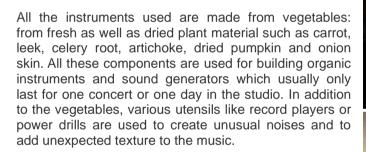
THE VEGETABLE ORCHESTRA FROM AUSTRIA FASCINATING THE WORLD

Founded in 1998 in Vienna (Austria) the extraordinary Vegetable Orchestra is an exclusive ensemble in the world of music which is committed to the exploration of the acoustic qualities of vegetables.

The Vegetable Orchestra is a group of people with different artistic backgrounds: musicians, visual artists, architects, designers, media artists, writers and sound poets. Over the years, the Orchestra has

performed more than 300 shows around the globe using instruments exclusively made from vegetables and playing the most diverse music styles: classical, contemporary music, beat-oriented house tracks, experimental electronic, free jazz, among others.



Over the years, the Orchestra has produced four CD, which are presented on the website, allowing visitors to listen and appreciate the different compilation of tracks: <u>Gemise</u> the first CD recorded in 1999; <u>Automate</u>, a compilation influenced by the most diverse contemporary electronic music styles, and <u>Onionoise</u>. The fourth CD <u>Green Album</u> has been released after a successful <u>Krautfunding campaign</u>.

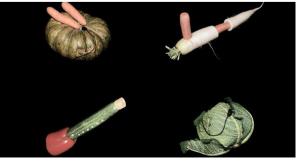
In a continuous exploration on the sound potential of vegetables to create a completely new music, the *Vegetable Orchestra* has invented more than 150 instruments over the years. Unlike traditional instruments, vegetable instruments quickly go bad and the orchestra has to create new ones each time it plays. It takes at least two hours and up to 50kg of vegetables to create the orchestra's instruments for a concert.

The concerts made in different countries and contexts are an occasion for the musicians to learn how food









differs around the world and coming up with new instruments. Some vegetables are ready-made items from the market: crunching dried onion skin in your fist sounds like a rainstorm, thumping a pumpkin with your palm resembles a bass drum and rubbing two leeks together as a bow and body creates a squeaky string section. Others are cut-and-carved creations resembling traditional instruments: parsnips, courgettes and peppers make good wind and brass instruments, while hollowed-out gourds are percussive. The most complex ones are transformer-like hybrids that combine two or more vegetables.

The review presented in the Vegetable Orchestra website illustrates the appreciation expressed by exponents of culture and media around the world for the musical performances of this extraordinary orchestra. In 2019 the BBC dedicated an article to the Vienna's unpredictable Vegetable Orchestra.

The concerts by the Vegetable Orchestra have inspired other ensembles to sprout up around the world, including the London Vegetable Orchestra and Long Island Vegetable Orchestra.

The musicians of the Vegetable Orchestra also made a book for people interested in building their own vegetable instruments. The publication with building instructions for 18 vegetable instruments is promoted on the Orchestra's website.

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Vegetable Orchestra website

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Vegetable Orchestra compilations

Book in vegetableorchestra.bandcamp.com

Article in bbc.com

Video in bbc.com

Article in good.net

Article in citylab.com

Article in laughingsquid.com

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