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Kirin McElwain + halldorophone @ EMS 22-28 May, 2023

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Kirin McElwain ([/kirinmcelwain.com](http://kirinmcelwain.com)) is a cellist, performer, and composer working in the realms of improvised, experimental, contemporary classical, and popular music. In her sound and compositional practice, she uses cello, modular synthesizer, and voice to explore the tension between form and chaos, western classical harmony and noise, and traditional aesthetics of “goodness” and “correctness.”

Equally at home in concert halls, recording studios, and in DIY venues, Kirin has contributed cello to numerous film and television scores, contemporary dance performances, mixed media installations, and traditional classical and contemporary classical performances. Recent collaborations include a trio with Vicki Ray and Rhodri Davies and a duo with Matthew Ryals. She is working on her first solo record. Kirin holds a B.A. in Economics from Smith College, an M.M. in Cello Performance from Temple University and a teaching certification from the Philadelphia School for the Alexander Technique.

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