disadvantages of online music education and the prospects for developing such an accredited system in an international context.

### Perspectivile învățământului muzical academic online în România. O analiză în context internațional

Încă înainte de pandemie, învățământul muzical online formal (acreditat), mai ales cu specializările sale teoretice, a reprezentat o alternativă în străinătate, îndeosebi în S.U.A. În timpul pandemiei, învățământul online a fost singurul acceptat în multe țări, în anumite contexte în forma hibridă online-onsite. În ce măsură vom reveni la formele învățământului tradițional? Viitorul educației depinde de o justă evaluare a beneficiilor celor două sisteme. Vom vedea care sunt avantajele și dezavantajele învățământului muzical online și perspectivele dezvoltării unui astfel de sistem acreditat, în context internațional.

## Music Sector in Pandemic. Croatian Example

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Putting in context conditions in which art, especially music, are existing in the time of pandemic, proportions and a possibility of achieving the goals from the New European Agenda for Culture will be analysed. Aiming to harness the full potential of culture to help build a more inclusive and fairer EU, supporting innovation, creativity and sustainable jobs and growth, increased cultural participation and building cohesive societies the role of music will be highlighted. The measures which Croatian Ministry of Culture adopted in order to help the cultural sector during the Covid-19 crisis will be contextualised with the situation in the EU, so the effectiveness of the measures undertaken could be evaluated. The new models of communication and cooperation in the form of distributed online content in the field of music will be questioned as a possible cultural value in creating cultural politics.

## Like Orpheus Through the Pandemic

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From the Antiquity, from Cicero, we have a memorable sentence, a little adapted: "*Inter arma silent musae*" / "*When the weapons speak, the muses are silent*". If in war muses are silent, in pandemic they sing... *online!* *Like Orpheus through the pandemic.*

Today, for musicians, Covid-19 pandemic is like an *online* wandering of Orpheus through the realm of death, in search of their beloved muse, Music, who seems to be dying. And they *sing* to be heard and recognized and to soften Death, then followed, out of love, by the freed Music, on the way back *online* to life, they keep singing... But, for their exit from the realm of death, they must no longer look back, but just sing, *online*, with all the confidence that they are truly followed by their beloved Music, towards life, to rejoin those who love the Music of Life, *singing online for life, like Orpheus through the pandemic*, musicians, and artists...

### Ca Orpheus prin pandemie

Din Antichitate, de la Cicero, ne-a rămas o memorabilă sentință, puțin adaptată: „*Inter arma silent musae*” / „*Când armele vorbesc, muzele tac*”. Dacă în război muzele tac, în pandemie cântă... *online* !

*Ca Orpheus prin pandemie.*

Astăzi pentru muzicieni pandemia Covid-19 este ca o rătăcire *online* a lui Orpheus prin tărâmul morții, în căutarea iubitei lor muze, Muzica, aflată parcă pe moarte. Si ei *cântă* ca să fie auziți și recunoscuți și ca să înduplece Moartea, apoi urmați din dragoste de Muzica eliberată, pe drumul de întoarcere *online* la viață, ei tot *cântă*...

Dar, pentru ieșirea lor din tărâmul morții, ei trebuie să nu se mai uite înapoi, ci doar să cânte, *online*, cu toată încrederea că sunt urmați cu adevărat de iubita lor Muzică, spre viață, la reîntâlnirea cu oamenii care iubesc Muzica vieții, *cântând online pentru viață, ca Orpheus prin pandemie*, muzicienii, și artiștii...



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## Recovery x 2: "Flow of Emotions in a COVID-19 China" Photo Exhibit

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Photos of food wrap on body and furniture, patient aching for the world outside the window, or even the heavy dark green clothes that separate the exhibition space into cubicles, the theme of confinement runs through the photo exhibit "Flow of Emotions in a COVID-19 China." When many were quarantined in their house with family members, "home" somehow turns into a place of loneliness and forced isolation. Nevertheless, when signs of recovering from COVID-19 were first shown, the photo exhibit took place in the form of the traditional live event. The gazing on the collective trauma in the same temporality is meant to remember yet try not to suffer, and hence an opportunity to recover. Therefore, the curating of such an art event is not only to manage trauma but a social one.

