Pedalophone

an innovative electro-acoustic device allowing to increase and expand the sound capabilities of any acoustic instrument



a new version of the pedalophone is currently being developed for 2013



Hardware

The pedalophone is a system of eight to nine pedals allowing the solo musician to directly control the parameters of real-time sound processing through natural gestures.



The purpose of this device is to give musicians a simple and effective means of performing "live-electronic" music, even outside big musical centers and studios, as well as allowing them to perform compositions from this musical repertoire and play music like on any classical instrument: by improvising, interpreting or simply having fun.



Clara Novakova Festival of Karlovy Vary Czech Republic

Each pedal affects one or more parameters of sound processing. The continuouscontrol pedals change parameters such as delay, transposition, feedback, decay and so on.

The pedalophone is easy to transport and install and it is possible to play it everywhere using small internal loudspeakers. At home, it is possible to connect the pedalophone to a home Hi-Fi system.



Andrés Gomis Festival of Contemporary Music Spain

Compositions

The compositions written for the pedalophone:

Mounir Anastas
Némésis
(violin and pedalophone)

Sergio Blardony

Cronica para entenderse con lo antiguo (saxophone and pedalophone)

Xavier Chabot
this morning ~13'
(flutes, fujara, pedalophone and "live-electronic")

Mikhail Malt

Chanson d'Automne ~5'

(flute and pedalophone)

Alexander Mihalic

DNA ~12'

(instrument solo and pedalophone)

Phonetic ~7'
(piano, voice and pedalophone)

Lionel Pollard-Cohen

Le miroir de l'âme ~8'

(soprano and pedalophone)

Robert Rudolf

Hamro Fujara ~9'

(fujara and pedalophone)

Hamro Cello ~8'
(violoncello and pedalophone)



Gonzalo Biffrella Festival synthèse France



Playing pedals

Instruments played:

clarinet, flute, fujara, percussion, saxophone, violin, viola, violoncello, voice, piano

Community

Composers and performers:

Mounir **Anastas**composer (*France*);

Serge Bertocchi
 saxophone (France);

Amélie Berson flute (France);

Gonzalo Biffarella
 composer (Argentina);

Sergio Blardony
 composer (Spain);

Tomas **Boros** composer (*Slovakia*);

Catherine Bowie
 flute (Australia);
Xavier Chabot

flute, fujara (USA);
Pierre Dutrieu

clarinet (France);
Laurent Eurdech
 percussion (France);

Andrés Gomis

saxophone (*Spain*); Agnès **Heidmann**

chant (France);
Garth Knox

alto (United Kingdom);

Hacène **Larbi**composer (*France*);
Mikhail **Malt**

composer (Brazil);

Catherine Marchand
 composer (France);

Elizabeth McNutt
 flute (USA);

Nicolas Miribel violin (France);

Clara Novakova flute, fujara (France);

Lionel Polard-Cohen
 composer (Belgium);

Robert **Rudolf** composer (*Slovakia*);

Oscar **Strasnoy** composer (*Argentina*);

Benoît **Targabayle** composer (*France*)

Concerts and presentations:

Festival of Contemporary Music - Santiago de Compostela (Spain)

International Modern Music
Festival - Kobe (Japan)

G.R.M. - Paris (France)

Journées d'Informatique Musicale - la Londe-les-Maures & Saint Etienne (France)

Darmstadt Internationale Frienkurse für Neue Musik - Darmstadt (*Germany*)

Radio Bratislava -Bratislava (*Slovak Republic*)

ICMC - International
Computer Music Conference
- University of Michigan
(USA)

FIMU - Belfort (France)

Festival Multimédia -Enter 2000 - Prague (Czech Republic)

Radio France - Paris (France)

UNESCO - Paris (France)

Jornadas Méditerraneas Sobre El Saxofon -Alicante (Spain)

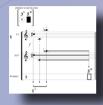
Electronic and Computer Music Days LIEM-CDMC -Madrid (Spain)

International Festival "Orfeus" - Bratislava (Slovakia)

Festival Synthèse - Bourges (*France*)

Score

A standard system of musical notation was adopted: a kind of tablature indicating the pedals' positions and different variations.



Exemple of score

This notation system was created as a result of experiments and discussions with several composers and suggestions from pedalophone performers.

This tablature is completed by noting the audio result of the sound processing (in traditional musical notation) that the performer, once used to the instrument, can use in order to obtain the sonorities the composer desired.



Exemple of score

Education

Its ease of use makes the pedalophone particularly interesting for education in electro-acoustic music in music schools.

The device may be used for creating sound in composition classes or as an extension to any acoustic instrument.



The pedalophone in school use

Software

There is a special graphic software for the musician and the composer using the pedalophone.



Interface for the perfomer - visual control of the pedals' positions



Interface for the composer - control of the sound parameters

This software is used for the settings, the composing and the visualisation of the sound processing parameters.

Recordings

· There are three CD recordings available:

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1) DNA	Alexander Mihalic	(flute)	12'53"
2) Hamro Fujara	Robert Rudolf	(fujara)	8'55"
3) Chanson d'Automne	Mikhail Malt	(flute)	4'10"
4) Hamro Cello	Robert Rudolf	(cello)	10'42"

Pedalophone Live (concert in Carnegie Small - Paris):

1) DNA Alexander Mihalic (flute) 12'46"
2) Hamro Fujara Robert Rudolf (fujara) 9'05"
3) Chanson d'Automne Mikhail Malt (flute) 5'33"

Pe	dalophone CD 2 :			
1)	DNA	Alexander Mihalic	(flute)	12'53"
2)	Miroir de l'âme	Lionel Polard-Cohen	(soprano)	7'56"
3)	Hamro Fujara	Robert Rudolf	(fujara)	8'55"
4)	Némésis	Mounir Anastas	(violon)	11'14"
5)	Chanson d'Automne	Mikhail Malt	(flute)	4'10"
6)	Hamro Cello	Robert Rudolf	(cello)	10'42"

