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Conductor – Douglas Perkins
Ensemble – Codarts, Doelen Ensemble, Royal Conservatory Den Haag
Violin [CO] – Alicia Poblacion - Brel, Angela Moya Serrat, Angelos Schioinas, Carlos Yeung, Celeste Engel, Diego Virguez Maseo, Iryna Neprorzhynya, Jana Vukicevic, Javier Carranza, Julie Adalsteinsson, Lauren Cauley-Kalal, Liyuan Lin, Lucie Saliou, Luna Hallenga, Marco Silva, Moniek de Leeuw, Natsja Klomp, Patricia Kujic, Ricardo Moreira de Silva Baylina, Victor Ros Bouche, Çisem Özkurt
Violin [DE] – Ana Nedobora, Annerieke Nentjes, Gideon Nelissen, Ian De Jong, Marina Meerson, Merel Vercammen, Tosca Opdam
Violin [KC] – Albert Lincan, Ania Szafraniec, Belen Pérez Carreras, Constantijn Bolscher, Giannis Antonopoulos, Idil Yunkus, Kaja Majoor, Karolina Walarowska, Laura Riverol Mitchel, Lucas Bernardo Da Silva, Manon van de Kempe, Marthine Velthuis, Maureen Ruth, Nadia ten Kate, Robin Veldman, Sander Kuitert, Stijn Brinkman, Yolanda Kuijper, Yujing Zhang, Yuting Lu, Yvonne Lam
Violin, Concertmaster – Josh Modney

Tristan Perich's *Drift Multiply*, for fifty violins and fifty-channel 1-bit electronics, will be released November 13, 2020, on New Amsterdam and Nonesuch Records, as part of the partnership between the two labels, and is available to preorder now.

Drift Multiply, Perich's largest work to date, is performed by fifty violins and fifty loudspeakers and is conducted by Douglas Perkins. Scored as one hundred individual lines of music, the piece blends violins and speakers into a cascading tapestry of tone, harmony, and noise. The violins perform from sheet music, while the speakers are each connected to custom-built circuit boards programmed to output 1-bit audio, the most basic digital waveforms made of just ones and zeroes. "I am interested in the threshold between the abstract world of computation and the physical world around us," Perich explains.

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Journalist Ben Ratliff wrote, “Drift Multiply uses ingredients which have become well-known in Perich’s work: strings or one-bit tones entering a section in layers of evenly-spaced notes or drones; quickly advancing depths and densities; harmony spreading across the space of the music in flickering, cascading, or wave-like motions; white noise, rendered in pulses or fields of sound.” He continues, “Steve Reich has been a fan since hearing 1-Bit Symphony. ‘I started listening to it, and I thought, my gosh ... In some ways it reminded me of [Stravinsky’s] Petrushka. Who would think of electronic chips as summoning up anything as beautiful, musically, as that?’” Drift Multiply premiered at the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine for the 2018 Red Bull Music Festival. In 2019, it traveled to the Netherlands for Big Idea #01, where Lucinda Childs was commissioned to create a new large-scale dance to Drift Multiply, performed by 66 dancers in front of the live music.

New York–based composer Tristan Perich’s work is inspired by the aesthetic simplicity of math, physics, and code. The Wire describes his compositions as “an austere meeting of electronic and organic.” 1-Bit Music, his 2004 release, was the first album ever released as a microchip, programmed to synthesize his electronic composition live. His follow-up circuit album, 1-Bit Symphony, has received critical acclaim, with the Wall Street Journal saying “its oscillations have an intense, hypnotic force and a surprising emotional depth.” The New York Times called his latest circuit album, Noise Patterns, “techno for silicon-based life forms.” As an electronic musician, he has performed internationally, from Sonár, MUTEK, and the Barbican to the National Gallery of Art and The Kitchen. As a composer, he has received commissions from Sō Percussion, the LA Philharmonic, Vicky Chow, and more, as well as an award of distinction from Ars Electronica for his work for violins and 1-bit electronics, Active Field. As a visual artist, his audio installations, video works and machine drawings have received commissions from the likes of Rhizome and L’Auditori in Barcelona, and his artwork has been exhibited internationally, including the Museum of Modern Art, VOLT Festival, the San Diego Museum, and bitforms gallery. ---nonesuch.com

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