

Michel van der Aa



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VOICE(S) AND ORCHESTRA

Spaces of Blank

2007

26 min

for mezzo-soprano, orchestra and soundtrack

Text: Emily Dickinson, Anne Carson, Rozalie Hirs (E)

1.1.2.2-4.2.3(III=btrbn).1-perc(2)-harp-pft-strings-soundtrack(doubleA player)

"Van der Aa translated the dizzying poetic potential of the texts into entirely satisfying music... [His] alternation of brass blocks, textures dominated by shadowy hues, hectic and static moments, and the use of electronics was tasteful, effective and vivid. This is modern music that warmly welcomes the listener, but that also takes him seriously... a beautiful piece."
Het Parool

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Concertgebouw, Amsterdam, Netherlands

Christianne Stotijn, mezzo-soprano; Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra

Conductor: Ed Spanjaard