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ABSTRACT

Slow-Motion Multitasking and Being an Artist

There are many artists and musicians with versatile talents: from composers who are instrumentalists, performers who compose and write, to singers who can coach or teach. Polymaths like Leonardo da Vinci and Hildegard von Bingen are thinkers who are highly appreciated, however in this modern era an emphasis on expertise and focus on one field. Multitalented people struggle with this. The economist and journalist Tim Harford presents a new way of integrating interests with “Slow Motion Multitasking”, giving us a new way to think about how we process the world around us, especially relevant for the renaissance thinkers among us. Find out what advantages lie in this perspective and what we can learn from Albert Einstein, Charles Darwin and Michael Crichton.

Short CV Irene Kurka

With singular dedication and uncommon courage to break new ground, Irene Kurka has developed programs for soprano solo that embrace the whole performance space. Powerful and at the same time delicate, her clear voice rings out, at times projecting a majestic presence, but other times not shy to take risks by laying bear her voice’s touching fragility. In her lively interpretations, Irene Kurka is always experimenting and seeking new ways to present contemporary and classic music in concert. As an interpreter of new music, Irene Kurka is an internationally sought-after singer for concerts and stage productions. Numerous composers (such as Eggert, Corbett, Weeks, Muntendorf, Pisaro, Fox, Weeks, Vantzou, Seither, Beuger, Brass, Frey, and other) have written works for and dedicated to her, including works written for CD and radio productions. To date, she has sung over 320 world premieres. <https://irenekurka.de/biografie/biografie-englisch>