

BIT20 ENSEMBLE

BIT20 Ensemble was founded in Bergen, Norway in 1989. Consisting of 15 musicians, BIT20 is regarded as one of the foremost Nordic contemporary music ensembles.



The ensemble has performed at many major international venues for contemporary music, including Festival Agora (IRCAM Centre Pompidou, France), Festival Précences (Radio France), Soundstreams (Canada), Transart (Italy), Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival and at the Barbican Centre London, in Moscow and in St Petersburg (Russia). BIT20 has also appeared at major Norwegian festivals – Ultima, Borealis, Ilios and the Bergen International Festival.

BIT20 Ensemble is involved in concerts, educational work, radio productions, CD recordings, international tours and modern opera. It has commissioned and premiered nearly 100 works and released 23 albums.

The ensemble is recognised for its flexibility. Its repertoire ranges from pieces written for single musicians to works for full sinfonietta. The ensemble includes two permanent chamber groups: BIT20 Jugband and BIT20 Duo.