Colin Currie Group

Colin Currie Group is a virtuosic ensemble that specialises in the music of Steve Reich. Their performances of Reich's music have been hailed by the composer as "the best I've ever heard".

Led by Colin Currie, the hand-picked ensemble was formed in 2006 for a performance of *Drumming* at the BBC Proms to celebrate the 70th birthday of Steve Reich. The Colin Currie Group has since performed *Drumming* and other Reich works around the world, and in recent years have expanded their repertoire to include Mark-Anthony Turnage, Steve Martland, Guillaume Connesson and Iannis Xenakis. They made their concertante debut at the 2019 Edinburgh International Festival performing Sofia Gubaidulina's *Glorious Percussion* with the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra.

In 2014, Colin Currie Group premiered *Quartet* at the Southbank Centre in London, the first in a collection of works written for them by Steve Reich. A major highlight of recent seasons is the critically acclaimed world premiere of Reich *Traveler's Prayer* in 2021, which they toured to The Concertgebouw, Royal Festival Hall, Philharmonie de Paris, Hamburg Elbphilharmonie, Carnegie Hall, Cal Performances and Tokyo Opera City.

In the 2026/27 season, the Group will celebrate Steve Reich's 90th birthday, giving the world premiere of *In All Your Ways* at the Edinburgh International Festival, written by Reich to mark this anniversary. The work is co-commissioned by NTR Zaterdag Matinee, The Barbican, Philharmonie de Paris and Hamburg Elbphilharmonie, with further performances still to be announced.

In other highlights of the 2026/27 season, Colin Currie Group will return to the BBC Proms performing Reich's *Tehillim*, a work they also perform at Oxford's Schwarzmann Centre. The Glasshouse will host a major weekend celebration of Steve Reich in October 2026, which has been curated by Colin Currie and features the Group performing two programmes including *Music for Mallet Instruments, Voices and Organ* and *Music for 18 Musicians*. This piece will also feature on their programme at Philharmonie Luxembourg, where the Group make their debut this season.

Colin Currie Group recently released their latest album on Colin Currie Records, *Steve Reich: The Sextets*, which brings together Reich's complete works for sextet forces onto a single album for the first time. Previous releases on the label include Steve Reich's *Music for 18 Musicians* (2023), *Live at Fondation Louis Vuitton* (2019) and the highly successful debut album *Drumming* (2018). Colin Currie Group has also released recordings of *Quartet* and *Traveler's Prayer* on Nonesuch.

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"This group is supreme. Watching them in action, one understood why they've become Reich's favourite performers... It was an utter marvel, which seemed both contemporary and unfathomably ancient." *The Telegraph*

"The extraordinary control that Steve Reich's fascinating work requires, is matched by exquisite musicality from Colin Currie and colleagues – the result is a sublime and reflective recording. … impeccable musicianship and collective musical understanding is evident throughout." Editor's Choice, *Gramophone*

"The performance was technically impeccable and musically overwhelming; richly deserving of the lengthy standing ovation." *Guardian*

"Held together by eye contact, ear contact, intimate understanding of the score and collective breathing, the performance was both aurally and visually exciting – a work of art and also one of craft at its most disciplined and alert." *Independent*

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