

CURRICULUM VITAE

Thomas Strønen

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Formal education:

- 1996-1999: NTNU, Norwegian University of science and technology.
Bachelor's programme in music performance studies. (Jazzlinja)
Major in composition.
- 1995-1996: NTNU. Didactics in music.
The 20th century music in a historical perspective.
New music in a global perspective.
- 1995: NTNU, Administration and leadership in the music industry.
- 1995: NTNU. Anthropology; Cultural understanding.
Sociology: Introduction course.
Psychology: Introduction course.
- 1993-1994: NTNU. Pedagogy: elementary and intermediate subjects.
- 1993: UiO, University of Oslo. Examine philosophicum.

Relevant pedagogical work experience:

- 2009- Associate professor at Norwegian Academy of music.
Composition and interpretation for his own drum ensemble 'Extended Ground.'

Relevant duties:

- 2004- 2009 In the border for National Jazz scene.

Relevant courses:

- 1998 Møller Kompetansesenter; Consequences of hearing impairment in musical context.

Career:

Thomas Strønen has since 1999, toured great parts of the world with significant musicians such as John Taylor, Christian Fennesz, Bobo Stenson, Sidsel Endresen, Eivind Aarset, Nils Petter Molvær, Jim O'Rourke, Koichi Makigami, Barry Guy, Ståle Storløkken, Iain Ballamy, Christian Wallumrød, Torben Snekkestad, Mats Eilertsen, Harmen Franje, Ole Morten Vågan, Maria Kannegaard, Prakash Sontakke, Arve Henriksen, Bugge Wesseltoft, Ernst Reijseger, Tomasz Stanko, Ingebrigt Flaten, Morten Qvenild, Tore Brunborg, Anders Jormin, Per Jørgensen, Jon Balke, Fredrik Ljungkvist, Bjørnar Andresen, Vidar Johansen a.o.

Thomas Strønen is signed to prestigious German record label ECM Records and has so far released five records in his own name. He has contributed compositionally and musically on more than 70 records so far.

Strønen has composed music for film, theatre and dance and is the official composer of the sound installation at the concert house Kilden in Kristiansand.

Artistic on-going projects:

- *Time is A blind Guide*
Chamber ensemble with piano trio, string trio and percussion, playing composed music by T.S. Commission for NRK/ BBC. Second record will be out for ECM Records in February 2018.
- *Pohlitz*. Solo project processing acoustic sounds through samplers in real time. Record out for Rune Grammofon.
- *Food*. Duo with British saxophonist Iain Ballamy. The ensemble has toured great parts of the world and released 8 records since 1998. The duo has had a number of commissions and broadcasted concerts all over the world. Various guests have joined the ensemble; Nils Petter Molvær, Christian Fennesz and Eivind Aarset among others.
- *Humcrush*. Electronica- based duo with keyboard player Ståle Storløkken. The duo, which sometimes also works with Sidsel Endresen, has released five records.
- Thomas Strønen is also a member of various ensembles like The Living Room (Torben Snekkestad/ Søren Kjærgaard), Mats Eilertsen trio (Harmen Franje), Reflections in Cosmo (Snah/ Møster/ Storløkken/ Strønen), Lea/ Tanaka/ Strønen. (Marthe lea/ Ayumi Tanaka) and a trio with Koichi Makigami and Keiji Haino.

Selected compositions:

- **Lemur**
Commission for Emulsion Sinfonietta, premiered juli 4th 2015 at Cheltenham Music Festival. Durata 20 minutes for Sinfonietta.
- **Sylvia**
Commission for theatrical play, Draama Theater, Tallin, Estonia.
Premiered Mars 29th, 2015.
- **Civilization and its Discontents**
Theatrical play by Mark Hewitt, Brighton, UK. Premiered 2016.
- **This is not a miracle**
Composing entire record for Food, released by ECM Records, 65min, 2015
Christian Fennesz/ Iain Ballamy.
- **På drømt hav/ On dreamt ocean-**
Music/ installation with Knut Bry for Kjersti Alveberg, The Norwegian Opera and ballet, 2014.
- **Utsøgt Smerte / Exquisite pain**
Sophie Calle. Theatrical play in Copenhagen, Århus and Odense, DK in 2013.
- **Food/ Emulsion**
Emulsion Sinfonietta, UK. Commission for Sinfonietta, 15min, 2014.
- **Time is a blind guide**
Commission for Conexions 2013, NRK/ BBC.
- **Badnajazz, Vossajazz**
Commission for kids; 25 drummers, saxophone, electronics and video.
- **Lyden av Kilden/ The sound of Kilden**
Winner of composition "Klangen av Kilden" The sound of concert house Kilden in Kristiansand. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xCsGHnUgzL8>
- **Extended Ground**
Commission for 8 drums, trumpet and guitar
(Arve Henriksen/ Eivind Aarset/ Extended Ground) 60min, 2013.
- **Urban X**
Commission for drums, electronics and keyboard (30minutter) for The Norwegian Opera and ballet, 2011.

