

## CONTRIBUTOR NOTES

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**Osip Mandelstam** (1891–1938) is widely acknowledged to be among the most important poets of the twentieth century. Prohibited from publishing his own poems after 1928, he lived in exile after 1934 and died in Stalin's Gulag in 1938. Alex Cigale's other Mandelstam translations have appeared in *Cimmaron Review*, *Modern Poetry in Translation*, *Off Course*, and, with brief essays on his symbols, in *Cardinal Points* and *Moving Poems*.

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