## LE SACRÉ. A Butoh Performance Between Hypo-Insularity, Marronnage and Aesthetic-Institutional Affranchissement

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"Le Sacré" is a performance by Cie ANAMNESIS-K created and performed for the first time in a garden in the context of Covid-19. The health restrictions imposed by the prefecture of Guadeloupe are, in the eyes of the population, as many manifestations of a subalternization of their territory and their bodies. Conceived in Guadeloupe (French-speaking Caribbean) to a piece of music by Congolese artist Gasandji (the one who heals souls) entitled "LE SACRÉ ", this eponymous environmental performance develops in a slow butoh style. The artist recorded this album in one piece, to transcribe an experience of musical immersion in the forest with the Pygmies. The performance questions the relationship between black bodies and their natural, endemic and secular environment, in particular in its maroon approach - off and against the paths beaten by institutions even more at the heart of this epidemic.

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School of Arts „Sigismund Toduță” is the place where I happily and enthusiastically go every day to teach and give support gifted children, to ease their learning in Piano lessons. I graduated piano classes at the Art High School from Târgu Mureș in 1997, under the close guidance of prof. dr. Carmen Mihăescu.

Following, I continued studying piano as a student at The National Music Academy „Gheorghe Dima” from Cluj – Napoca, coordinated by Prof.dr. Ninuca Oșanu Pop. I completed my Bachelor Degree as a piano teacher in 2002, and my Master degree in 2004 with a dissertation on interpretative stylistics. I have been teaching piano for 17 years at the School of Arts from Deva, training future piano musicians, and vocalist also, as I am acting as head coordinator of a children's choir named „Arlechino”, which has brought me a lot of prizes and trophies from many festivals and vocal music competitions. The piano students contributed to my satisfaction as a teacher, with many national and international awards, some of them are students now, and others are already colleagues of mine.

One of my passions is to organise artistic activities, and therefore, every two years I dedicate myself to organizing the International Festival „Sigismund Toduță”. At the same time, each other year I have the honour to be invited as a member of the juries of music performance competitions. As a fact, this year, in March, I am going to take part as jury member in the piano interpretation competition „Șansa Egală”.

Every semester I take refresher courses about teaching techniques, and I also like to join my colleagues in educational projects initiated by my school. As a pianist, I am in DUO ALMA, a four hands band, together with my colleague, Mariana Onțanu Crăciun, with whom I participate to various cultural events.

## Online Piano Lesson - a Challenge for Progress

Presented in the Romanian language in the Music Section

Personal strategies are courses that the instrument teacher has used and will always use in directing and coordinating musician students. In online teaching, the methodological choices are changed in the respect of prioritization. The applied premises are now centered on individual study. As instrument teacher, focusing on pupil, hands-on learning, specifically on kinesthetic learning, is the basis on instrumental training. For example: Lego method, gamification, spatial recognition, peer-review or mental map, there are methods that challenges us, because in online nothing is eliminated, even new strategies are being added. The music text and message is much more clear and the children, those digital natives are more enthusiastic about the idea of learning with new technology as support.

### Lecția de pian online - provocare pentru progres

Ideea de bază a lucrării reflectă faptul că, schimbări majore nu au loc în predarea online față de cea față în față, strategiile personalizate fiind mereu trasee folosite de către profesorul de instrument. Așadar, vorbim despre prioritizarea diferită a unor direcții controlate de către coordonatorul lecției. Ca profesor de instrument, importantă este focusarea pe copil, prin activitatea pur kinestezică, acel „hands-on learning”. Responsabilizarea elevului în activitatea de studiu individual prinde noi contururi și amplificări, sarcinile de lucru fiind atractive datorită noilor procedee de interacțiune. Așadar, fie că folosim metoda Lego, gamificarea, recunoașterea spațială, peer-review sau imaginarea unei hărți mentale, provocările din online nu fac altceva decât să ne dezvolte, pentru că nu elimină nimic din ceea ce însemna cursul firesc al unei ore de instrument, ci, adaugă noi strategii de învățare și ghidaj înspre înțelegerea textului și mesajului muzical. Copiii, acei nativi digitali, sunt acum mult mai entuziaști de idea de învățare alături de tehnologie, ca suport.

