

# Cem Çakmak, PhD

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## Curriculum Vitae

### Work Experience

- 2020 - *Artist and Researcher, Freelance*  
Berlin, Germany
- 2018 *Developmental Teaching Assistant,*  
**Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute**  
NY, USA  
Engineering support for Sound Recording and Production course. Evaluation, testing, and cataloging of equipment and materials donated by **Pauline Oliveros** to the Center for Deep Listening Archives
- 2016 - 2018 *Research Assistant,*  
**Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute**  
NY, USA  
Research assistantship under **Dr. Rob Hamilton's** Music in Virtual Worlds Lab
- 2017 *Researcher, The Craig H. Neilsen Foundation*  
NY, USA  
Assistive technologies research under **Dr. Jonas Braasch**, reporting and dissemination via ISATMA
- 2015 - 2016 *Artist, Freelance*  
Istanbul, Turkey

### Education

- 2016 - 2020 **Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, USA**  
School of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences  
**PhD**, Electronic Arts  
Advisor: Rob Hamilton  
Thesis: *A Systems-Theoretical Approach to Spatial Electronic Music Practices*
- 2013 - 2015 **Istanbul Technical University, Turkey**  
Centre for Advanced Studies in Music (MIAM)  
**MSc**, Music  
Advisor: Anil Çamci  
Thesis: *Online Gaming as a Model for Networked Intra-Active Music Spaces*
- 2009 - 2013 **University of Manchester, UK**  
School of Mechanical, Aerospace and Civil Engineering  
**BEng** (Hons), Civil Engineering  
Thesis: *Development and Application of Water Resistant Foam Concrete*

### Knowledge and Skills

#### **Languages:**

Turkish (Native)

English (C2)

German (B2)

#### **Programming:**

C, C++, C#, HTML, CSS, Java, Python, Fortran, Mathematica, MATLAB, Xcode, Max/MSP, gen~, Pure Data, ChuckK, WebAudio, Arduino, OSC, MIDI

#### **Audio Software:**

Ableton Live, Cubase, Logic, ProTools, Audacity, Reaper, SPAT, Panoramix, Dante

#### **Graphic and Visuals:**

Processing, Unity3D, openFrameworks, A-Frame, LaTeX, Adobe Premiere, Adobe After Effects, Final Cut, AutoCAD

#### **Operating Systems:**

OS X, Windows, Linux, iOS

#### **Performance:**

Guitar, Piano, Percussion, Live-Electronics, Ambisonics

### Further Education

2018 - **Spatial Audio Summer Seminar**, EMPAC, Jul 9-13

2022 - **Binaural Auditory Display**, Interactive Sonification Workshop (ISon), Sep 22-23

## Selected Performances

### **Untitled** (Live Electronics)

26.04.2023 - *Fundraiser for Communities Affected by the Earthquake in Syria/Turkey*, Arkaoda, Berlin

### **Das Schwarz des Birkenspanners** by Amelie von Godin (Live SFX)

9-12.03.2023 - HfS Ernst Busch, Bühne UNTEN, Berlin

### **P.W.A.H** (Live Electronics, with Roberta Stein)

19.11.2022 - *Impromptu Series*, ACUD Club Raum, Berlin

### **double-lined** (Live Electronics)

20.11.2021 - Schloss Schönnow, Brandenburg

### **die Zofen** by Amelie von Godin (Sound Design & Composition)

28 & 29.09.2021 - HfS Ernst Busch, Bühne UNTEN, Berlin

### **nötr** (Fixed Multi-Channel) 41' 46"

06.08.2018 - *International Computer Music Conference (ICMC)*, Daegu, South Korea

18.07.2018 - *New York City Electroacoustic Music Festival (NYCEMF)*, New York

26.06.2018 - *Kaleidophone: New Multichannel Electronic Music from MIAM*, Arter Gallery, Istanbul

20.04.2018 - *nötr: 43-channel acousmonium / an evening of electronic music*, EMPAC, New York

10.04.2018 - *[ART\_X] Pop-up Concert*, RPI Playhouse, New York

04.04.2018 - *3rd Collaborative Electroacoustic Music Concert*, University of Buffalo, New York

