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In this soundscape, noises are a colossal part of what drives culture. He wanted to incorporate the beauty of industrial noise into the properly aesthetic realm of music. For this he devised noise-making machines that he called “intonarumori”, which, through cranks, mechanical effects and the passage of air, would alter our idea of what Noise Music: A History could be made into music.

His growers, crackers and bursters and many more would form an orchestra that would first reflect the new world of the machine, then contribute to human development.

In the future seen from the noise-making machines are everywhere: orchestras and the old machines that hid noise from us, such as musical instruments, are redundant, part of pre-history.

In a society ruled by noise, everything would begin again. Industry is not only ever-present, it is noisier than ever, and the city becomes a perpetual symphony for all his radical notions, ideas like “the symphony” still pre-occupied Russolo and his fellow futurists. Art and manufacturing offer a resonant dissonance not, of course, harmony and the noises from nature and human culture comprise a soundworld Noise Music: A History on pistons, levers and hammers.

This is a world that conjures the worst kind of noise, that of loud and unwanted sound, but for Russolo, this was just a matter of retraining and reworking our ears. John Cage attempted something similar with his silent pieces, most famously in David Tudor’s non-playing of a piano for 4 minutes and 33 seconds, known as 4’33”, in In place of a concert the world intrudes, the world of all sound, something Cage tried to harness for music, so that the world could become musical.

We might want to think of noise music as a history of the use of noise and reactions to this going from Russolo or Wagner, Schoenberg, etc through the cut and pasting of the s and s, Iggy and the Velvets, industrial music, power electronics, and, finally, the outpouring of noise from Japan, especially in the s.

Noise is resistance, or at least it causes resistance, so can Noise Music: A History be the mainstream. We should not have the idea that noise is subjective - it is something that happens to the individual, but it is not solely driven by that, however directly painful the moment might be when you encounter a concert that is too loud, or the relentless thrum of TV-derived hit songs.

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At times Merzbow seems to give us Noise Music: A History into that future soundscape Russolo imagined, but it would be fair to say that he has created something of a set of parallel universes across his vast output. Merzbow, aka Masami Akita, seems to be the highpoint of noise music. His albums are often incredibly harsh worlds featuring the sound of machines at breaking point, in which the whole idea of what a musical piece cracks and strains.

His album Dolphin Sonar, from illustrates his real-world interest in animal rights, particularly those of beleaguered sea mammals, but without content.

This is form as protest. Part one of three opens into a cacophony of feedback, squalls of noise and heavily distorted sounds. This gives way in part two to new layers of sound emerging from a bubbling background. In part three, there are sounds that could conceivably be dolphins.

It is tempting to read the album literally, as either the violent destruction of life, or an outcry against it - except that many of the strategies of this album can be found on others.

What is happening here is something in place of content, a moment where contemplation is disrupted, with the Noise Music: A History of suggesting Noise Music: A History thoughts and sensations. Some Noise Music: A History say that Merzbow, and those who make similar material are caught in a mids model of what noise is, and we've all moved on.

But they, like Russolo, are looking into a future where the harshest noise is commonplace, accepted as if it were music as Jules Verne imagined in his novel Paris in the Twentieth Century. This time is not yet, and when it does arrive, new noise will have to arise.
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