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A Letter from John Nuechterlein

President and CEO



Forum President and CEO John Nuechterlein by a wall display of innova® Recordings CD covers.

A Culture of Creativity

There is no other way to describe 2008 than extraordinary! Our long-standing programs thrived and supported new work for hundreds of composers, while seeds were sown for new initiatives in 2009. Importantly, we finished the year in strong financial health. We also completed a significant new three-year plan that pays great attention to the changing landscape of music – both its creation and distribution – and outlines exciting new directions for the organization. In our turbulent times, these are wonderful marks of success.

What is not recorded in these pages is our partnership with the American Music Center this past year to develop and launch the first research study in many years of composers and their careers. Over 1,300 people responded to a national survey facilitated by the Research Center for Arts and Culture at Columbia University, and over 100 interviews in eight major cities were conducted as part of the intensive field work.

The preliminary results were presented at the 2008 National Performing Arts Convention in Denver, and the full study will be released in late fall 2008. It is called “Taking Note: A Study of Composers in the United States,” and forms an important baseline of information that can be used in future years for subsequent studies.

What did we learn?

While some needs – time and money – have been the same for hundreds of years, what is also clear is that the virtual world we all live in has offered exciting new opportunities for composers to create, connect with new audiences and make a living. No doubt that will only continue exponentially.

What has not changed is the need for composers to find people who value their work, and the Forum continues to see its mission as a critically important link in that process. Clearly there are many who agree with us because our membership continues to grow.

We are also deeply grateful for the support of our loyal donors, without whom we could not do what we do! We look forward to doing even more in the years ahead for creating an environment of creativity in our culture.

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Front cover photos: (left) Los Angeles *CANOE* program student composer Brian Mackay (Tohono O'odam nation) with *FNCI* composer-in-residence Raven Chacon (Dine' nation) (photo: Georgia Wettlin-Larsen); (right) Composer Larry Siegel conducts the premiere performance of his new work “Kaddish,” a *Continental Harmony* commission, to a full house at the Cohen Center for Holocaust studies at Keene State College in New Hampshire (photo: Mark Corliss).

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National Accomplishments

in Fiscal Year 2008

In its 35-year history, through nationwide opportunities for commissions and professional development workshops, the Forum has expanded services to thousands of composers, performers and communities. The Minnesota Chapter is part of the national office and is included in the national activities.

Highlights of the year include:

On the evening of October 26, 2007, Osmo Vänskä conducted **The Minnesota Orchestra** in a concert of seven new works selected for the Forum's **2007 Composer Institute**. This annual program is presented in partnership with the Orchestra, the American Music Center, and the University of Minnesota School of Music. **Beth Cowart**, Minnesota Orchestra's Artistic Planning Associate, and composer **Aaron Jay Kernis**, the Orchestra's new music advisor, served as co-directors of the Institute. An audience of over 1200 people responded enthusiastically to the new pieces by **Daniel Bradshaw** (Laie, Hawaii), **Jacob Cooper** (New Haven, Conn.), **Trevor Gureckis** (Astoria, N.Y.), **Wes Matthews** (Jamaica Plain, Mass.), **Elliott Miles McKinley** (Minneapolis, Minn.), **Xi Wang** (Ithaca, N.Y.), and **Stephen Wilcox** (Bethlehem, Pa.). In addition to the *Future Classics!* concert, the activities of the Institute span an entire week and encompass a variety of workshops that cover such topics as self-publishing, score preparation, grant-writing, copyrights and licensing, marketing and promotion, as well as instrumental seminars led by many of the Orchestra's principal players.

The goal of the Forum's **First Nations Composer Initiative** (FNCI) is to provide leadership in support of American Indian composers and performers. FNCI's **Composer Apprentice National Outreach Endeavor** (CANOE) teaches composition skills to Native students. For three semesters during the 2007/2008 school year, CANOE placed Native composers in classrooms in Minnesota and California: **Brent Michael Davids** (Mohican), **Elizabeth Jaakola** (Anishinaabe), and **Raven Chacon** (Dine) worked with students in Minneapolis and at the Fond du Lac reservation (Cloquet, Minn.) and at a venue shared with Native Voices at the Gene Autry Theater in Orange County, Los Angeles.



Fond du Lac CANOE student composer Hope DeFoe (Ojibwe).



photo: Beth Cowart

2007 Composer Institute participants and "Future Classics!" poster depicting Minnesota Orchestra Music Director Osmo Vänskä - left to right (standing in back): Daniel Bradshaw, Stephen Wilcox, Jacob Cooper, and Wes Matthews; (kneeling in front): Elliott Miles McKinley, Xi Wang, Beth Cowart, Aaron Jay Kernis, and Trevor Gureckis.

