

Terje Isungset (b. 1964).

Terje Isungset has made more than 40 commissioned compositions including work for theatre and film. He is well known for his use of alternative sounds and searching for specific sounds is an important part of it. Nature percussion has become a key word: natural stones, wood, bells, rams horns, mouth harps, water and ice.

Compositions by Terje Isungset: (special commissioned work)

Title	Performed	Information	Year
Floating Rhythms	Molde International Jazzfestival.	10 musicians & 2 dancers.	1999
Ein neger på Nes stasjon	TV2 - Norway.	Documentary film. Arve Henriksen & T. Isungset.	1999
Under is	Vinterspillene Lillehammer.	Performed in a frozen waterfall. 17 musicians & dancers.	2000
Nature and Technology	EXPO2000Hannover. Germany. Opening concert.World Exhibition.	Composed by Reidar Skår & T. Isungset. 7 musicians.	2000
Tre	European Culture City Bergen. Nattjazz.	6 musicians, mens choir & 3 dancers.	2000
Kela 2000	European CultureCities. Reykjavik, Helsinki, Bergen.	Modern dance company by Reio Kela.	2000
Livets virkelige risiko	Det Norske Teater - Oslo.	Modern dance by Hege Tvedt.	2001
Ingen veit kvar haren hoppar	Vossajazz	100 performers.	2002
Midt i mellom blå	Festspillene, Bergen 50 years anniversary.	1 symphony orchestra, 1000 children & all church bells of Bergen.	2002
Rhythm Doctors	Nattjazz/Bajazz.	Electronics, mouth harp, voices, dancers, skateboarders, BMX, scratch, rap, break dancers, baseballs, pyro etc.	2002
Olje	Håkonshallen - Bergen.	Statoil 30 years. Based on sounds from worlds biggest Oil Rig.	2002
Nett No	Det Norske Teater - Oslo.	Modern dance/ballet by Kjersti Alveberg.	2002
Iceman is	Autunnale festivalen - Bergen.	Icemusic on tape.	2002
Dumme Konger og grimme Troll	Den Nasjonale Scene - Bergen	Music for theatre.	2002
Stemningar	Odda Culture House	50 years annirversay. 90 musicians age 3 till 75 years.	2003
Skogsklang	Lørenskog Sommerfestival	Performed in the forest. 30 kids & dancers.	2003
Jotne	Sunddal Kulturfestival	Performed inside a mountain. In a power station.	2003
Vox	Nattjazz - Bergen	8 singers and band.	2004
Emperors new clothes	Old Bristol Vic Theatre - England	Music for theatre.	2004
Isens livsløp	Swedish TV1	Documentary film of the Ice Hotel – Sweden.	2004
Rhythm keepers	Vinterfestuka Narvik	Performed with an electric band in a locomotive station.	2005
Vardø	Vardø/Finnmark 1000 years.	Choir, singer & band. Outdoors concert.	2005
Fly	Moers Jazzfestival – Germany	Opening concert. Based on bird sounds in surround system. Electronics, singers, dancers, 100 flute players, video & helicopter.	2006

