

# PROGRAM

**CONNOR MCLEAN (F. 1996)**

**Piano Concerto**

Performers:

Nikolaus von Bemberg - Keyboards  
Kalle Hakosalo - Percussion +  
Lorenzo Colombo - Percussion +  
Ida Nørby-Sørensen - Cello +  
Thorhildur Magnúsdóttir - Viola +  
Mikkel Schou - Pedal Steel Guitar/Western Guitar +  
Stine Benjaminsen - Recorders +  
Mathilde Schelin - Clarinet +  
Connor McLean - Reading/Laptop +

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12. juni 2024  
Kl. 19.30

Konservatoriets Koncertsal  
Julius Thomsens Gade 1



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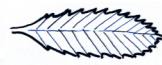
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KOMPOSITION

DEBUTKONCERT

# Connor Mclean's Debut



Hello Publikum,

Welcome to the debut of Connor McLean. I am writing this on the 30<sup>th</sup> of May, you are probably reading it on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June and I predict that today you have had a sunny day in Copenhagen with a little bit of wind.

You will hear one piece this evening. I've called it "Piano Concerto" perhaps a little anachronistically. It's maybe more of a Niko concerto or a concerto for friends, a concerto for 9 people. It is a piece that has changed meanings again and again. Each time I felt close to knowing exactly what I was doing or trying to say, getting closer to the music, it would be revealed that I was saying something else without knowing it. Although sometimes this was frustrating, it was a joy to see what emerged from letting my imagination visit some strange places. Composing this piece

While making this piece I was thinking about some of the following things: accidental story telling through instructional literature, screen + stage + audience as three realms of reality or non-reality, the elevation of mundane things to the supernatural/miraculous, The Great Lakes.

Thorhildur Magnusdottir - Viola  
Ida Nørby - Cello  
Mathilde Schelin - Clarinet  
Stine Benjaminsen - recorder  
Kalle Hakosalo - Percussion  
Lorenzo Colombo - Percussion  
Mikkel Schou - Pedal Steel guitar  
Nikolaus von Bemberg - Keys



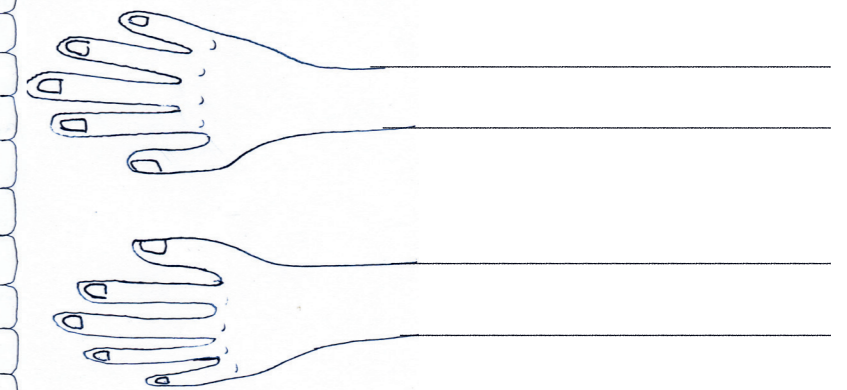
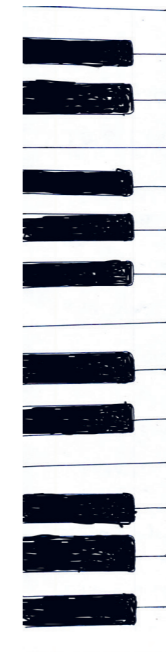
Niko will play 4 keyboards (!)  
- A Piano!  
- A Juno-60!  
- A Casio CTK-80!  
- A little midi keyboard!



Thank you Niko, my teachers Bent & Jeppe, Matt & Emil, the staff at DKDM, James and many more people.



Swim if you can,  
it improves your heart  
and strengthens your back.  
If you have the money  
eat well and often.  
Don't stress about rent.  
Sleep as much as you can manage  
and dream about some sweet part  
of the past or future



I was born in Columbus OH. in 1996. I grew up in the suburbs around Chicago. I moved to Wales to study music and then to Copenhagen, where I have lived for 6 years. I have always been engaged in playing music and making art with friends I am interested in fantasy, memory and the stage as a place to explore those things.