

Accessibility Statement (February 17, 2021)

In the sections below you will find ideas for making the site more accessible from the user end, and you will also find links to more detailed information on the accessibility options for specific devices. Please get in touch if you have ideas for improving the accessibility of the site or if you have any other questions. It's a work in progress and we're eager to learn and serve our users in the best way possible. EMAIL: info@scordatura.info

Introduction to the site

The site includes blog posts and podcast interviews about art music, digital performance space and technology.

The site has a drop-down menu on the right-hand side of every page, linking to the main parts of the site: "Blog", "Podcast" and "Spotlight". By selecting one of these, you will be taken to a corresponding page. The page entitled "Blog" is also the landing page, and features the most recent blog article at the top, with an image, title, date and short introduction, followed by a button to go through the full article. Underneath this is a set of 3 horizontal cards, previewing the next three most recent articles, with titles and buttons to go to them. The "Podcast" page includes an embedded player from Podbean, which has all of our episodes listed from newest to oldest. On the "Spotlight" page, you will find sections of content giving details of tech that might be useful to artists adjusting to digital ways of working, and occasionally we will include links to performance projects that are producing particularly inventive or unique work in the digital realm.

We welcome submissions if you would like to publish through us, especially from writers with direct experience of arts and accessibility issues. We will also make sure that artists and creators working with disability are well-represented through the website content.

Over the coming months we will be embedding, or formatting the website to be compatible with, the following web-accessible tools:

Display contrast

We are working to add a display contrast option, wherein by clicking on the High Contrast button in the top left corner of every page this will change the whole website to have a black background and lighter text colours. Clicking the button again will revert the colours back to standard. We will update this information when it is in place.

Speaking websites

There are a number of programmes available that enable your computer to talk to you. Microsoft Windows comes with a basic screen reader called Narrator, which reads text on the screen aloud and describes some events (such as an error message appearing) that happen while you're using the computer. You can find more information on how to use Narrator on the Microsoft website There are also a number of Screen Reader programmes with more features, such as being able to read whole documents. Some of the most popular include: NVDA, WebAnywhere, SuperNova, VoiceOver, Firevox, Satogo, and Orca JAWS. For Mac users, the Mac operating system also has a built-in speech to text function, which you can access by going to 'System Preferences' and selecting 'Universal Access'.

Magnifying the screen

All recent versions of Microsoft Windows include magnification software. This allows you to greatly increase text size, although this will be restricted to only a small proportion of the screen. To use Windows magnifier, click on 'Start' then select 'Programmes' followed by 'Accessories' and 'Magnifier'. You can then select the amount of magnification you want from the dialog box that will appear on screen. For Mac users, you can select the screen magnifier option by going to 'System Preferences' and selecting 'Universal Access'.

Making the mouse point bigger

You can increase the size of the mouse pointer on your screen. In Microsoft Windows you do this by clicking on 'Start' then selecting 'Control Panel' followed by 'Hardware and Sound' and 'Devices and Printers'. You can then click on 'Mouse' followed by 'Mouse Pointer Options' and select any changes you want. For Mac users, click on 'System Preferences' and select 'Universal Access' followed by 'Mouse & Track pad'. You can then make the mouse pointer bigger by sliding the Cursor Size bar.

Slowing down the mouse speed

Some people find that it is easier to use a mouse at a slower speed. In Microsoft Windows, you can change this setting in the same way as you change the size of your mouse pointer. From the 'Mouse Pointer Options' menu just slide the 'Select a pointer speed' bar to slow or speed up the mouse. For Mac users, from the 'Mouse & Track pad' menu you can use the 'Tracking Speed' slider bar to change the mouse speed.

Using the keyboard to move around a website

For people who can't use a mouse or track pad, it is possible to navigate around a computer screen using different keystrokes on the keyboard. There is further information on keyboard shortcuts on the Microsoft Windows website. You can also find information on using the keyboard with different web browsers and other programmes in this RNIB guide.

For more detailed guidance on how to increase accessibility and change how your device or web browser works, we recommend the following websites: Windows For information about accessibility options using a Windows PC see Windows Accessibility features Apple For information about accessibility options using an Apple PC see Apple accessibility for OSX On an iPhone or iPad For information about accessibility options using an iPhone see Apple accessibility for ios On an Android device For information about accessibility options using an Android device see the Android accessibility help centre.

If you have any problems accessing parts of the website, please let us know by emailing us at info@scordatura.io – we are very eager to learn and consider accessibility a key responsibility of our work.