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Keywords: modern musicology; musical research; music culture.

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Keywords: contemporary Russian music; Moscow music Post Conceptualism; TPO “Composer”

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Keywords: Italian opera of the late 17th and the 18th centuries; aria; theory of musical form; sonataform; baroque and classical concerto-form.

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reminding of “Il perdono”.

Keywords: Gesualdo; iconography; Mannerism.

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Keywords: “Vampuka”; Russian opera; travesty; cabaret.

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Keywords: Boulez; Cummings; verbal and music structures interaction; “work-in-progress” technique

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Keywords: architectonic ear; composer creativity; structure of musical composition.

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