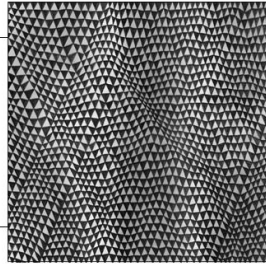




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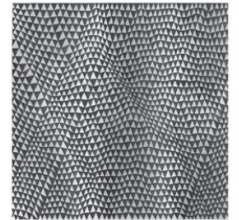
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Berlin-based composer [Catherine Lamb](#) often conceives of her music in geographic terms, and for this stunning work performed by Bern's Ensemble Proton, she has referenced the triangular patterns that occupy some of the most important work by visual artist Bridget Riley—such as “Tremors,” where a single curved side of a triangle throws everything deliriously out of whack. While all of her work deals with tuning, this piece stands apart due to some explicit references to Renaissance music. She has even referenced occupying an aesthetic space between Rameau and Zarlino, two great theorists and composers who explored different tunings. There's a weird baroque vibe to the music, with soloist Vera Schnider functioning like a free agent within the arrangements, playing a re-tuned Baroque triple harp. This revised version of the piece also incorporates the modern iteration of the storied Vincentino arciorgano organ—recreated by Johannes Keller and played here by Coco Schwartz—which helps smudge the edges like those curving lines on the triangles. The music unfolds patiently, virtually glowing within Lamb's harmonic framework. Unlike a lot of new work written in just intonation, there's more than only riveting, transportive harmony here. It's not only one of Lamb's most melodic creations, but it also stands as one of her strongest works yet, a masterful balance of usual harmonic splendor with a haunting form that feels ancient and futuristic at once.



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