## About Minimizing Latency in Art

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After a career in economics and banking as a result of graduating the Faculty of Economic Sciences, Babes-Bolyai University in Cluj-Napoca, followed by a masters degree in "Banking and Capital Markets" the obvious career step was the decision to focus on art, teaching music theory and guitar.

The second specialization came after obtaining the bachelor's degree in Music Pedagogy and the master's degree in Contemporary Music Educational Systems, at the University of Arts in Târgu Mureș.

He currently holds the position of tenured professor at the music education departments of Liviu Rebreanu and „Dr. Bernády György” Gymnasium Schools from Târgu Mureș.

At the same time, as president of the Acoustic Association, he carries out activities in the field of guitar teaching and colateral projects (music camps, shows, musical arrangements, piano tuning).

On March 10th, 2020, I received the news that starting the next day, I will have to teach online. 'Guitar. Music theory. Online!' The cascading questions, the frustration, the anxiety, all this together with the fever of empirical exploration, were the variables I juggled trying to keep "the wheels on the road".

On March 10th, 2021, I am writing these lines after a year that, at least until now, has emerged as that of reinvention, re-education and resettlement in the new path chosen by present times. The new normality or, from now on, THE normality, depends on ones perspective and relation to his or hers personal cartesian system, voluntarily chosen.

It was the latency that tried to put spokes in the wheels of teaching and performing arts. The technical and pedagogical solutions came as a helping hand, so that the final answer could be "yes, art is possible and viable in pandemic conditions".

### Despre minimizarea latenței

În 10 martie 2020 am primit vestea că din ziua următoare voi preda on-line. Chitară. Muzică. On-line! Pardon? Întrebările în cascadă, frustrarea, dramul de angoasă, toate la pachet cu febra explorării empirice, au fost variabilele cu care am jonglat, încercând să păstrez „roțile pe drum”.

În 7 martie 2021 scriu aceste rânduri după un an care, cel puțin până în prezent, s-a conturat ca fiind cel al reinventării, reeducării și reasezării în noua matcă aleasă de ape. Noua normalitate, sau de acum, normalitatea, ține de perspectivă și de raportarea la un sistem cartezian personal ales voluntar.

Latența, de natură digitală sau socială, a fost cea care a încercat să pună bețe în roate predării artei și activităților culturale. În contracarare au venit soluțiile tehnice și pedagogice astfel încât răspunsul final să fie „da, este posibilă și viabilă arta în condiții de pandemie”.

## Prelude to the Roaring 20s

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If after one year of forbidden agoras, of solidary spite, of mandatory angers towards a bad fate and also towards administrators' inabilities, at the end of this crisis only „les annes folles” can irrupt. And this is not only a result of the historical pattern suggested to us by the spanish flu a hundred years ago, but also because a consequence to any form of pressure is deflagration. An opressed vitality is followed by gratuity, while resentment, frequently shown under ideological pennant of correctness, would be followed by hedonism and ludic amorality, the feeling sublimed by reversible danger and fragility. If not followed by the Roaring 20s, then any insatisfaction uttered during the year of restrictions becomes the expression of a glaring imposture. Luckily, though, the artist, once stripped of audience, is more in-dept to self, and my mathematician friend has learned three inventions by Bach and two impromptuus by Schubert. What a chance!

