

TAILORED COMMUNICATION

Artist: Tobias Fischer & Lara Cory

Title: Animal Music

Formats: Book & CD

Do animals speak to each other? What do their songs mean? Will we ever be able to understand them and talk back?

Ever since the accidental discovery of whale song in 1967, the idea of complex animal sentience has been gaining strength within the scientific community. A growing number of researchers and academics are exploring the idea that animals enjoy music on a similar level to human beings.

Animal Music is the first anthology to present an overview of the current state of this vital debate. Tobias Fischer and Lara Cory, the editors of online platform 15questions.net, have spoken to the leading scientists, researchers and musicians in the field to uncover hidden meanings and new perspectives. They visit the world's largest library of animal sounds, hack into the mysterious sonic world of shrimps, travel back in time to the point where animal and human songs diverged, and decode the latest neuroscientific findings about animal music and communication.

The book includes exclusive interviews with Chris Watson, Jana Winderen, Yannick Dauby, Slavek Kwi and Geoff Sample as well as features on Bernie Krause, David Rothenberg and Olivier Messiaen and many more.

Tobias Fischer is founder and former editor-in-chief of leading new music site tokafi.com and a cultural editor for Germany's biggest Printmag on Recording, „Beat“. He regularly writes for arts magazine “White Fungus” and has contributed liner notes to a wide range of releases, from contemporary composer Steve Reich to ambient master vidnaObmana.

Lara Cory is a freelance cultural writer specialising in music, food and the arts and is fascinated by the way that the three greatest pleasures in life intersect in unexpected ways. In the past Lara has written essays, interviews and reviews about fine arts for Escape into Life and Aesthetica Magazine and currently writes reviews for The Wire and Foodepedia, and blogs about food at Feedingtimeblog.com.

„Animal Music rides in on a wave of energy that fuses the worlds of science and art in an accessible and engaging way. A definite page turner if ever there was one.“ – Caught by the River

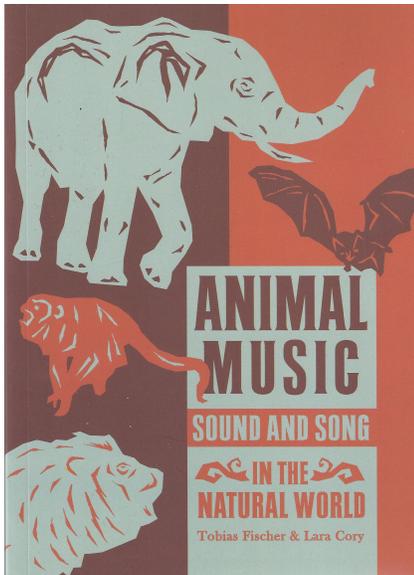
„Fills an important gap.“ – Nowamuzuika

„A wonderful book.“ – Sonic Terrain

„An excellent primer for aficionados and newcomers alike. This may be the first prose collection that pays as much attention to recorded works as it does to the concepts behind the recording and the science behind the sounds.“ – A Closer Listen

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Tracklist:

1. Tikal Dawn – Andreas Bick, Germany
2. hermetica – Daniel Blinkhorn, Australia
3. Amazons & Parrots – Rodolphe Alexis, France
4. Grand Canal Springs – Tom Lawrence, Ireland
5. seals – Martin Clarke, United Kingdom
6. BOTO – Artificial Memory Trace, Ireland
7. Adélie_penguins - Craig Vear, United Kingdom
8. Pilot Whales - Heike Vester, Norway/Germany
9. Brame, septembre 2011 - Marc Namblard, France
10. formica aquilonia, sweden - Jez Riley French, United Kingdom
11. Schwebfliegen - Lasse Marc Riek, Germany
12. central mongolian high mountain range habitat - Patrick Franke, Germany
13. Otus spilocephalus - Yannik Dauby, France
14. untitled#292 - Francisco Lopez, Spain
15. Summer Sunset 01 - Eckhard Kuchenbecker, Germany
16. Waldkauz-Balz - Walter Tilgner, Germany
17. What Birds Sing - David Rothenberg, USA