

"Hello. My name is Josh Ronsen and I am a Mail Artist and musician living in Austin, Texas. I have embarked on a long term collaborative project that I have been calling the Pierre Boulez Project. Years ago, French composer and conductor Pierre Boulez wrote that "All art of the past must be destroyed." Before and since writing that statement, he has made a living in presenting many art works of the past, from Handel to Beethoven to Wagner to Stravinsky. In my project, I am collecting recordings of Boulez's work as a composer and a conductor. Once I have assembled a sufficient number of recordings (and books and scores), my comrades and I will destroy them through various means in a performance creating a new work of art of the Present.

I ask that you submit any unwanted Boulez recordings to my project. I will duly credit all submissions on my web site and as well as the programs and final documentation of the project. If you wish, I can keep your donation anonymous.

Please see the Pierre Boulez Project web site at <http://home.flash.net/~jronsen/boulez.html>. You will find a list of current contributors as well as the most comprehensive index (in English) to online information about Boulez, including links to a number of interviews with him.

An article about my Mail Art activities can be found online here: http://www.austinchronicle.com/issues/dispatch/2001-03-23/arts_string_all.html

If you feel this email has reached you in error, simply delete it. I will not use the mailing list I compiled with your address again. If you wish to receive future updates about this project, please email me at jronsen@flash.net If you would like a color flyer to post at your local record store/music department/hang-out, email me and I will send you one.

I thank you for your time,

-Josh Ronsen"