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Concerto for Organ and Orchestra (2010-2011)

This organ concerto was commissioned by the Aarhus Symphony Orchestra with financial support from the Danish Arts Foundation and The Royal Academy of Music in Aarhus. The concert is dedicated to the soloist, professor Ulrik Spang-Hanssen. My colleague Ulrik Spang-Hanssen and I had agreed to collaborate on a new work for orchestra and the planned new organ already about a year before the wonderful Klais Organ was completed and inaugurated in the Symphony Hall in the Aarhus Concert Hall. The concerto is performed in three movements without interruption. Sources of inspiration include the rich classical organ tradition and concerto form and minimalism, but also electronic music and film music, from Hollywood to Bollywood. The work was premiered on March 1st, 2012 by the Aarhus Symphony conducted by Douglas Bostock.