## Rethinking the (Web)-Space in adapting performances

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The aims of the paper is to consider the idea of space in online performances (and including online teaching performing arts). Specifically, in analyzing online performance in relation to the space, it will be used a multidisciplinary approach that will consider elements of adaptation and translation theory (such as Torop and Hutcheon), as well as approaches more purely related to performing arts: in opposition to the idea of black box and white cube, the "flat screen" will be introduced as performative space, that can be manipulated in perspective of "artialisation" (Roger).

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## Le théâtre et sa contribution dans la lutte contre la pandémie de Covid-19 en Côte d'Ivoire

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L'actualité du sujet en justifie la pertinence. L'analyse, axée sur des observations de terrain, s'inspire des démarches qui fondent la critique sociale. Elle révèle, au départ, un désintérêt pour la pandémie, préoccupation laissée à des comédiens anonymes et improvisés produisant un "théâtre de méprise" banalisant le fléau. Puis survient un réveil des spécialistes de théâtre, que l'analyse sociocritique du cas ivoirien explique par les difficultés rencontrées par les politiques. En effet, la rapidité et la fermeté des décisions, contrastant avec leur application, sélective, molle ou absente, donnent matière à une production théâtrale. Le théâtre se lance dans la sensibilisation des populations à travers des productions filmées. La présente analyse propose des solutions pour une prise en charge efficiente de la pandémie par le théâtre. Elles préconisent la réalisation massive d'œuvres encourageant la vaccination anti-covid et les mesures barrières, à travers le thème, l'attitude des acteurs et des spectateurs.

## Celebrating Beethoven during a Pandemic

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Abigail is the co-founder of the More Than Music concert series in Singapore, which aims to bring classical chamber music to new audiences. In 2020, More Than Music recorded and released video performances of the complete Beethoven Violin Sonatas, along with educational outreach content. Abigail recently completed a PhD at the Royal Academy of Music in London, supported by the Lee Kuan Yew Scholarship, under the supervision of Dr Briony Cox-Williams. In July 2018, Abigail joined the academic faculty of the Yong Siew Toh Conservatory of Music in Singapore.

As Singapore cautiously emerged from its first lockdown in July 2020, a group of 6 musicians embarked on a project to record the complete Beethoven Violin Sonatas to be released for free on Facebook over 5 consecutive weekends. It is ironic that we had no plans to mark Beethoven's 250th anniversary before the pandemic hit. Even though COVID-19 wiped out all our original plans for the year, the lockdown and its aftermath also, strangely enough, yielded personal, artistic, political and financial circumstances that enabled this dream project to become a reality.

This essay captures the process of recording and releasing the complete Beethoven Violin Sonatas online during the pandemic. The project was entirely conceived and managed by the performers themselves, from securing funding and managing venue-capacity limits for filming crew, to devising audience engagement strategies in a pre-recorded online event and producing supplementary educational outreach material.



## Choir in the Room! Thoughts and Experiences in the Light of the Last Year About the Work of the Euphonia Pedagogues' Choir.

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The multitude of methods and perspectives in the activity of choirs are varied and – last, but not least – unique. On the occasion of this conference we would like to present a few experiences, which express the essential principles of the functioning of the choir in the light of last year's events. We wish to address a few questions, which tackle mainly the motivations of the choir (love of singing, need for community, team/cohesion, etc.), its professional standard and the „metamorphoses” of the rehearsal process. We furthermore endeavor, by means of a few personal experiences, to shed light on the alternatives of the transformations of the creative process (rehearsal process), as well as on the issues of group-dynamics that are essential elements of the existence of a choir.

### Más minőségű valami ... Kórus a szobában! Gondolatok és tapasztalatok az elmúlt egy év fényében az Eufónia Pedagóguskórus munkájáról

A módszerek és nézőpontok sokasága, melyek a kórusok munkásságát áthatják sokrétűek és nem utolsósorban egyedi. Jelen konferencián néhány olyan jellegű tapasztalatot igyekszünk megfogalmazni, melyek a kórus működésének lényegi elveit mutatják be az elmúlt év távlatából. Olyan kérdések megfogalmazására vállalkozunk, melyek főként a kórus motivációját (az éneklés szeretete, a közösség iránti vágy, csapatkohézió stb.), szakmai színvonalát, a próbafolyamat „metamorfózisát” járják körbe. Továbbá igyekszünk néhány személyes tapasztalaton keresztül rávilágítani az alkotófolyamat (próbafolyamat) átalakulásának alternatíváira, valamint olyan csoportdinamikai kérdések felmutatására, melyek lényeges elemei egy kórus életének.

