

Cellists' Corner

Brief Career Details of Important Cellists

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FEATURE ON HAFLIDI HALLGRIMSSON

Haflíði Hallgrímsson (born 1941 in Akureyri) is an Icelandic composer, current living in Bath, UK.

Hallgrímsson began his musical life as a cellist, spending twenty years playing with orchestras in Iceland, England and Scotland. In 1970, Hallgrímsson played the uncredited cello solo on “Atom Heart Mother” by Pink Floyd. Haflíði was the principal cellist of the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, but left that position in 1983 - a lifelong interest in writing music, and studies with Peter Maxwell Davies and Alan Bush, led him to give up his performing career to be able to compose full time.

Unsurprisingly, works for strings are central to his catalogue, most of his large ensemble works being for strings only. Often inspired by visual art (Hallgrímsson is himself an accomplished painter), his unique language is both eerie and paradoxical; with repeated listening, the seemingly simple can unveil mysterious depths, and the impenetrable can reveal itself with unexpected clarity.

In 2008, he became composer-in-residence of the Iceland Symphony Orchestra (through 2010).

Selected compositions of special interest to cellists:

Verse I for flute and cello (1975)

Herma for cello and string orchestra (1995)

Cello Concerto (2003)

His web page: <https://www.hallgrimsson.org.uk>



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