- **Food/ Fennesz**
Commission for Cheltenham Jazzfestival, 2010 performed by Food and Christian Fennesz. Parts of the piece released on Ecm Records. (Mercurial Balm)
- **Sneglehuset**
Film music. Documentary for TV2, Sneglehuset, 2009.
- **Grieg 2007**
Commissioned concert for string quartet and drums to celebrate Edvard Grieg in UK, 55 minutes. (2007)

Releases:

Produksjon, Cd:

Bergmund Waal Skaslien	„Atmosfear“- Turnleft productions (1997)
Bergmund Waal Skaslien	„Soundoff“ - Turnleft productions (2000)
Maria Kannegaard trio	“Breaking the surface”- ACT (2000)
Food	“Food” – Feral Records (2000)
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Ståhls Blå	“Ståhls Blå” – Dragon Records (2001)
Big Bambus	”Big Bambus” – Bergland prod. (2001)
Silje Nergaard	“At first light” – Universal music (2001)
Siri Gjære	“Love Seriously Damages Health” - Bergland Prod. (2001)
Food	“Veggie” – Runegrammofon (2002)
Bayashi	“Help is on its way” - Ayler Records. (2003)
Haug/ Zanussi/ Strønen	“African Flower” – Haug Rec. (2003)
Money will ruin everything	“Various artists” Runegrammofon (2003)
Parish	“Rica” – Challenge Music (2004)
Anders Aarum trio	”Absence in mind“ Jazzaway Records (2004)
Skomsork	”Skomsork“ Park Grammofon. (2004)
Phil Bancroft Quartet	”Headlong“ Caber Music (2004)
Mats Eilertsen	”Turanga” AIM records (2004)
Ståhls blå	”Schlachtplatte” Mooserobie (2004)
Food	”Last supper” Runegrammofon (2004)
Strønen/ Storløyken	”Humcrush” Runegrammofon (2004)
Trinity	”Sparkling” Jazzaway Records (2004)
Bayashi	”Rock!” Jazzaway Records (2004)
Nora Brockstedt	”As time goes by” Universal Music (2004)
Surd	“ Live at Glenn Miller Cafe ” Ayler Records (2004)
Runeology II	“ Runeology II” Runegrammofon (2004)
After Hours #21	“The guidebook to the world of sound issue” (2005)
Maria Kannegaard trio	“Quiet Joy” Jazzland/ Universal (2005)
Thomas Strønen	“Parish” ECM Records (2005)
Nora Brockstedt	“Christmas songs”, Upnorth disc (2005)
Thomas Strønen	“Pohlitz”, Runegrammofon (2006)
Erlend Skomsvoll	“Variasjoner” Grappa (2006)
Humcrush	”Hornswoggle”, Runegrammofon (2006)
Mats Eilertsen	“Flux”, AIM- records (2006)
Various Rune Grammofon	“Until Human Voices Wake Us And We Drown”, Rune Grammofon (2006)
Fredrik Nordstrøm	“Vibb”, Mooserobie (2007)
Trondheim Jazzorkester	“Live in Oslo”, MJS (2007)
w/Maria Kannegaard trio	“Various” Rune Grammofon (2007)
Various artists	“Molecular Gastronomy”, Rune Grammofon. (2007)
Food	

Maria Kannegaard trio	"Camel Walk", Jazzland Recods, (2008)
Humcrush	"Rest at worlds end", Rune Grammofon (2008)
Trinity	"Breaking the Mold" , Clean Feed (2009)
Money will ruin everything 2	"Various artists" Runegrammofon (2009)
Meadow	"Blissful Ignorance" Hekka Records. (2009)
Needlepoint	"The woods are not what they seem" BJK- Music. (2010)
Food	"Quiet Inlet", ECM Records. (2010)
Mats Eilertsen trio	"Elegy", Hubro/ Grappa (2010)
Monsters & puppets	"monsters & puppets", Gigafon (2011)
Øyvind Brække/ Trondheim Jazzorkester	"Migrations", MNJ, 2011
Humcrush m/ S. Endresen	"ha!", Rune Grammofon (2011)
Hildegunn Øyseth	"Stillness" – Losen records, 2011
Billy Fy	"Song" (Øra musikk, 2011)
Tone Åse/ Strønen	"Voxpheria", Gigafon, 2011
The living room	"Still distant still" ILK, 2011
Food	"Mercurial Balm" – ECM Records 2012
Needlepoint	"Outside the screen" - BJK Music 2012
Mats Eilertsen trio	"Sails set" - Hubro 2013
Selected signs III-VIII	"ECM Records" – 2013
Food	"This is not a miracle" ECM Records – 2015
Time is A blind Guide	"TiAbG" Ecm Records, 2015
The Living Room feat. Barry Guy	"Live at Literaturhaus" , ILK 2015.
Reflections in Cosmo	Reflections in cosmo, Rarenoise Records, 2017
Humcrush	Enter Humcrush, Schpuma/ Clean Feed, 2017
Maria Kannegaard	Kongsberg Jazzfestival/ Trondheim Jazzfestival, 2017