## Music Education Class as Part of Online Education

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2020 was a year full of challenges for all the world's population. Absolutely everything that was natural and normal for mankind has turned into a threat to life. Through this pandemic we have learned to isolate us from the rest of the world, we have learned to use our online environment to participate in courses, conferences, lectures, etc. and we were restricted to participate in cultural events due to the very high risk of Covid-19 disease. Moreover, a major change has also occurred in the educational field, changing that has brought both teachers and students in the so-called "online school".

Being a debutant teacher of musical education, for the most part, my teacher activity has been conducted online. What were the challenges I have encountered?, What problems have I faced? And what are the advantages of online education? There are questions I have tried to answer in this paper.

### Ora de educație muzicală în învățământul online

Anul 2020 a reprezentat un an plin de încercări pentru toată populația lumii. Absolut tot ceea ce era firesc și natural pentru omenire s-a transformat într-o amenințare asupra propriei vieți. Prin această pandemie am învățat să ne izolăm de restul lumii, am învățat să ne folosim de mediul online pentru a participa la cursuri, conferințe, prelegeri ș.a. și am fost restricționați să mai participăm la evenimentele culturale datorită riscului foarte mare de îmbolnăvire cu covid-19. Mai mult decât atât o schimbare majoră a avut loc și în domeniul educațional, schimbare care a adus atât profesorii cât și elevii în așa denumita „școală online”.

Profesor debutant de Educație Muzicală fiind, în cea mai mare parte activitatea mea de cadru didactic s-a desfășurat online. Care au fost provocările pe care le-am întâmpinat?, cu ce probleme m-am confruntat? și care sunt avantajele învățământului online? sunt întrebări la care am încercat să răspund în lucrarea de față.

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## Quo vadis music? Quo vadis arts?

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The FMT Homemade project, which I carried out as initiator and director between April and June 2020, is a 27 minutes long movie which involved both students and teachers from the Faculty of Music and Theater at the West University of Timișoara and was realized – if I may compare – like a puzzle, consisting of videos made by students and teachers alike, based on a scenario that took into account the new working conditions, dictated by the restrictions related to the pandemic.

Text, music, acting, all were created both individually and in groups, on the online platform. The new working method aroused teachers and students alike, each coming with the most daring ideas, proposals, solutions.

Due to the restrictions imposed by the pandemic, we had to adapt this project, initially conceived as a normal show, to the new situation, moving everything online. Everything was reanalyzed, from the script, to the scenes, to the actual work with the actors, the filming being done by the actors themselves, and the technical team having to solve a number of problems along the way. The adaptation to the new situation was made on the fly, including joint research and analysis.

Despite the difficulties encountered, the final product was a successful one and enjoyed recognition, recording, for example, immediately after the premiere over 2000 views.

The project link is below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nYZge4lrPa4&t=968s>

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Published books: "The Articulation of Form in the Symphonies of the Transylvanian Composers during the 20<sup>th</sup> Century", "The Crystallisation of the Sonata Form in the Klavier Music of the 18<sup>th</sup> Century" (Oradea, 2007), "Practical Course of Form's Analysis I" (Oradea 2008), "Practical Course of Form's Analysis II" (Oradea 2014), The Pyramid Of Knowledge, chapter Music Education 2014, „MusicoLogical Frames – Subjective Itineraries in the Music of Cluj-Napoca” 2018., Musicoanalytics – musicological sketches and studies, 2019 Edited volumes: University of Oradea Annals – Music Fascicle, Francisc Hubic – The Mass of the Holy and Saving Passions of Maundy Thursday for Men Choir (2014), Francisc Hubic Symposium (2015). In 2020 sustains the habilitation thesis entitled *The Musicological research between the structural analysis, the educational practice and the journalistic opinion*. She is a member of The Union of the Composers and Musicologist from Romania, Sigismund Toduță Foundation and Mozart Society Romania.

