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#### THE FESTIVAL

#### **CREATED IN 1989**

The Lanzarote Visual Music Festival was created in 1989, following a suggestion made by artist Ildefonso Aguilar and organized by the Cabildo of Lanzarote. The Festival is an outstanding artistic event based on the combination of avant-garde music with different artistic forms of expression in perfect harmony with the unique features of the natural stage landscapes of Lanzarote, such as the Jameos del Agua and Cueva de los Verdes Auditoriums.

From the get-go of the Festival, the perfect combination of new music and a unique volcanic landscape, drew the interest of contemporary musicians such as Brian Eno and Michael Brook, among others, which helped this Festival become one of the most attractive and extraordinary avant-garde music events in the world during its 13 consecutive editions that went from 1989 to 2002.

In 2017, after fifteen long years, the Cultural Area of the Cabildo of Lanzarote has rescued this innovative music event, highly demanded by locals and visitors. The Festival aims to bring back the prestige and cultural repercussion that an initiative such as this means for Lanzarote, and to turn it into a unique artistic option that will help consolidate the island as high standard cultural destination, able to attract those who intend to discover a one-of-a-kind musical experience surrounded by Lanzarote's stunning landscape.



#### THE STAGE

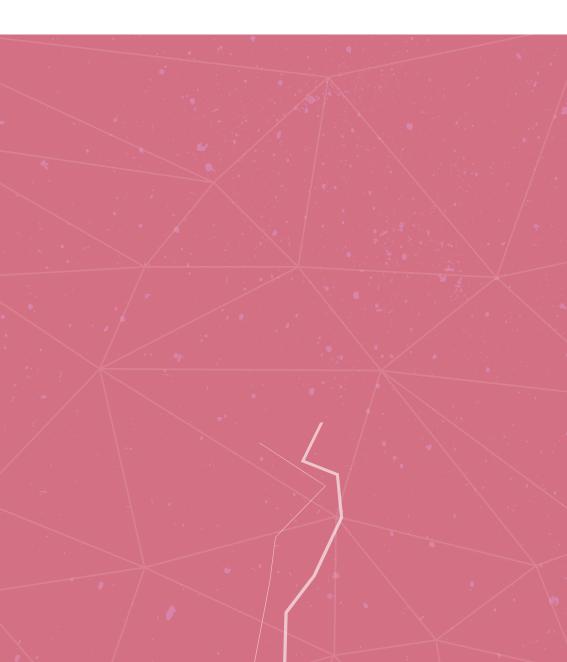
#### LANZAROTE

Lanzarote is a subtle and outstanding volcanic territory, with extraordinary spaces perfect for cultural manifestations of nature. The combination of the volcanoes and the quiet work of local farmers on a hostile land, helped shape a landscape where there have always been delicate sounds that can be heard by attentive and excited viewers. Therefore, the composition and performance of new music can find in Lanzarote the perfect set, which results in a revealing symbiosis.

In order to promote this idea, under the suggestion of artist Ildefonso Aguilar, in 1985, the Cabildo of Lanzarote invited musician and producer Brian Eno to visit the island, and they then agreed to carry out a series of concerts, in January 1987, called Two Opal Evening. In 1989, after the positive response the previous concerts had, the Cabildo of Lanzarote, alongside Ildefonso Aguilar as sponsor and director, started to work on the Lanzarote Visual Music Festival.

The Festival has its roots in the local landscape and the unique environment that surrounds the island of Lanzarote, that make it the ideal setting to perceive and reproduce the sounds of compositions by the avant-garde musicians that take part in each edition. What they have in common is their search for new ways of musical expression, avoiding conventional methods.

The common ground each of the editions of the Festival has, is the aesthetic and artistic features of volcanism in Lanzarote, resulting in a special harmony of the senses between landscape and musical content. Every performance in itself is an invitation to enjoy this artistic experience bringing music, landscape and artistic staging together, constituting the essence of the Visual Music Festival.



### STAGE AREAS OF THE FESTIVAL

Throughout the different editions of the Festival, there have been plenty of natural areas and unique buildings used to hold the concerts of the Festival, but it has been two volcanic bubbles, turned into auditoriums, the ones that have become its main headquarters. The Auditoriums of **Jameos del Agua and Cueva de los Verdes,** set up as volcanic caves with a perfect symbiosis between art and nature, the senses of viewers are exposed to the most suggestive and innovative sounds.

