

Recital with commentary

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Ornitorrinkus

Ornitorrinkus is a hybrid artistic project of words and sounds that combines *Bertsolarism* (tradition of improvised verse sung in Basque), contemporary music and electronics. These three artistic disciplines are a priori distant and different, but they come together in a compact and unique form of expression.

Coordination: Xabier Erkizia

Guests: Maialen Lujanbio, Judith Montero

Date: 25 November

Time: 19.00 hours

Place: Arteleku conferences room

Voice, saxophone and electronic instruments start with individual exploration in each sphere and then subsequently set off together in an exercise of mutual influence and/or contamination, in order to find a field of common experimentation.

The metaphorical idea of the duck-billed platypus – an animal that has supposedly incompatible features in a single body – is the backbone of the project, which goes further into the unclassifiable by means of different experimental exercises.

This CD-book is the result of four years' work and is presented as an attempt to show the path travelled during that period, by compiling the different exercises, music, songs or poetic and sound pieces that this project has developed since 2006.

The phonographic and visual media are complemented in this (likewise) unclassifiable item that we have called a CD-Book and which was designed by Xabier Gantzarain and Eneko Aristi. José Belmonte, the artist, has translated the sound into drawings. Each section of Belmonte's drawing reflects a specific sound part of the CD and in turn, the drawings overall form a unit, an awe-inspiring animal: the *ornitorrinkus*, the name of the group and Basque for the duck-billed platypus.

Apart from José Belmonte's illustrations and the texts and verses by Maialen Lujanbio, the book features the work of Jakoba Errekondo, Joseba Sarrionandia and Ixiar Rozas, who have created new texts based on the sound pieces of Ornitorrinkus.

Graphics, sounds and other information at: www.ornitorrinkus.org/
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