## With the "Magic Flute" in Pandemic

Presented in the English language in the Music Section

The work invites the consumer of art to reflect on one of the most current themes, namely, opera performance in the pandemic. One of Tompa Gabor's recent directorial performances of W.A. Mozart's Magic Flute saw the limelights in October 2020 on the stage of the Hungarian Opera in Cluj-Napoca. Interpreted in a contemporary key, the stage representation proposes a new vision on the future of a young couple in love in a chaotic, deceptive, labyrinthine world, dominated by profit, manipulation and temptations, in which the truth is relative and the value replaced by its simulacrum. A universe of meanings adapted to the immediate reality in which, more than ever, we intuit, we even feel the strings with which the puppeteers of this world force us to play according to their own interest.

### Cu „Flautul fermecat” în pandemie

Lucrarea invită consumatorul de artă modern să reflecteze asupra uneia dintre temele cele mai actuale și anume spectacolul de operă în pandemie. Una dintre interpretările regizorale recente ale lui Tompa Gabor asupra operei Flautul fermecat de W.A. Mozart a văzut lumina rampei în luna octombrie 2020 pe scena Operei Maghiare din Cluj – Napoca. Interpretată în cheie contemporană, reprezentarea scenică propune o nouă viziune asupra viitorului unui cuplu de îndrăgostiți într-o lume labirintică, înșelătoare, haotică, dominată de profit, manipulare și tentații, în care adevărul este relativ iar valoarea înlocuită cu simulacrul ei. O lume în care mai mult ca niciodată intuim, chiar pipăim sforile cu care păpușarii acestei lumi ne obligă să jucăm după propriul plac și interes.

# The Thematic Idea Between Transformation, Paraphrasing or Quotation

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The idea of repeating musical themes in various configurations is a technique practiced since ancient times, and is still valid today. Recognizing the ways of the motivic transformation and identifying the type of intervention on a work (paraphrasing, variation or quotation) reveals not only the composition process of the author, but also makes possible the aesthetic description of the musical content. These learning objectives (like many disciplines) have undergone changes in the digital context of the pandemic year, so the main goal in the elaboration of specialized courses is maintaining students' interest in music and especially encouraging their analytical introspection of scores and musical auditions.

# On the Irony, Unsayability and the Silence of Music: An Investigation into the Limits of Schopenhauer's Aesthetics of Music

Presented in the English language in the Music Section

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This paper anchors itself on twofold ends: to reintroduce Schopenhauer's ideas on music into the current debate and to use the current debate as a means to appreciate the fecundity of Schopenhauer's otherness as a philosopher of music. Thus, in fulfilling the twofold contrivance of this paper, a tripartite discussion shall be dedicated to: 1) revisiting Schopenhauer's philosophy in general through a short exposition of his life as background for his work; the critical role of Kant's philosophy on Schopenhauer; and, the exposition of the two major themes of Schopenhauer's philosophy: the World as Will and the World as Representation; 2) an attempt to draw the following propositions: a) Music is the modulation of Schopenhauer's aesthetic theory. This is done through an exposition and textual analysis of the musical remarks of Schopenhauer in the World as Will and Representation. Moreover, b) Schopenhauer's musical aesthetics and remarks are guided by musical shadows of Pythagoras, Rameau and Rossini from which his theory gains foothold and influence.; 3) a proposal for a more nuanced position in interpreting Schopenhauer's philosophy of music through the identification of the limits and gaps of his methodology and his otherness in the current debate in philosophy of music through a general historical analysis of the development of aesthetic thought, and how this historical approach situates Schopenhauer's account of music in an attempt to unknot the forces that shape the current debate on music. Thus, allowing this project to find its ultimate cadence, that of irony and silence are two intertwining-delimiting elements of Schopenhauer musical aesthetic thought.