Besides these two main spaces, there are other stages where concerts are held, such as Volcán del Cuervo, the old volcanic ash quarry of Montaña de Tahíche and the convents, Convento de San Francisco and Santo Domingo in Teguise, as well as the Iglesia de San Ginés church, the Playa de El Reducto in Arrecife and the Cultural Innovation Centre "El Almacén", in Arrecife.



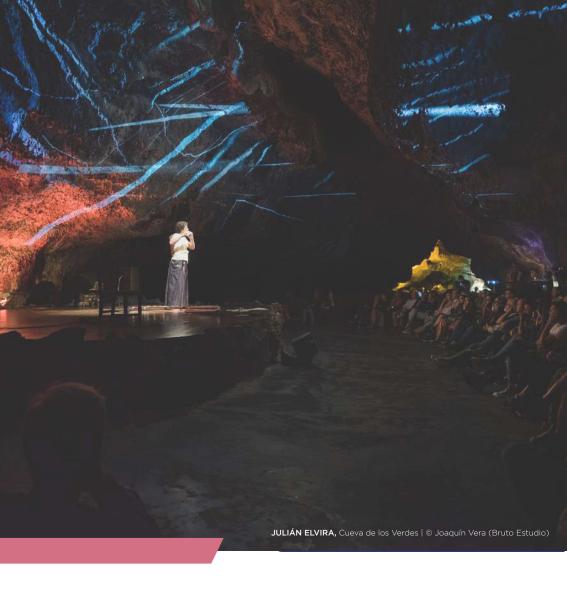
#### JAMEOS DEL AGUA

"Jameo" is a term used to refer to an opening caused by the collapse of the top of a volcanic tube as a result of the loss of gases built up inside.

Jameos del Agua are located on the inside of the volcanic tube, caused by the eruption of Volcán de la Corona, and named after a lake on the inside that is a unique geological formation, that was created through filtration, as it is below sea level. In this pristine water natural lake, there live several endemic local species, such as Munidopsis polimorpha, a tiny, blind albino crab of unknown origin.

Its environment is protected as Jameos Site of Scientific Interest by the Law of Natural Spaces of the Canary Islands, and it is part of the Volcán and Malpaís de La Corona National Park, as well as Site of Cultural Interest.

The Auditorium of "Jameos del Agua", main headquarters of the Lanzarote Visual Music Festival, is a spectacular stage space set up on the inside of a volcanic cave, with capacity for 500 people. This is a unique place in the world thanks to its geological features and peculiar acoustic conditions.



#### **CUEVA DE LOS VERDES**

Cueva de los Verdes, as well as Jameos del Agua, is part of a group of underground volcanic tubes around six kilometers long, and one of the most interesting volcanic formations on the island as well as one of the longest volcanic tubes in the world, that can be visited.

The auditorium, located at the heart of the cave, holds 350 people. Its outstanding acoustics, layout and extraordinary beauty of its geological features, make it a privileged stage for the chosen concerts.

As well as Jameos del Agua, it is protected as Jameos Site of Scientific Interest by the Law of Natural Spaces of the Canary Islands, and it is part of the Volcán and Malpaís de La Corona National Park. As well as Site of Cultural Interest.



### CULTURAL INNOVATION CENTRE EL ALMACÉN

The former Centro Polidimensional "El Almacén", was conceived in 1974 by artist César Manrique for contemporary cultural activities at all different levels: fine arts, performances, audiovisuals, literary, etc., and as intended, it became an essential role model for culture in Arrecife, Lanzarote.

During the Festival, complementary activities will be held there such as workshops, contemporary dance, gatherings and film screenings, all of them connected to the idea of exploring the different manifestations of contemporary sound and music.



## OTHER STAGE AREAS OF THE FESTIVAL

As well as all the previously mentioned, in the next editions of the Festival, Volcán del Cuervo Festival, Montaña de Tahíche, Playa del Reducto, Los Aljibes de Tahíche, Iglesia de San Ginés in Arrecife, Convento de San Francisco in Teguise and Castillo de San José - Contemporary Art Museum (MIAC).





## UMA ELMO: JAKOB BRO, ARVE HENRIKSEN & JOEY BARON

**♀** JAMEOS DEL AGUA AUDITORIUM ♣ 15,00<sup>€</sup>

Uma Elmo is the new trio of Danish guitarist Jakob Bro, a project that emanates poetry, expressiveness and subtlety and which, against the usual speed of contemporary oblivion, defends the craftsmanship of the storyteller.

