# Michal Rataj

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**- composer, sound designer, radio producer, musicologist**
- titles: Mgr, Mg.A., Ph.D.
- born Jan 26, 1975, Czech Republic
- 1999: graduated from the Faculty of Arts, *Charles University, Prague*, dept. of musicology
- 2003: graduated from the Academy of Music, dept. of composition, Prague
- 2005: earned his PhD. in composition and theory of composition at the *Academy of Performing Arts* (thesis on electroacoustic music and contemporary concepts of radioart, to be revealed in english under Pfau-Verlag, Germany)
- 1995 music studies at the Royal Holloway University of London, Great Britain
- in 1998 musicology at the *Humboldt Universität zu Berlin* and *Hans Eisler Musikhoschule* (history of German music, computer music systems and Algorithmic Composition, CLISP, Common Music, etc.).

- since 2000: music editor / producer, Czech Radio, Prague
- 2002: composition studies at the *Universität der Künste*, Berlin (F. M. Olbrisch)
- 2004: Artist-in-Residence. *MuseumsQuartier Wien*
- since 2004: assistant professor, Academy of Performing Arts, Music Faculty
- 2007 - 2008: Fulbright scholar to *CNMAT, UC Berkeley, California, USA*

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**Awards / Commissions**
- 2000: 1st award in the composers competition Generation (chamber music)
- 2001: 3rd award in the Musica Nova competition (electronic music)
- 2005

Commission by French Institute Prague for *Hearing Heart* (ensemble with live electronics)
Honorary Mention for the *Hearing First*, Musica Nova
- 2006: 2nd award at the Confluencias electroacoustic miniatures competition, Huelva, Spain
- 2006:

Award for the most successfull serious music composer below 30 for the year 2005 by OSA - The Performing and Mechanical Rights Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers
Commission for 15 years aniversary of St'Wenzel Festival of spiritual music in Prague
- 2007: Musica Nova award for *Dreaming Life*
- 2008

Swedish Radio commission for *"It's All Impromptu"*
Musica Nova award for *Silence Talking*
- 2009

Honorary mention for *Ether-Sound-Escape* in the 2nd Sond´Ar-te Competition, Portugal
Prize by L'Arsenale Ensemble, Italy together with soloist Mario Caroli

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- compositions broadcast and performed worldwide
- member of the EBU Ars Acustica group (www.ebu.ch/arsacustica)
- lectures on contemporary music and composition on the NYU in Prague since 2001
- lectures given at major Art faculties in Czech Republic
- review, articles on the contemporary music and interpretation
- composing music for TV, stage and radio plays
- texts on contemporary music issues