

# Ensemble Ex Materia

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This contemporary music ensemble combines sound art with sustained notes, whose proposal is rooted in electroacoustic music. The line-up consists of Jérôme Descamps on trombone; Victoria Jordanova on harp; Peter Vukmirovic Stevens on piano and electronics and Christopher Hess aka Strotter Inst. on prepared turntables.

Jérôme Descamps plays in free jazz and contemporary music bands. He is currently a trombone teacher in Tahiti, French Polynesia. Victoria Jordanova is a composer, harpist and multimedia artist. Peter Vukmirovic Stevens is the founder and principal arranger of the ensemble, who works in the fields of concert music to sound art. Strotter Inst. performs on prepared turntables using cut-out vinyl and objects to create performances that include music and installation.

The EP opens with "Lightening Falls on Low Places"; where the percussive sounds of Strotter Inst. unfold piano phrases with great display and electronic textures with dark edges. "Hovering" begins with a drone as a backdrop, while Harp subtle plucks emerges to the surface, along with the turntable's repetitive mechanical sounds, whereas the clicks of noise expand filling the space. Closing this EP "The Mother of Crime" features a processed trombone whose wavering vibrations begin to babble an abstract dialogue.

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