For this purpose, Bro is accompanied by one of the most original trumpets in jazz, whose zen expression and intoned timbre make it unmistakable: that of the Norwegian Arve Henriksen. They are joined by the American drummer Joey Baron, a renowned veteran, a regular on the jazz scene on both sides of the Atlantic.

Together they recreate Bro's dreamlike universe, a dense weave of notes loaded with whispered, hypnotic melodies, where Bro's luminous guitar transports us to a new place each time

The recording of Uma Elmo was Bro's fifth album as a leader for the prestigious ECM label, with which the Danish guitarist reaffirms the observations about his work in which there is no rush, but great depth.

Jakob Bro: Electric guitar

Arve Henriksen: Trumpet, vocals and electronics

Joey Baron: Drums

Ildefonso Aguilar: Visuals







### DIEGO BARBER & GRAIG TABORN | TALES

**♀** JAMEOS DEL AGUA AUDITORIUM **❖** 15,00<sup>€</sup>

Although some years have passed since the publication of *Tales*, this work continues to be one of the main endorsements in the career of guitarist Diego Barber. Its publication, in 2014, marked the consolidation of the guitarist from Lanzarote as a renowned jazz musician, receiving praise from the specialised press and the most prominent critics of the jazz scene, naming the album as one of the best of that year.

Recognition by esteemed publications cannot be a coincidence. Being recognised by peers and experts is a true testimony to the talent of this local musician. And *Tales* is the result of Diego Barber and pianist Graig Taborn working together, whose meeting produced something unique and inspiring for both, each with their own language, creating an epic dance of guitar and piano at the best of these two exceptional musicians who fuse beauty, melody and emotion to create a unique listening experience.



Now, with Diego as host and Graig as guest of honour, this surprisingly imaginative duo revisits this work to bring it to the stage in the impressive auditorium of the Jameos del Agua to let us be seduced by the measured nature of improvisation, precision, restraint and, at times, stoicism.

Diego Barber has released six albums and has collaborated with the likes of Mark Turner, Larry Grenadier, Jeff Ballard and Theo Bleckmann. Graig Taborn has more than twenty-five years of experience in the jazz scene, improvisation, creative music and avant-garde contexts. He has released more than a dozen albums, most notably his work for the ECM label.

**Diego Barber:** Classical guitar **Graig Taborn:** Piano and electronics

Ildefonso Aguilar: Visuals



## **AKANE & PURA MÁRQUEZ |**NIGHT-TIME BIRDS

♥ CIC EL ALMACÉN ♦ 5,00°

Solo project by Tenerife-born Carolina Machado, best known for her role as drummer and singer in the psychedelic space rock band Gaf y La Estrella de la Muerte. On her debut Night-Time Birds, released by Keroxen in 2023, Akane reimagines a fictional soundtrack to an unmade 'road movie', creating a very personal musical language composed of vintage pop songs, lush ambient landscapes and West Coast lo-fi ng electronics with a nod to David Lynch's dreamlike imagery. In addition to her debut album, in 2023 Akane also

participates in the annual compilation Radar Keroxen Vol.4 focused on the work of experimental artists from the outermost European regions and in which she represents the Canary Islands. Since the release of her debut Akane has already been played on several programs on RNE3, Italian Radio3 and British BBC Radio 6.

Carolina Machado: Synths and electronics

César Chinarro: Electric Guitar

Pura Márquez: Visuals





# CHRISTINA VANTZOU, MICHAEL HARRISON & JOHN ALSO BENNETT

**Q** JAMEOS DEL AGUA AUDITORIUM **♦** 15,00<sup>€</sup>

Christina Vantzou, Michael Harrison and John Also Bennett's self-titled doble album, released on September 2022, will be presented live for the first time at our Festival. This work is a suite of raga-inspired compositions and improvisations that grew from a fertile collaboration centered around a deep listening, and resonant spaces.

Michael Harrison, a composer and pianist experienced in North Indian classical music, guided by conversations with Christina Vantzou, who provided structural frameworks for each piece and directed the sessions, motivated the compositions drew from Harrison's daily raga practice, using its ancient forms as starting points from which the compositions could blossom and morph.

