

Biography

Maria Grenfell

Maria Grenfell (b. 1969) was born in Malaysia, and completed composition studies in Christchurch, New Zealand, the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York, and the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, where she was also a lecturer. Maria Grenfell's work takes much of its influence from poetic, literary and visual sources and from non-Western music and literature. Her works are performed by musicians in New Zealand, Australia, the USA and Europe, including the Vienna Piano Trio, Stellar Collective, Antipoduo (the Netherlands), the New Zealand Trio, and the Australia Ensemble. Her music has been commissioned or performed by all the Symphony Australia orchestras, the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, Auckland Philharmonia, Wellington Sinfonia and the Christchurch Symphony. Maria Grenfell's music is broadcast regularly in Australia and New Zealand, and is released on Kiwi-Pacific and Trust CDs. She lives in Hobart, Australia, with her husband, guitarist David Malone, and their son Alexander.