

## **Time is a...for voices and piano**

Performance/Ritual (1999)

**Time is a ...**for voices and piano was written in Autumn 1999 and was a commission from SR for a concert series with the theme “Time”.

Only the second part *RITUAL* was premiered at that time.

**Time is a ...**for voices and piano was written after a study trip in Summer 1999 to Bali and Java.

The first part *PERFORMANCE* is a theatrical play in space and is based on the English saying “Time is a funny old thing, isn’t it?!”

In the second part *RITUAL* singers are on stage and concentrate on a few base tones. The text used here is related to the title of a metaphysical painting by Chagall: “Time is a river without banks”.

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