A resonant backdrop of modular synthesizers played by John Also Bennett, who also contributed piano improvisations played on Harrison's custom tuned, expanded the sessions into true collective praxis.

In a live setting, they will expand on the pieces and improvisations of the album, using structures developed during their collaborations to animate them into living, breathing compositions. Ideal performance environments would provide a space for deep listening and contemplation.

Christina Vantzou: Electronics Michael Harrison: Piano

John Also Bennett: Electronics Ildefonso Aguilar: Visuals





#### MOISÉS P. SÁNCHEZ | TRACTATUS

**♀** JAMEOS DEL AGUA AUDITORIUM **❖** 15,00<sup>€</sup>

Tractatus is a musical dissertation in which music and philosophy go hand in hand through a logical-compositional construction of the score, the use of prepared and electro-acoustic piano, and musical references to the concepts that have made Wittgenstein's Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus one of the most influential books of 20th century thought.

Wittgenstein claims that, through language, we give form to our thoughts and that these are, after all, a logical representation of what we are able to express through it. Extrapolating this conception to musical composition and the creation of a piece to approach such a complex work musically is quite a challenge.

And this was precisely the starting point for Moisés P. Sánchez to undertake a composition that reflects this connection. In *Tractatus*, the musician from Madrid focuses on all these concepts in order to transmit, through the piano, the solitary

process of the philosopher, the logical and intuitive creation of his thought through different compositional languages: classical, jazz, electronic, dodecaphonic, free improvisation,... embodied in seven pieces related to concepts enunciated by Wittgenstein in his treatise, musically reflecting each of them with a modern, contemporary and unambiguous language.

Moisés P. Sánchez is a composer, music producer, pianist, improviser and arranger. Recognised as one of the main values of the Spanish and European music scene, his creations transcend the usual frontiers between genres and are surprising both for the torrent of resources he employs and for their fascinating vitality and originality.

Moisés P. Sánchez: Piano, synthesizers and electronics

Ildefonso Aguilar: Visuals





## DOBRAWA CZOCHER | DREAMSCAPES

**○** CUEVA DE LOS VERDES AUDITORIUM ◆ 15,00<sup>€</sup>

DREAMSCAPES open up wide and spacious sounds that allude to the act of falling asleep and entering the world of dreams in all its limitless wonder and mystery. The music gently lures listeners into this alternate universe, with repetitive motifs, improvisational arpeggios, mysterious basslines and glissandos painting increasingly fantastical landscapes to goes beyond visuals to touch and ponder on deep feelings.

In addition to creating rich atmospheres, colours and textures, *DREAMSCAPES* is also a multi-layered and complex work, offering a kaleidoscopic vision of dynamic musical motifs that produce, at times, a dramatic and disconcerting effect, and at others, relief and lyricism. Dobrawa's cello has a clear voice that, though ephemeral and fugitive, hints at the veracity that dreams can provide, immersing listeners in a deep trance.



At the age of 30, Czocher already has an accomplished career in music. After graduating from the Chopin University of Music in Warsaw and the Hochschule für Musik in Detmold, she became a member of the Junge Deutsche Philharmonie and later the principal cellist of the Neue Philharmonie in Berlin as well as the soloist at Szczecin Philharmonic. It was together with her friend and pianist Hania Rani that Czocher first ventured into composition in the project "Biała flaga". This was followed by "Inner Symphonies", published by Deutsche Grammophon, and more recently, DREAMSCAPES, with which Czocher shows how comfortable she feels oscillating between classical and contemporary music.

Dobrawa Czocher: Cello and electronics

Ildefonso Aguilar: Visuals





# **ÓLAFUR ARNALDS** | ISLAND SONGS of Baldvin Zophoníasson

**♀** CIC EL ALMACÉN ❖ 3,00<sup>€</sup>

Island Songs is an audio-visual portrait of Ólafur Arnalds' home country of Iceland. At its heart this project explores the people, places and music that that are unique to this island and influence Ólafur as an artist. Over the course of seven weeks, he travels to seven very different locations in Iceland - one per week - to record a series of new compositions. In each location Arnalds will be collaborating with artists local to the town to create and perform a new song.