## Sound Art and Pandemic: a Documentary Soundscape

Presented in the English language in the Music Section

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The pandemic has temporarily changed our lives, and there is no doubt that we are rapidly entering the digital society. The way of sound art, as a sound landscape, what can be recorded during a pandemic? As a kind of composite music and sound, can sound art be used as a digital archive in a pandemic? This research hopes to explore the possibility of sound art as an archive through artistic practice, and to reflect on the changes and flow of the sound landscape in the context of the pandemic.

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# The Changes of Preferences and Attitudes in Piano Teaching During the First Year of the Pandemic

Presented in the Hungarian language in the Music Section

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Online education introduced in the spring of 2020 changed the methods of piano education fundamentally. At SZTE Vántus István Secondary School of Music and SZTE Béla Bartók Faculty of Arts there is both attendance and online education. During the last year we have gained a lot of experience about which methods are useful, and which practices we needed to abandon for the interest of professional training.

1. Using digital tools and platforms.
2. Changes in the composition of curriculum, and the preferences of reporting.
3. Changes in course of lessons. Instead of demonstrative methods, verbal explanations and new forms of technical and musical processes gained a bigger role.

The opportunities of using ICT tools and online communication in the higher piano education of the future. Overallly it can be stated that there are effective solutions in digital and hybrid education, although their efficiency is not adequate. It is positive that the students' improvement did not halt, they were able to show progress.

This study is about our new opportunities, methods, rules and the pedagogical aspects.

## A preferenciák és attitűdök változása a zongoraoktatásban a pandémia első évében

A 2020 tavaszán bevezetett online oktatás alapvetően alakította át a zongoraoktatás módszereit is. Az SZTE Vántus István Gyakorló Zeneművészeti Szakgimnáziumban és az SZTE Bartók Béla Művészeti Karon a jelenléti és az online oktatás is működik. Az elmúlt egy év alatt számos tapasztalatra tettünk szert, hogy milyen módszerek hasznosak, és milyen megoldásokról kellett lemondanunk a professzionális képzés érdekében.

1. A digitális eszközök és platformok használata.
2. Változások a tananyag összetételében, a beszámoltatás preferenciáiban.
3. Változások az órák menetében. A demonstratív módszerek helyett nagyobb szerepet kaptak verbális magyarázatok, a technikai és zenei folyamatok újfajta bemutatásai.
4. Az IKT eszközöknek, az online kommunikáció használatának lehetőségei a jövő felsőfokú zongoraoktatásában.

Összességében elmondható, hogy léteznek eredményes megoldásaink a digitális, illetve hibrid oktatásban, bár ezek hatékonysága még nem megfelelő. Pozitívum, hogy a tanulók, hallgatók fejlődése nem állt meg, képesek voltak előrelépést, fejlődést mutatni.

Az új lehetőségeinkről, módszereinkről, szabályainkról, és a pedagógiai szempontokról szól ez a tanulmány.



Conferința m-a ajutat să înțeleg dificultățile prin care au trecut colegi din lumea artelor, de asemenea, soluțiile și observațiile acestora sunt de mare ajutor pentru a plănuî cu iscusință următorii pași în activitățile proprii.

Flaviu Mogoșan , artistic advisor, National Romanian Opera Cluj-Napoca, Romania – attendee

While I only was present for Jazmin Ealden's presentation, the breadth of the topics, the international flavour of the participants and the relaxed way it was presented, were exceptional.

Long may we continue to connect across the globe!

