



Press information

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Kesselhaus Suite: This is how the Red Dot Design Museum sounds

Since 29 April 1997, the award-winning drafts of the Red Dot Design Award have been presented in the former boiler house of the Zollverein UNESCO World Heritage Site, today's Red Dot Design Museum in Essen, Germany. On the occasion of the festive opening of the house, which was rebuilt by Lord Norman Foster, more than 1,000 guests from politics, culture and economy attended the world premiere of the "Kesselhaus Suite". The music is still played every day at 3.45 p.m.

Dirk Reith, a prominent representative of the New Music and professor at Folkwang University of the Arts, had composed the overture commissioned by the Design Zentrum Nordrhein Westfalen. The track, which was created especially for this purpose, is 6:51 minutes long and was inspired by the fascinating architecture of the location.

The room music transformed acoustic experiences of the coal mine world in an avant-garde way: natural tones were harmonised with abstract electronic sound events, so that an alive musical dialogue emerged. Moreover, electronic sounds were converted via computer into natural tones and vice versa. The extraordinary composition always creates new rooms of sound in the Red Dot Design Museum which invite the visitors to ambulate from one sound room to the next.

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Dirk Reith:

Kesselhaus Suite (1997)

Overture

For speaker orchestra in eight parts

A room music

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Further information: www.red-dot-design-museum.org

About the Red Dot Design Museum Essen:

Make good design and the quality of customary items become experientable is the purpose of the Red Dot Design Museum Essen in Germany – in its origins already since 1955. With about 2,000 exhibits from 45 nations, it displays the complete range of current product design in the former boiler house of the UNESCO World Heritage Site Zollverein coal mine. On five floors and approximately 4,000 square meters, it presents well-designed objects which were awarded by renowned experts in one of the largest international design competitions, the Red Dot Design Award. Every year, the world's largest exhibition of contemporary design informs around 150,000 visitors about current trends – testing many of the exhibits is explicitly allowed. Special exhibitions on certain topics complete the inspiring insight into the fascinating world of design. Further information: www.red-dot-design-museum.org.

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