# ARTISTS WHO TOOK PART IN PREVIOUS EDITIONS OF THE FESTIVAL

#### JANUARY 1987 | TWO OPAL EVENING

Roger Eno Michael Brook Harold Budd Laraaji

**Visual effects and scenography:** Brian Eno / Russell Mills

#### 1ST EDITION | DECEMBER 1989

Suso Saiz / Tino di Geraldo Laraaji Roger Eno Michael Brook Roedelius Peter Hammill Harold Budd Wim Mertens

Visual effects and scenography: Brian Eno / Russell Mills / Ildefonso Aguilar

#### 3RD EDITION | DECEMBER 1991

David Hykes / Djamchid Chemirami Luis Paniagua / Hans Stemerdink / Ernest Martínez Klaus Wiesse / Ted de Jong Constance Demby Deep Listening Band Paul Horn

Visual effects and scenography: Ildefonso Aguilar / José Abad

#### Parallel Activities:

- Visual Music discussion panel: East and West, Past and Present
- Visual Music discussion panel: a new technology era opens up to the future

#### 2ND EDITION | JANUARY 1991

GuoYue / Martin Hughes Suso Saiz / Jorge Reyes Steve Roach / Robert Rich Stephan Micus

**Visual effects and scenography:** Stefan Roloff / Ildefonso Aguilar

Installation | February 1992 Audiovisual installation by Brian Eno

#### 4TH EDITION | MAY 1993

Christian Bollmann / Oberton-Chor Düsseldorf Roger Eno / Kate St. John Somei Satoh Stephan Micus Juan Belda Therese Schroeder - Sheker Delfuego Vox

#### Visual effects and scenography:

Ildefonso Aguilar

#### Parallel Activities:

- Presentation of CD Memory of the Water by Eduardo Bautista
- New Music Discussion panel: the ambiguity of labels
- Commercial criteria and dissemination channels Discussion panel

#### **5TH EDITION |**OCTOBER 1994

Gavin Bryars Ensemble
Delfuego
Esteban Millares
Matthias Grassow
Walter Fändrich
Anuragi
Paul Giger
Terje Rypdal & The Chasers

#### Visual effects and scenography:

Ildefonso Aguilar

- Discussion panel

#### Parallel Activities:

- Screening of Deserts by Ildefonso Aguilar - Presentation of CD Erosion by Ildefonso Aguilar

#### Concert | February 1995

Tenerife Symphonic Orchestra Víctor Pablo Pérez, director Lynda Russell, soprano

#### 6TH EDITION | OCTOBER 1995

Jan Garbarek and the Hilliard
Ensemble
John Surman
Dino Saluzzi Trío
Stuart Dempster
Tamia Vocal Art Ensemble
Aquarello (Roedelius-Capani-Alesini)
Pierre Favre

#### Visual effects and scenography:

Russell Mills / Ildefonso Aguilar

#### Parallel Activities:

- Discussion panel

#### **7TH EDITION |** SEP. - OCT. 1996

Trilok Gurtu Harold Budd Anouar Brahem Finis Africae Matthias Ziegler Sarah Hopkins Stephen Scott

#### Visual effects and scenography:

Ildefonso Aguilar

#### Parallel Activities:

- Discussion panel

#### 8TH EDITION

Michael Brook & Jarla Ó Lionáird Daniel Lentz Miasma Terry Riley Djivan Gasparyan Ingram Marshall Andreas Vollenweider

#### Visual effects and scenography:

Russell Mills / Ian Walton / Ildefonso Aquilar

#### Parallel Activities:

- Installation Filters: Past Presents de Russell Mills e Ian Walton - Discussion panel

#### Concert | February 1999

Kronos Quartet

Concert | April 1999 Michael Nyman Band

#### 10TH EDITION |

Geoffrey Oryema Papa Wemba Terje Rypdal-Ketil Bjørnstad Pierre Favre-Paul Giger Dino Saluzzi-Rosamunde Quartett John Dowland Project Terry Riley-Stefano Scodanibbio Andreas Vollenweider-Matthias Ziegler Alberto Iglesias Ensemble

#### Visual effects and scenography:

Russell Mills / Ildefonso Aguilar

#### Parallel Activities:

- ECM Exhibition: Audible Landscapes with Manfred Eicher, creator and ECM label director
  - 10 years of Visual Music Exhibition
  - Deep Blue installations by Ildefonso Aguilar
- Screening of Stephen Scott's Entry video, especially composed for Festival - Cine Nouvelle Vague by Jean-Luc Godard
- Julio Medem's film Earth with himself and Alberto Iglesias, composer of the Original Soundtrack
  - The audible landscape discussion panel: 10 years of Visual Music

