

## ***When is research artistic research?***

The juxtaposition of two immiscible but complementary modes of knowing, alongside their particular interdependence, seems to be a distinctive trait of Artistic Research (AR). This juxtaposition cannot, however, be mistaken for a fusion, as the epistemological divergence between these two modes of knowing results in an inevitable divide. One mode is declarative - frequently supported by verbal, propositional language from analytical and reflective description to logical-conceptual elaboration - whilst the other is 'embodied'. Whether the focus of a specific AR project is more in the declarative or the embodied mode, the main objective of AR remains the same for all academic research - to produce knowledge. In fact, without research, both art and science would threaten jeopardizing their balance between tradition and innovation. Due to the importance given to artistic practice, AR has been seen as a possible solution for the new demands arising from the Bologna process. However, a key issue behind this process is how institutions that have been shaped according to a set of values that were established with the Paris Conservatoire as role model - which empowered a discourse that positioned the performer as a transmitter of the ideas notated in a score - could, in turn, meet the demands of AR. This apparent difficulty has stimulated authors to develop methodological perspectives in order to assist students and to inform institutions. Consequently, a considerable amount of AR projects have been shaped by the pressure of 'methodolatry' or dominated by self-centered perspectives. In this paper, we are going to discuss and deconstruct some of these misconceptions, which have been conditioning pedagogical practices in European Higher Education, including those underlying the questions proposed by this conference: (i) "playing" is taken as performance, composition and improvisation; (ii) "teaching" is distinct from "learning"; (iii) artistic research is understood as a method; (iv) artistic research is linked exclusively to playing; (v) artistic research is a common ground between teaching and practice. The five authors of this abstract are proposing a panel (1h duration) with at least three papers to discuss all the above topics, although this format was not foreseen in the call.

Departing from the issues described in the abstract and arising from the questions proposed by the conference call, the authors will show how each group of questions corresponds to misconceptions, and will discuss them: (i) Performing and creating music is not a method, but a crucial goal in itself for all musicians; (ii) The purpose of higher education music institutions is to promote learning. In music, there are different approaches to teaching beyond the traditional master-apprentice model, whereby learning encourages the development of students' autonomy, supported by other musicians; (iii) AR, just like Historical Research, is not in itself a method: both are fields of research and knowledge. They may involve many different methods, depending on the specificities of each research project; (iv) AR and artistic education are different layers of knowledge. They are not mutually exclusive and will certainly benefit from their coexistence but each has its own methods.



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- *Mesomusic* and music of different origins, contexts and aesthetics: comparative view.

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