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> “When pianist Colin Vallon syncs up with a melodic inspiration, the results are massively absorbing. His builds of intensity possess a detached urgency, not unlike watching a storm approach slowly from out across the horizon. There are the distant strikes of lightning, the susurrant grumbles of thunder, the refracted light shading the sky. There should be a sense of danger… this is a storm approaching, after all. But the beauty is so massive that a heavy calm settles in, an odd serenity of viewing chaos from a peaceful spot.”

The strength of Colin Vallon is telling a powerful story without conjuring up the whole lexicon. Although there are very few words he is not familiar with. Colin Vallon’s playing focuses on inhabiting the silence. He possesses an uncanny sense for haunting melodic lines, concise sketches of moods and atmospheres, feverish emotions or dense textures he weaves through his rich palette of timbres and prepared piano techniques. His solo repertoire includes his own compositions, pieces by Henry Purcell, Bob Dylan, or from various folk traditions, intertwined with fantasies created in the moment.