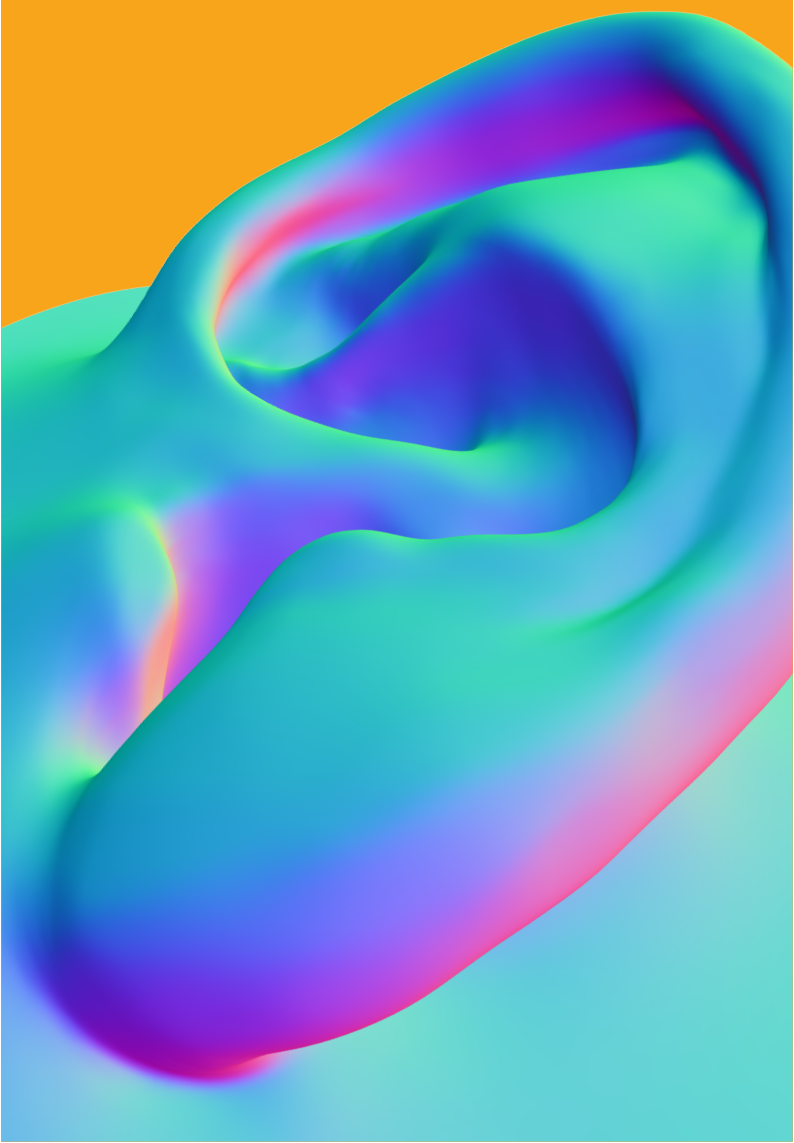


# HA-SS fest



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...For too long the art and music have been  
very distant...

Now is the time to change that.

“Hearing Art Seeing Sound” is an annual contemporary art and music festival that combines various art forms and presents a platform for new works to emerge. Its unique concept is rooted in collaboration, bringing artists and art disciplines together. This year’s project is fully dedicated to intellectual and cultural exchange between international composers and Armenian visual artists which will take place in Yerevan, Armenia.

Throughout history composers and artists have occupied similar circles of thought, often trying to achieve the same things. Hector Berlioz wanted a direct dialogue to further art, Richard Wagner wanted to combine all arts for the ultimate artistic achievement, and Claude Debussy wanted to approach music like the impressionist painters of time, letting colour become all.

The philosophy of the festival is simple: Produce events, music, and collaborations which transcend borders. We justify our aims through the truth that art is a universal entity which can touch all peoples.

The aim of the project is to bring unity to disparate art forms and experiment in ways of representing of approaching the works.

## ABOUT

The festival is organized by “Progressive Art Center”, an international artistic collective, working together to produce art that crosses all borders and disciplines.

Working with artists, composers, musicians, directors, and cinematographers, we aim to create an artistic experience like no other.

We promote the work of musicians, composers, and artists from across the globe.

The organisation aims to cross borders both artistically and politically by striving to create unity across the world's divides and by promoting upcoming talent and celebrating some of the world's unknown gems. It is a group that goes beyond promotion by producing projects, masterclasses, and contemporary art and music events.

The ProArt main team members are: Van Sarkissian, Ben Lunn, and Assel Abilseitova. Being professional musicians ourselves, we understand the demands of today's art scene.

We aim to be a stimulus for the progression of art and to be the producers of the next daring cultural and artistic events.

## ENSEMBLE X.Y

Ensemble x.y is a contemporary ensemble based in London that commissions and performs new music in a flexible and ever-changing lineup. Formed in late 2014, Ensemble x.y seeks to add to the music of the 21st Century through commissioning young composers and performing thematically charged programmes that combine newly commissioned works with the often underplayed works of the modern era. This fall, Ensemble x.y head to Dresden to participate in Nachtklang before commencing their yearly series of concerts at prominent London venues, such as St. John's Smith Square and St. Martin-in-the-fields. In 2017, x.y will perform the European premiere of a new work by Lisa Illean, co-commissioned by x.y and Ensemble Offspring.

