

META-XENAKIS

NEW PERSPECTIVES ON IANNIS XENAKIS'S LIFE, WORK,
AND LEGACIES

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45. In Memoriam, Joel Chadabe

Sharon Kanach

The inimitable Joel Chadabe (1938–2021): friend, colleague, proverbial big brother for so many.¹ The one and only person I have ever known who never pronounced the words “no” or “impossible.”

In this tribute, we hear from some of the people most touched by you: Bill Blakeney, Mike Kupietz, Lori Freedman, Peter Beyls, Roger Reynolds—in either words or music—or both.²

What better occasion to render homage than in the Meta-Xenakis celebration, as Xenakis too would have been right there, had he been able, in recognizing and giving thanks for everything you did to champion his music: from releasing the first CD of his electronic works on your EMF label, to all the concerts and events you organized over the years featuring his work in North America.³

When, in 2017, at the Xenakis Project of the Americas, we toyed with the idea of creating an oral history around Xenakis in America, you enthusiastically volunteered to be our “guinea pig” and do a pilot interview, with Olga Touloumi, Laura Cocks, and Anne Lanzilotti.⁴ Several significant excerpts from that hour-long interview are rendered public here for the first time, supporting the Chadabe motto: “Our mission is to create a gift of knowledge for future generations.”

1 Joel Chadabe, <https://joelchadabe.net/>

2 “William Blakeney,” *Discogs*, <https://www.discogs.com/artist/918718-William-Blakeney>; “Michael Kupietz,” *Bandcamp*, <https://michaelskupietz.bandcamp.com/>; Lori Freedman, <http://lorifreedman.com/en/accueil>; Peter Beyls, <https://www.peterbeyls.net/>; Roger Reynolds, <https://www.rogerreynolds.com/>

3 Xenakis, *Electronic Music*, New York, EMF CD 003, 1997, <https://www.discogs.com/release/154491-Xenakis-Electronic-Music>

4 “Xenakis Project of the Americas,” *Brook Center*, <https://brookcenter.gc.cuny.edu/projects/xenakis-project-of-the-americas/>; “Olga Touloumi,” *Bard*, <https://www.bard.edu/faculty/details/?id=3650>; Laura Cocks, <http://www.lauracocks.biz/about>; Leilehua Lanzilotti, <http://leilehualanzilotti.com/>



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