

Press release
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Rewire announces online festival edition **4-day online programme taking place 6 - 9 May 2021**

This year Rewire will break with its traditional format of presenting adventurous music in a wide range of venues and sites in The Hague early April. Instead, the festival will be presenting a fully online programme on 6 - 9 May 2021 including several commissioned works, remote collaborations and premieres. In addition, Rewire 2021 will feature a number of offline activities scheduled for Autumn, to be announced at a later stage.

Embracing experimentation like never before, Rewire 2021 will aim to highlight the different ways that artists have been creating and presenting their work under physical restrictions, continuing to champion forward-thinking music from all over the world. Exploring the broad possibilities of digital collaboration, interactive experiences and live-streaming, Rewire takes on the challenge of connecting artists with each other, and their audiences, digitally. The programme will feature online live premieres, commissioned works, exclusive film screenings, radio shows, talks and much more. Staged across a diverse range of media, Rewire brings together artists from different disciplines and timezones to approach the question of how live music can be presented in 2021.

The central thread running through the programme of Rewire 2021 is the notion of (Re)setting, exploring processes of constant change and adaptation as they relate to sound, acoustics and the environment. In an increasingly fraught global context, (Re)setting seeks a moment to pause and reorientate ourselves. How can a festival still be meaningful in times of large-scale isolation in an industry that fed off of liveness and proximity? The theme folds in our current context of the pandemic and how this has affected all aspects of our lives, from our health to our ability to create and connect to one another. With (Re)setting Rewire offers a platform for composers, artists and thinkers who are engaged in world-building. They reflect on this new era of physical distance, insecurity and loneliness and at the same time show us the possibilities that arise from this.

The online edition of Rewire will be freely accessible to everyone, with any donations welcomed. Next to the online programme in May, Rewire plans to host a number of physical activities in The Hague in Autumn, with more information about these coming later in the year. Keep an eye out for more information and the line up of the upcoming online edition and our exclusive releases on Bandcamp in the coming weeks.

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Rewire is a The Hague based non-profit organization dedicated to promoting and fostering adventurous forward-thinking music and sound. Rewire's main activity is the annually held Rewire festival. Besides the festival the organisation is focused on presenting several other affiliated activities year round, most notably the concert series Rewire x Korzo.

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