

Plant music by Cassis B Staudt

Film music composer Cassis B transforms the world with her plant music into a fascinating sound laboratory. Sounds are not created by conventional instruments, but directly from nature - more precisely, from the biological processes of living plants.

With the help of biodata sonification, the plant's fine electrical impulses, which are generated during processes such as photosynthesis, touch or water absorption, are recorded via electrodes on the leaves. These signals are converted into MIDI data and translated into sound using synthesizers, samplers and other electronic instruments. In this way, plant activity and electronic music merge to create a unique, lively world of sound.

Cassis B plays with the plants as a dj would a turntable and invites the audience to experience the invisible language of nature in a completely new way - as interactive, atmospheric sound generated in real time. A unique audiovisual experience that blurs the boundaries between science, art and music.

The human and natural world coming together. People listening to nature. The next, crucial step in evolution for the modern world.

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The sound artist and composer Cassis B Staudt studied music at the Staatl. Musikhochschule Hamburg and during her 24-year stay in New York at Juilliard University.

As a producer in Jim Jarmusch's team, she received the Palme d'Or for one of the short films Coffee and Cigarettes and had the idea and wrote the music for the Oscar-nominated film Ferry Tales. In 2014, she moved from New York to Berlin and wrote her first symphony, which was premiered live with the Ottosinfoniker orchestra in 2016. Work on her second symphony Klimasinfonie began in 2020 with various Germany based Neustart Kultur grants from the Musikfonds, GEMA and the German Music Council. She quickly abandoned the conventional approach and began to use various sensors to make plants sound via the process of biophysical data sonification and to choose them as the stars of her work. Film music is her profession and plant music her vocation.

As part of the SEZ/EU funding mindchangers, Cassis B worked with Argentinian choreographer Liliana Tasso on a plant art performance in Buenos Aires in 2023, which was taken up again in southern Germany and presented at the mindchangers future impact summit. In 2024, she successfully offered sustainability walks in cemeteries via the Treptow district office.

In 2024, Cassis' plant music received a lot of attention from the press (taz, BZ, das Magazin, Sat1 Frühstücksfernsehen, Magazin am Wochenende). In between, she wrote the score for the German cinema documentary *Die Unbeugsamen 2* and has just finished producing the soundtrack for the feature film *Wilma or the ghosts of freedom*.

Further information, as well as audio and video excerpts, can be found on Cassis B Staudt's homepage:

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