

A Postcard and a Letter.

These piano miniatures celebrate two artists' centres which have been very fruitful places for me.

The first was composed for Maria McGarry who gave the premiere in Belfast, 21st October 2006, at a concert marking the 25th anniversary of the Guthrie Centre at Annaghmakerrig, in Ireland. During my residencies there, it was run by Bernard and Mary Loughlin, to whom the piece is dedicated.

The second was composed for Zubin Kanga to premiere on June 6th 2008 at the Late Music Festival, York. It honours the Centre d'Art I Natura, high in the Pyrenees in Catalonia, which is run by Cesca and Lluís Llobet, the dedicatees.

If you imagine reading a postcard or letter aloud, and thinking of the place it celebrates, you will hear the way these brief pieces were composed.

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