#### 9TH EDITION |

Régis Gizavo Sally Nyolo Jon Hassell Stefano Scodanibbio Keller Quartett David Toop, Max Eastley & Pete Lockett (Spirit World) Paul Schütze, Simon Hopkins & Raoul Björkenheim (Third Site) Barbara Gogan David Darling & Ketil Bjørnstad

#### Visual effects and scenography:

Ildefonso Aguilar

#### Parallel Activities:

- Discussion panel

#### 12TH EDITION

Mamadou Diabate Touré Kunda Maya Homburger & Barry Guy Eberhard Weber Brian Eno & J. Peter Schwalm

Visual effects and scenography: Ildefonso Aguilar

#### Parallel Activities:

- Cinema Microcosmos, by C. Nuridsany and M. Pérennou.

#### 14TH EDITION | OCTOBER 2017

Tord Gustavsen Anja Lechner y François Couturier Camerata Lacunensis y Orquesta de Cuerdas del Conservatorio Superior de Música de Canarias Nils Petter Molvær Group Landscape Project Jóhann Jóhannsson

> Visual effects and scenography: Ildefonso Aguilar

#### Parallel Activities:

- Exhibition: Historia de un Festival - Cinema: Screening of the Lost Paradise, Günter Atteln
- Cinema: Screening of Sounds and Silence, Travels with Manfred Eicher, Peter Guyer and Norbert Wiedmer
  - Dance Agua, Chey Jurado
- Dance en Blanco, Carmen Werner
  - Sound Devices Workshop
  - Acustic Laptops Workshop
- Sound Map of Lanzarote Workshop

#### ITH EDICTION |

Rokia Traoré
Ray Lema
Instrumental
Christian Wallumrød Trio
David Darling
Percusión Clandestina
Anouar Brahem Trio
Bang on a Can
Jamshied Sharifi Ensemble

#### Visual effects and scenography:

Ildefonso Aguilar

#### Parallel Activities:

- Pedro Cano Maelström audiovisual installation
- Ulysses Gaze, cinema by Theo Angelopoulos
- Eternity and a Day cinema by Theo Angelopoulos

#### 13TH EDITION | SEP - OCT 2002

Coco Mbassi / Kékélé.
Moving Sounds: Markus
Stockhausen & Tara Bouman.
Patrick y Thomas Demenga.
Possible Worlds: Markus
Stockhausen, Simon Stockhausen
y Tara Bouman.
Système D
Paisajes Audibles/Sounding
Landscapes: Stephen Scott and
The Bowed Piano Ensemble con la
soprano Victoria Hansen.

#### Parallel Activities:

- Cinema: Screening of Clouds. Letters to my Son
- Cinema: Screening of Nomads in the Wind

#### 15TH EDITION | OCTOBER 2018

Nik Bärtsch's Mobile, Continuum T Percussion 12 Ensemble, Resurrection Bruno Chevillon, État Des Lieux Kristjan Randalu

**Visual effects and scenography:** Ildefonso Aguilar

#### Parallel Activities:

- Dance: Carmen Macías, y También Mañana
- Dance: Manuel Rodríguez, Body on Process
- Cinema: Oleg y Las Raras Artes, Andrés Duque
- Cinema: Shining Night: Morten Lauridsen, Michael Stillwater

#### 16TH EDITION | OCTOBER 2019

Jon Balke, Warp Julián Elvira, Expiral Falla Ensemble Trondheim Voices & Asle Karstad, Rooms & Rituals

> Visual effects and scenography: Ildefonso Aguilar

#### Parallel Activities:

- Cinema: Ryuichi Sakamoto: CODA, Stephen Nomura Schible

#### 17TH EDITION | OCTOBER 2022

Iván Vilella, Ucronías

Nico Hernández & Simone Marin O-janà + Michele Rabbia, Inland Images Aurora Bauzà & Pere Jou, We Are (T)Here Javier Infante & North Sea String Quartet, "Electric Amazigh

Javier Infante & North Sea String Quartet, "Electric Amazigh Eivind Aarset, Phantasmagoria, or a different kind of journey"

**Visual effects and scenography:** Ildefonso Aguilar

#### Parallel Activities:

- Cine: Max Richter's Sleep, de Natalie Johns
- Cine: Ennio: El Maestro, de Giuseppe Tornatore

#### **ORGANISERS**

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