### **Çakmak / Özdemir** (Live Electronics)

27.06.2018 - *A.I.D Takes Over!*, Muaf/Peyote, Istanbul

### **Çizgi Film Kusagi / Cartoon Time** (Live Electronics) ~20'

28.12.2017 - *Çünkü Siz Buna Değersiniz*, Peyote, Istanbul

### **taalq** (Generative Quadraphonic) ~17'

04.05.2017 - Collar Works Gallery, New York

04.04.2017 - Bennington College, Vermont

28.02.2017 - Bard College, New York

### **ob/lik** (Live Electronics, with G. Özdemir)

30.04.2016 - *A.I.D Room #5*, Moda, Istanbul

26.04.2016 - *Radio Patapoe*, OT301, Amsterdam

24.04.2016 - *SOTU Festival*, Butcher's Tears, Amsterdam

20.03.2016 - *MultiRAID Festival*, Arkaoda, Istanbul

### **Monad** (Networked Audiovisual)

26.12.2015 - *A.I.D Room #2*, Private Venue, Istanbul

24.05.2015 - *Electronic Music Composition 2015*, Arkaoda

### **AAA(...)AAA** (Electroacoustic/Live Diffusion) 5' 01"

16.10.2015 - *MIAM Electroacoustic Retrospective*, Maçka

01.06.2014 - *Electronic Music Composition 2014*, Arkaoda

### **NULL-NULL** (Acousmonium) 3' 42"

21.05.2015 - *MIAM Sonic Arts Acousmonium*, Maçka, Istanbul

### **Tufan** (Guitar & Live Electronics) 7' 40"

24.12.2013 - *How Do You Turn This On?*, MIAM Studios, Istanbul

## Awards & Grants

2022-2023

*Research Stipend*  
2021

*Project Funding*  
**MUSIKFONDS e.V.**

2018 - 2020

*Fellowship*

2017 & 2018

*Production Grant*  
**RPI-HASS**

2019

*Best Paper Award*

**Web Audio Conference**

## Installations

2023, Oct 20-22

*u-ton*

**Gallery Periode, Berlin**

2022, Dec 1-4

*Oblique*

**frei-raum.berlin, Berlin**

2021, Nov 5-7

*NO AXIS*

**Gitter Raum, Essen**

2015, Nov 12-15

*Codes of Light* (Audio)

**Contemporary Istanbul**

## Art Residency

2021, Nov 15-21

*Parallel Residency*

**Schloss Schönnow,**

**Brandenburg**

2018, Jan 8-16 & Apr 16-20

*Acousmonium*

**EMPAC, New York**

## Academic Service

2019 & 2021

*Guest Jury for Computation Based Basic Design*

**Istanbul Bilgi University**

2019

*Reviewer*

**International Computer Music Conference (ICMC)**

2023 - Current

*Max Beta Tester*

**Cycling74**

## Papers & Publications

Çakmak, Cem. "Implementing Ignorance and Unlearning Methods to AI Music Systems." *CTM Festival Research and Networking Day (Module 3)*, 29 January 2023.

Çakmak, Cem, and Rob Hamilton. "od: Composing Spatial Multimedia for the Web." *Journal of the Audio Engineering Society* 68, no. 10 (November 30, 2020): 747–55.

Çakmak, Cem, and Robert Hamilton. "Composing Spatial Music with Web Audio and WebVR." In *Proceedings of the Web Audio Conference*. Trondheim, Norway, 2019.

Çakmak, Cem, Anil Çamci, and Angus G. Forbes. "Applying Game Mechanics to Networked Music HCI Systems." In *New Directions in Music and Human-Computer Interaction*, edited by Simon Holland, Tom Mudd, Katie Wilkie-McKenna, Andrew McPherson, and Marcelo M. Wanderley, 223-41. Springer Series on Cultural Computing. Cham: Springer International Publishing, 2019.

Çakmak, Cem, "Theory and Technique of Super High Frequency Lighting," Artist Talk in *Proceedings of the International Symposium on Electronic Art*, Manizales, Colombia, 2017.

Keil, Nathan, Huang, Min and Çakmak, Cem, "Designing Immersive Audiovisual Environments for Music Performers with Disabilities," In *Proceedings of the 5th Annual International Symposium on Adaptive Technology in Music and Art*, Troy, NY, 2017.

Çakmak, Omer C. and Hamilton, Rob, "Musical Sonification of Super High Frequency Lighting", In *Proceedings of the International Computer Music Association Conference*, Shanghai, China, 2017.

Çakmak, Cem, Anil Çamci, and Angus G. Forbes. "Networked Virtual Environments as Collaborative Music Spaces." In *Proceedings of the International Conference on New Interfaces for Musical Expression*, 106–11. Brisbane, Australia, 2016.

Çakmak, Ömer C., Çamci, Anil and Forbes, Angus G. "Using Game Mechanics to Facilitate Networked Musical Collaboration," *CHI 2016 Music and HCI Workshop*, San Jose, CA. May 2016.

Çakmak, Ömer C. and Çamci, Anil. (2015) "Online Gaming as a Model for Network Music Systems," *ISCRiM Student Conference on Music Multimedia and Electronics 2015*, University of Leeds, Leeds, UK. June 15, 2015.

## References

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