Joseph Havlat - Piano, Composer, founder

Sara Cubarsi - Violin, Composer

Alyson Frazier - Flute

Christine Buras - Soprano

Gwen Reed - Double Bass

Joe Davies - Cello

Shir Levy - Violin

Knarika Karapetian - Viola

Joao Lima - Guitar

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# 04

JULY

**19:00 / ACCEA**

## **OPENING OF THE CEREMONY**

Opening ceremony - Group exhibition and live performance by x.y ensemble London

The opening ceremony of the festival at ACCEA, which will commence with the group exhibition “2016”. The aim is to showcase Armenian contemporary artists with their recent works from this year. There will be also live performance of x.y Ensemble from London. We will introduce Serj Tankian’s (SOAD) project, Eye for Sound musical paintings (Armenian Premier), Taline Temizian’s (London) Systems & Networks, and Milanda de Mont (Video performances). The evening will also present the first collaboration by Yiran Chao written for Garik Karapetyan’s paintings.

Curator: Levon Fljyan, Karen Barseghyan, Van Sarkissian



# 05

JULY

**10:00 - 13:00 / LOFT**

**RAFAEL AGUIRRE (MASTERCLASS)**

From the fifth to the eighth of July there will be masterclasses with some of the world's most renowned young guitarists. This will be an opportunity for young budding professionals to heighten their skills or for young performers to find a great spark of inspiration.

**19:00 / HA-SS Guitar**

**KOMITAS MUSEUM-INSTITUTE**

**SRDJAN BULAT (GUITAR CONCERT)**

The international award winning guitarist Srdjan Bulat will be in Yerevan to champion works by composers from his native Croatia. Take advantage of this opportunity to see one of the most talented guitarists of his generation stun you with his renditions of the great classics as well as convert you to the work of some of the greatest hidden gems.

# 06

JULY

**10:00 - 13:00 / GALENTZ MUSEUM**

**SRDJAN BULAT RAFAEL AGUIRRE  
(MASTERCLASS)**

**20:00 / CAFESJIAN CENTER FOR THE  
ARTS**

**MATEUS DELA FONTE / EMRE GOKALP  
(GUITAR CONCERT)**

The talented duo of Mateus De la Fonte and Emre Gokalp will treat their audiences to astounding renditions of Villa-Lobos, Paganini, as well as renditions of traditional music from Anatolia and Brazil. This diverse and colorful collection of works will open your ears to a wider world of music.

# 07

JULY

**10:00 - 13:00 / GALENTZ MUSEUM**

**MATEUS DE LA FONTE, EMRE GOKALP  
(MASTERCLASS)**

**16:00 / MIRZOYAN LIBRARY**

**AN INSIDE LOOK AT THE  
COLLABORATIVE PROCESS**

Artists about their experiences and ideas  
throughout the creative process. QA after.

**19:00 / MODERN ART MUSEUM**

**HEARING ART SEEING SOUND / PART 1**

Witness the premieres of these in depth  
collaborations

Andrey Rubtsov / Diana Hakobyan

Alex Mcgery / Nana Aramyan

Yevgine Martirosyan / Ensemble x.y / live

Thanakarn Henry Schofield / Saro Galentz

Maja Palser / Vahag Hamalbashyan

Bofan Ma / Vahe Berberian

There will be open rehearsals available for  
public viewing on the day of the concert, in the  
performance space from 16:00

# 08

JULY

**10:00 - 13:00 / LOFT**

**14:00 - 17:00 / YEREVAN STATE**

**CONSERVATORY**

**BEN LUNN (COMPOSERS MASTERCLASS)**

An opportunity to gain insight into the world of composing. Gain inspiration to cultivate masterpieces, expand your craft and expand yourself as an artist.

**16:00 / GALENTZ MUSEUM SEMINAR AND  
DISCUSSION WITH ARTISTS AND  
COMPOSERS**

Artistry in the time of wireless and globalisation. Throughout history, artists of all disciplines have needed friends and allies to get their pieces performed, be it Haydn and the Esterhazy family or George Maciunas and his Fluxus group.

**20:00 / CAFESJIAN CENTER FOR THE  
ARTS**

**RAFAEL AGUIRRE**

Rafael will bring his beautifully crafted recital featuring magnificent pieces other greatest composers.

# 09

JULY

**19:00 / ACCEA**

**HEARING ART SEEING SOUND / PART 2**

The finale of festival will see premieres from young international composers. Their momentous collaborations will be hosted in the immaculate Armenian Center for Contemporary and Experimental Art.

The concert is like no other, this exploratory concert is spaced throughout the gallery each performance having its own space where you can immerse yourself deep into the art works and their pieces. The composers are already defining their generation, do not miss the chance to witness premieres of collaborations:

Elischa Kaminer / Viola Bittl

Justina Repeckaite / Sam Grigorian

Bofan Ma / Vahe Berberian

Van Sarkissian / Arthur Sarkissian

Thanakarn Henry Schofield / Saro Galentz

Kristina Arakelyan / Sonia Balassanian

Ben Lunn - Garik Karapetyan

Evan Kassof - Vahag Hamalbashyan

Concluding live painting performance by Lucie Abdalian and electronics by Ensemble x.y.

## LOCATIONS

**ACCEA (NPAK)**

**(1/3 BUZAND ST, YEREVAN)**

**THE LOFT**

**(3 MOSKOVYAN STREET, YEREVAN)**

**KOMITAS STATE CONSERVATORY  
OF YEREVAN**

**(1A SAYAT-NOVA AVE, YEREVAN)**

**KOMITAS MUSEUM-INSTITUTE**

**(28 ARSHAKUNYATS AVE, YEREVAN)**

**CAFESJIAN CENTER FOR THE ARTS**

**(10 TAMANYAN ST, YEREVAN)**

**MODERN ART MUSEUM**

**(7 MESROP MASHTOTS AVE, YEREVAN)**

**MIRZOYAN LIBRARY**

**(10, MHER MKRTCHYAN ST, YEREVAN)**

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