



# Luk Vaes

A pianist-researcher and coordinator of the docARTES curriculum, Luk Vaes holds faculty positions at the Orpheus Institute and the Royal Conservatory since 2010.

Having studied contemporary piano music performance with Claude Coppens, Aloys Kontarsky and Yvar Mikhashoff, Luk Vaes went on to win international competitions, worked on a personal level with composers such as Brown, Cage, Crumb, Kagel, and Messiaen, performed with Uri Caine and Thomas Quasthoff, recorded for television and radio both in Europe and the USA, and gave solo concerts and master classes at e.g. Concertgebouw Amsterdam, Warsaw Autumn, Klavier Festival Ruhr, Mozarteum Salzburg, London, Paris, Rome, Chicago, San Francisco, etc. His main repertoire focus lies on the fringe, ranging from 18th century compositions played on the inside of the piano to instrumental theatre from the second half of the 20th century.

Luk Vaes has curated concerts and festivals in Europe and the USA, directed the new music ensemble Champ d'Action, and founded the Flemish part of the international November Music festival organization. Besides having been on the jury for international piano competitions, he made programs for the Flemish Radio and supervised recordings for Mode Records and for the Flemish recording center Studio Steurbaut. His own Kagel-CD (together with Teodoro Anzelotti) was awarded nine international prizes, including "CD of the year" by the English magazine 'Wire' and "Choc" by 'Le Monde de la Musique'.

His research interests reflect his repertoire, and he is currently Principle Investigator of the research project "Historically Informed Performance Practices of/in Experimental Music".

## CURRENT RESEARCH

- HIPEX
- Peyotl
- Brahms's four-hand concerto
- Cluster perception

## TOPICS

- HIP
- Improper piano playing
- Mauricio Kagel
- Artistic Research in music

## FURTHER EXPERTISE

- Teaching & coaching
- Lecture-performance
- Recording supervision
- Artistic research in music blogging

## CURRENT RESEARCH COLLABORATORS

Seth Josel (*Ghent*)  
Godfried-Willem Raes (*Ghent*)  
Hans Cafmeyer  
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