

INTRODUCTION

lup fränzi II

lup fränzi II for viola and piano is the second composition of a series of works that obtained their peculiar name as a result of the germanisation of “loop frenzy”. I first encountered the term „loop“ at the age of thirteen, when I started to use a Korg X3 work station and recorded pop/techno/rave/dancefloor tracks. In the course of my composition studies I came across several compositions where loops play an important role: the *3rd symphony* by Witold Lutoslawski, *Harmonielehre* by John Adams, *Signature* and *Design* by Sampo Haapamäki and compositions by Ligeti, Bernhard Lang (*DW*) and Magnus Lindberg. In the last two years of my studies I wrote two compositions that were mainly built up by means of loops: *loops&grids* for ensemble and loop fantasy for orchestra. After my composition diploma I somehow lost interest in repetitive patterns, but the idea of a composition called “loop frenzy” emerged again and again. In 2018 I decided to pursue this idea; enthusiastic about the fact that a thought, which had been smoldering for more than ten years, would finally be realised, I started working not only on one composition, but on a series of works called *lup fränzi* – the idea of repetition seems to be a very powerful one!

Why is this series called *lup fränzi* instead of loop frenzy? The main reason is that I wanted to obviously distinguish my work from all the other compositions using loop techniques, as my compositions do not systematically deal with loops as a compositional means, but use small musical repetitions in a rather playful way; the term loop is interpreted in a broad sense.

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