

Annesley Black, Biography

Annesley Black was born in Ottawa Ontario, Canada, in 1979. After studying jazz and electronic music at Concordia University (Montreal), she received her Bachelor's Degree in Music (Composition) in 2004 from McGill University (Montreal) under Brian Cherney. She studied composition from 2004 to 2006 with York Höller and Hans-Ulrich Humpert at the Hochschule für Musik Köln (Germany). She completed her studies in composition with Mathias Spahlinger and electronic music with Orm Finnendahl at the Hochschule für Musik in Freiburg (Diplom 2008).

Among her many awards and distinctions are a scholarship and award from the Darmstadt International Summer Courses for New Music (2004/2006), the Busoni Composition Prize of the Academy of Arts, Berlin (2008), the Stuttgart Composition Prize (2009), and the Composers' Prize of the Ernst von Siemens Music Foundation (2019).

Her pieces have been performed in Germany and in Canada by various ensembles including Ensemble Modern, Ensemble Musikfabrik, ensemble ascolta, ensemble mosaik, Ensemble Surplus, Nouvel Ensemble Moderne, Quasar saxophone quartet, hr-Sinfonieorchester, and Composers Slide Quartet in such festivals as Ultraschall Festival Berlin, Darmstädter Ferienkurse für Neue Musik, eclat Festival Stuttgart, Donaueschinger Musiktage, Forum neuer Musik Köln, SALT New Music Festival in Victoria (BC), and Ottawa Chamber Music Festival. She has been a board member of the German Society for Electroacoustic Music (DEGEM) since 2012 and a lecturer at the Kronberg Academy and the Dr. Hoch's Konservatorium in Frankfurt am Main since 2013. Since 2018, Black has been a member of the Academy of Arts, Berlin. Annesley Black lives in Frankfurt am Main/Germany.