Matt Styles PhD, senior lecturer in saxophone studies, Head of Honours in Music,  
Edith Cowan University, Australia – attendee

Conferința MAP2021 mi-a stârnit din primul moment interesul prin actualitatea deosebită a tematicii. Am urmărit lucrările prezentate în secțiunea MUZICĂ în limba română, care au abordat pertinent și documentat diverse aspecte ale modului în care acest an pandemic a influențat învățământul muzical și teatral și au oferit soluții viabile din experiența particulară a fiecărui vorbitor. Mie personal, poate și prin prisma faptului că sunt profesor de instrument, mi-au suscitat în mod deosebit interesul (cu o amprentă și subiectivă,,desigur), lucrările prezentate de prof.Alina Perț-Alexandrescu (Deva), Radu Pol-Vărzaru (Târgu Mureș) și PhD Ardeleanu Roxana-Sorana(Timișoara). Felicitări organizatorilor conferinței!

Iudith Mărășescu , violin teacher, "Sigismund Toduță" Arts Highschool, Deva, Romania – attendee

Ce colloque en ligne est une très belle expérience qui doit se poursuivre. J'ai hâte d'y participer encore et échanger sur des sujets divers, portant sur les arts du spectacle. Merci aux organisateurs.

Drissa Sanogo PhD, enseignant-chercheur, Université Peleforo Gon Coulibaly, Côte d'Ivoire – speaker

Soundscape and sound art actually coexist or have no boundaries. For archival records or artistic creation, the identity is deconstructed in this process. The constructed soundscape is collective and individual at the same time. In this context, the senses embodied in sound are universal.

Peirui Yang , PhD Candidate, University of Alcalá, Spain – speaker

The conference was a wonderful occasion to share experiences, difficulties and new projects in this time of restrictions due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Listening to others' presentations inspired my research about silence and soundscape. We had great time at the end of the sessions to ask questions and make comments which made us build a stronger community of musicians, artists, educators. I consider this conference a very unique moment where we had time to share our personal memories and feelings and adaptation processes within the long year we just passed through. Thank you for organizing the meeting!

Chiara Antico , DMA candidate, CESEM - Research Center for Music Sociology and Aesthetic Studies (FCSH, Universidade NOVA de Lisboa, Portugal), Italy – speaker

Congratulations for the organisation of the conference in these difficult times and circumstances. It was really interesting and useful to share experiences with other colleagues, both at the Music and Performing Arts Sections. Looking forward for the conference next year, best regards

Iva Hraste Sočo PhD, Assistant Professor, Head of Department for Production,  
University of Zagreb, Academy of Dramatic Art, Croatia – speaker

Felicitări participanților pentru temele interesante și organizatorilor! O conferință extrem de interesantă!

Iliana Velescu PhD, lecturer, Ovidius University Constanța, Romania – speaker

Un demers necesar, impresionantă participarea internațională!

Alina Mazilu PhD, associate professor, West University Timișoara, Romania – attendee

Conferința MAP 2021 a fost extrem de interesantă și utilă.

Aura Corbeanu PhD, professor, University of Arts Târgu Mureș, Romania – attendee

Vă mulțumesc pentru inițiativa care mi-a oferit prilejul de a împărtăși experiența personală în predarea atipică din aceste vremuri, precum și speranța într-un viitor mai bun. Mai mult decât atât, organizarea conferinței și ocazia prezentării materialului pregătit mi-a reconfirmat convingerea că pasiunea pentru muzică nu va dispărea nicicând! Felicitări și mulțumiri echipei care a făcut posibilă întâlnirea, să ne revedem cât de curând!

Multă sănătate tuturor și numai bine,

Roxana-Sorana Ardeleanu PhD, lecturer,

Universitatea de Vest din Timișoara, Facultatea de Muzică și Teatru, Romania – speaker

This intercultural exchange was a treat. It enabled me to discover more about your part of the world and the way you deal with the pandemic. It was also an opportunity to discover more about the quality of your scholars. Our parts of the world rarely meet, and I hope my presentation will have brought to you and your men some information for you to get interested as well in our culture and memory.

Stéphanie Melyon-Reinette PhD, , Independent researcher, Guadeloupe – speaker

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