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MUSICIAN – COMPOSER – POET

“Recognized as an iconoclast, and one of the most innovative musicians and drummers of his generation, William knows no genre bounds and ceaselessly searches for new forms of music, always with the intent to inspire.”

Accompanying musicians have included: Sabir Mateen, Jason Hwang, Billy Bang, Thurston Moore, Dave Burrell, David Murray, David S. Ware, William Parker, Melvin Gibbs, Donald Miller, Eyvind Kang, DJ Olive, Elliot Sharpe, Malachi Thompson, Zeena Parkins, Ted Daniel, Sonny Simmons, Lee Ranaldo, DJ Spooky, Rob Brown, Roy Campbell, Mark Hennen, Steven Bernstein, Roy Nathanson, Glenn Spearman and many more.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

“William Hooker has created madly asymmetrical rhythms that will eventually get him the same kind of praise as Albert Ayler before him.” NYPress

“William Hooker drums beyond mainstream jazz” Steve Starger, Hartford Advocate

“The real wonder of the set is Hooker, who manages to give long performances a consistent pulse and energy without ever setting a clearly discernible metre” - THE WIRE

“Kingpin of the free jazz world, Hooker’s limits have been boundless” - Chris Sabbath, SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE

“drumming that incorporated elements from spiritual to the avant-garde” - MODERN DRUMMER

“William Hooker is a spirit drummer.” - Andre Henken, ALL ABOUT JAZZ

“William Hooker is an artistic whole, a vast circle of vision and execution. A body of uninterrupted work beginning in the mid-seventies defines him as one of the most important composers and players in jazz.”

- Thomas Stanley, SIGNAL TO NOISE

DISCOGRAPHY

Channels of Consciousness William Hooker Quintet (NoBusiness Records) 2013

w/*Adam Lane, Mark Smith, Dave Ross, Chris DiMeglio*
Postcard from the Road *William Hooker Trio-New Atlantis label(2012)w/Ed Rickart/Dave Ross*
Crossing Points *William Hooker w/ Thomas Chapin-No Business Records*
Yearn For Certainty *William Hooker Trio w/David Soldier/Sabir Mateen – Engine Records –release date: 2010*
Earth’s Orbit *William Hooker Ensemble /Darius Jones/Adam Lane/Damon Smith/Weasel Walter/Aaron Bennett – No Business Records – release date: 2010*
The Season’s Fire *William Hooker Trio/Bill Horist/Eyvind Kang – Important Records 2008*
Dharma *William Hooker Duet/Sabir Mateen – KMB Jazz, 2008*
The Celestial Answer *William Hooker/Lee Ranaldo – Table of Elements 2005*
The Gift *William Hooker/Roy Campbell/Jason Hwang – bmadish records 2005*
Oasis of Whispers *William Hooker/Glen Hall/Lee Ranaldo – alien8records 2005*
Text of Light *William Hooker/Christian Marclay/DJ Olive/Alan Licht/Ulrich Krieger/ Lee Ranaldo 2005*
Complexity #2 *William Hooker Ensemble – KOS Records 2004*
Eyvind Kang/Doug Walker/DJ Olive
Monsoon *William Hooker/Roger Miller/Lee Ranaldo – Atavistic 2004*
Black Mask *William Hooker Ensemble - Knitting Factory 2002*
Andrea Parkins/Roy Nathanson/Jason Hwang
Bouquet *William Hooker w/Christian Marclay & Lee Ranaldo*
Knitting Factory 2001
The Distance Between Us *William Hooker Ensemble - Knitting Factory 2000*
Sabir Mateen/Mark Hennen/Gisburg/Lewis Barnes/Jesse Henry
Eternal Breath: *William Hooker Ensemble – Last Visible Dog 2000*
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Mindfulness *William Hooker Trio/DJ Olive & Glenn Spearman*
Knitting Factory 1999
Clouds *William Hooker w/Lee Ranaldo, Jim O’Rourke & Gianni Gebbia – Victo 1997*
Joy(within) *William Hooker/Billy Bang Duo – Silkheart 1997*
Great Sunset *William Hooker Ensemble – Warm O Brisk 1996*
Richard Keene/Charles Compo/Mark Hennen/Lewis Barnes
Tibet *William Hooker Quartet – Table of Elements 1996*
Donald Miller/Mark Hennen/Charles Compo
Heat of Light *William Hooker - Solo - RGI 1996*
Gift of Tongues *William Hooker w/ Lee Ranaldo & Zeena Parkins*
Knitting Factory 1996
Armageddon *William Hooker Ensemble - Homestead 1995*
Envisioning *William Hooker/Lee Ranaldo Duo Knitting Factory 1995*
Radiation *William Hooker Ensemble - Homestead 1994*
Brian Doherty/Masahiko Kono/Donald Miller/Charles Campo
Shamballa *William Hooker w/ Thurston Moore & Elliot Sharpe*
Knitting Factory 1994
Lifeline *William Hooker Quartet - Silkheart 1994*
William Parker/Alan Braufman/Claude Lawrence
Mark Hennen/Masahiko Kono
Subconscious *William Hooker Sextet - Ecstatic Peace 1994*
Louis Belogenis/Marc Dale/Richard Keene/ Lewis Barnes/Jesse Henry
The Firmament/Fury *William Hooker Ensemble - Silkheart 1993*
Donald Miller/Charles Compo/Masahiko Kono
Claude Lawrence

The Color Circle *William Hooker Orchestra w/ Roy Campbell & Booker T Williams*
Cadence Jazz 1988

Brighter Lights *William Hooker Duos - Reality Unit Concepts 1980*
Mark Hennen/Alan Braufman

Is Eternal Life *William Hooker Trio/David S. Ware & David Murray*
(2 Lp Set) - Reality Unit Concepts 1978

COMMISSIONS:

NY State Council on the Arts (various commissions)
Real Art Ways, Hartford, Ct. (various commissions)
NY Public Library (various commissions)
The Alternative Museum, NYC
Fordham, Columbia, Hunter, New York University, Boston University, Swarthmore, et al (various commissions and festivals) & others

SELECTED PERFORMANCES:

Brooklyn Academy of Music, Yoshi's(SF), Issue Project Room, Roulette, Vision Festival, Rhythm in the Kitchen Music Festival, JVC Jazz Festival, Lincoln Center, Victoriaville Festival, Montreal Jazz Festival, The Walker Art Center, Queen Elizabeth Hall(London), Statgarden(Koln), Hayward Gallery, Wadsworth Atheneum, Jimi Hendrix Tribute Tour (Germany), CBGB'S, Real Art Ways, MTV, Middle East-Boston, SLIM'S, Spaceland, Experimenta Argentina, CMJ Music Festivals, Knitting Factory, Columbia University, Duke University, RISD, Tel Aviv, & others