4 Moods	Brass Wind Festival – Norway	A piece for Mouth Harp & Brass Band.	2006
Global Ice	Opening of World Environments Day(Nobel Peace Centre - Oslo).	Icehorn, voice, water and ice sounds on CD.	2007
OI OI	Festspillene Bergen (Bølgen og Moi).	Making food while playing on the food.	2007
Varm is	Bergen Domkirke.	Percussion, ice on CD, dance.	2007
Tider	Church Jubile	Choir, piano & percussion.	2007
Mellom fjell	For the Osa Festival.	Strings, voices, trumpet, bass, drums.	2007
Motorsagmassasjen	Festspillene i Bergen	Chain saw, circular saw, hand saw, axe, hardanger fiddle, mouth harp & voice.	2008
Fossekall	Concert in a waterfall in Hardanger.	Cello, hardanger fiddle, trumpet, voice, drums, mouth harp & dancer.	2008
Norwegian Wood	Opening of conference.	Performing on tools.	2008
Cinderella	The Lyric Theatre – London - England.	Composer & artistic director.	2008
Runde	Opening of Runde environments center - Norway.	Recordings of the sea & the birds at Runde + rams horn & mouth harp.	2009
Water	Festspillene i Bergen	Sub Marines, sounds of whales, singers under water and band.	2009
Winter	Bright Night at Opera North. Leeds - England.	Icemusic made in surround.	2009
Stork	Segni d'Infanzia festival – Italy.	Recordings of birds, glass and percussion in surround system.	2010
Ladegården 150.	Ladegården kindergarden, Bergen – 150 years.	Sounds of children, water, ice, mouth harp and rams horns.	2011
Karsikko	Flow Productions – Finland. Contemporary dance company.	Rams horn, mouth harp, drums, percussion & voice – all made in a surround system.	2011
Is-slottet	The Norwegian National Ballet	Violin, voices, percussion, ice, piano.	2012
Fedrelandet	Documentary film TV2.	Arve Henriksen & Terje Isungset.	2012
Bodypods: “Fingers”	Podcast for The Guardian, Timeout and Fuel Theatre.	Isungset using his fingers in cooperation with scientist.	2012
Moon Meditations	Comissed concert for Icemusicfestival - Geilo.	6 icehorns, icelur, icetrumpet, iceharp, ice cello, ice percussion, icedrums, voices and surround sound system.	2014
Meditations	CD with recordings from the South Pole, North Pole, Greenland, Canada, Russia, Sweden, Norway and glaciers in Europe.	Icehorns, icepercussion, iceofone, trumpet, bass, voice, viola & electronics in cooperation with Reidar Skår.	2015
World of Glass	Tallinn 2011 Capital of Culture.	Glass instruments and music composed by Arve Henriksen & Terje Isungset.	2015
Sildrande	Vossajazz, Norway. Commissioned work.	Trumpet, sax, bass, vocals, Hardangerfiddle, Viola D’ Amore, drums, percussion, mouth harp, keyboards and surround sound.	2017
MunnHarpun!	Fauskivalen	Mouth harps, drums, percussion, keyboards, electronics, bass, vocals.	2017

Suites of Nature	Solo album recorded in an mausoleum. Nature percussion.	Stones, mouth harps, drums, wood, percussion, slates, bells and a rams horn.	2019
Art of travel	Trumpet and drums. A covid-19 album done via internet	Trumpet, drums, percussion & electronics.	2020
Tilstander av unntak	Transiteateret	Nature percussion and metal.	2020
Desibel	Music and poetry	Glass, ice, water, waterphone, drums and mouth harps.	2020
On natures conditions	Solo streaming from an igloo	Ice instruments	2021
GANDR	Frikar Dance company	Mouth harps, drums, guitar, Joik and Nature percussion	2022
Foordance	Foordance, Bremen. Germany	Ice instruments on tape made in surround for a dance company	2022
Inn frå regnet	Det Norske teater (Nathional Theatre Norway)	Mouth harps, rams horn, water, ice, piano and wood.	2022
Glacial poetry	Solo album recorded in an igloo	Ice instruments	2022

Compositions on CDs

Album	Artist	Year
Reise	Terje Isungset	1997
Floating rhythms	Terje Isungset	2000
Iceman is	Terje Isungset	2002
Middle of mist	Terje Isungset	2003
Igloo	Terje Isungset	2006
Two Moons	Terje Isungset	2007
Ice Concerts	Terje Isungset	2008
Hibernation	Terje Isungset	2009
Winter Songs	Terje Isungset	2010
Collected Works	Terje Isungset	2014
World of Glass	Terje Isungset/Arve Henriksen	2014
Meditations	Terje Isungset/Reidar Skår	2015
Suites of nature	Terje Isungset	2017
The art of irrigation	Terje Isungset/Arve Henriksen	2017
Beauty of Winter	Terje Isungset	2018
Sildrande	Terje Isungset	2019
Ocean Memories	Terje Isungset	2019
The art of travel	Terje Isungset/Arve Henriksen	2020
Glacial poetry	Terje Isungset	2022