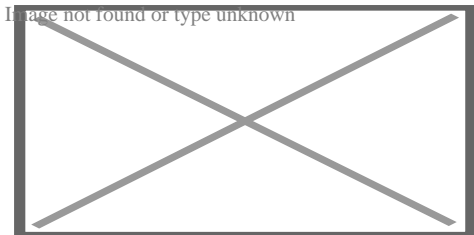




Ode To Gravity: 15th Anniversary Program, 2 of 2



Identifier

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Object Type

Analog Audio

Musical Selections

Experimental Dada Poetry / Raoul Hausmann -- If I Told Him: A Completed Portrait of Picasso (1923) / Gertrude Stein -- Geographic Fugue (1930) (2:50) / Ernst Toch -- Ballet Mécanique [excerpt] (1923-25) / George Antheil -- Also Sprach Zarathustra [excerpt] / Ivan Wyschnegradsky -- Fog Calling / Stuart Dempster & Landscape Sculpture with Foghorns / Bill Fontana [excerpt of both pieces playing simultaneously]

Description

On March 4, 1970 Charles Amirkhanian broadcast the first in a series of programs called “Ode to Gravity”. The focus of the program was avant-garde and contemporary music, with significant forays into the realms of poetry and experimental literature, as well as visual and performance art. Initially inspired by a live theater piece by Amirkhanian, in which assorted objects ranging from a marble to a mattress to a car fender were dropped from a balcony into a circle of spectators, the radio program, “Ode to Gravity” became the longest running avant-garde music show on American radio. In this 15 year retrospective you will hear excerpts from past programs, including the first. These include the sound poetry of Liam O’Gallagher; Leonard Bernstein’s Clarinet Sonata; James Petrillo’s city wide chess happening; John Dinwiddie’s and Phil Corner’s avalanche of pianos from a Berkeley piano shop; George Antheil’s Pianola Rolls; an interview with composer Ivan Wyschnegradsky; as well as an installation and live concert by Bill Fontana & Stuart Dempster. (from KPFA Folio)

People

Amirkhanian, Charles (features)
Hausmann, Raoul, 1886-1971 (features)

Stein, Gertrude, 1874-1946 (features)
Toch, Ernst, 1887-1964 (features)
Antheil, George, 1900-1959 (features)
Wyschnegradsky, Ivan, 1893-1979 (features)
Fontana, Bill, 1947- (features)
Dempster, Stuart (features)

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