While music classrooms skillfully teach performing and listening, many lack the tools to teach students how to create music. In keeping with its mission of supporting new music and composers, the Forum actively works to support composition and new music in the K-12 classroom. The Forum has partnered with the software company MakeMusic, Inc. to produce a technology-based composition curriculum called **Music by Kids for Kids®**. For this project, composer and educator **Janika Vandervelde** wrote a five-unit curriculum with *Finale®* templates that ease students into composing and provide assessment documents for teachers. *Music by Kids for Kids* is now being distributed nationally.



A new wind band composition by **Dana Wilson** entitled "Odysseus and the Sirens" was premiered in May of 2008 by the Boynton Middle School Concert Band in Ithaca, New York. This new band work was commissioned by the Forum as part of the successful **BandQuest®** series of scores distributed by Hal Leonard.

Now in its 16th season, the Forum's **Faith Partners** program continues to invigorate sacred music and reintroduce composers into settings in which they have historically flourished. The participating congregations are chosen on the basis of their interest in and commitment to performing new music, their diversity, and their potential congruence. Participating composers gain multiple performances and develop new audiences.

Curtis Bryant, a composer from Union City, Ga., was chosen as the Composer-in-Residence for a *Faith Partners* project with three churches in Atlanta. In Minnesota, three composers were chosen for *Faith Partners* residencies with two congregations each: **Victor Zupanc** in Minneapolis, **Ronald Nelson** in Hutchinson, and **Thomas Porter**, in Saint Cloud.

National/Regional Accomplishments

A **Continental Harmony** residency was completed with **Gabriela Lena Frank** in Modesto, California. Ongoing *Continental Harmony* residency projects include **Larry Siegel's** "Kaddish," previewed in Keene, New Hampshire, with a premiere in Minneapolis on November 15, 2008, with VocalEssence; and **Jerod Tate's** "The Journey Continues" scheduled for a Fall 2009 premiere in Ada, Oklahoma, with the Oklahoma Youth Orchestra and other performers.

Composer Shawn Crouch was announced as the first recipient of the Forum's **Dale Warland Singers Choral Commission** during the June 2007 Chorus America conference. Crouch will write a new work for the San Francisco-based **Chanticleer** vocal ensemble. The *Dale Warland Singers Fund for New Choral Music* will support one new choral commission each year through a partnership with Chorus America. The Forum partnered with **GALA Choruses Inc.** (an international organization serving the GLBT choral movement) to launch a pilot **Community Partners** program, resulting in grants of \$6,000 to the Boston Gay Men's Chorus and Una Voce to commission a new work for each of them.

McKnight Fellowships were awarded to four Minnesota-based composers, and **McKnight Visiting Composer** residencies were awarded to two non-Minnesotan composers for Minnesota-based projects: New York composer **Billy Fox** will teach improvisation at the MacPhail Center in Minneapolis; and Philadelphia composer **Evan Solot** will work with the Mankato Symphony. The Forum annually provides direct support to emerging composers through the **Jerome Composers Commissioning Program (JCCP)**. Begun in 1980, JCCP has awarded grants to 252 recipients, including 16 new grants announced last October.

Encore provides rehearsal and performance funding for repeat performances of recent works. Performers and composers who have not worked together before are eligible to apply. This year, 18 grants were awarded to performers across the United States.



Philip Brunelle leads the VocalEssence Ensemble Singers during the Essentially Choral Reading Session at the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra's Huss Music Room.

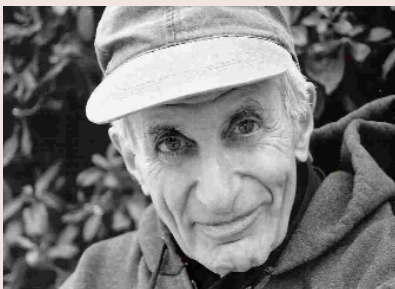
The Forum collaborates with VocalEssence on several professional development and commissioning programs. The **Essentially Choral** reading sessions bring composers from across the country to Minnesota to hear their untested works for chorus, and the **Welcome Christmas! Carol Contest** culminates each year in the performance of two new carols at VocalEssence's *Welcome Christmas!* concerts.

Tuesday Salons – casual evenings open to composers on a first-come, first-served basis – were often "standing room only." Many evenings are "BYOP" (Bring/Be Your Own Performer). Zeitgeist generously offers their downtown St. Paul studio space.

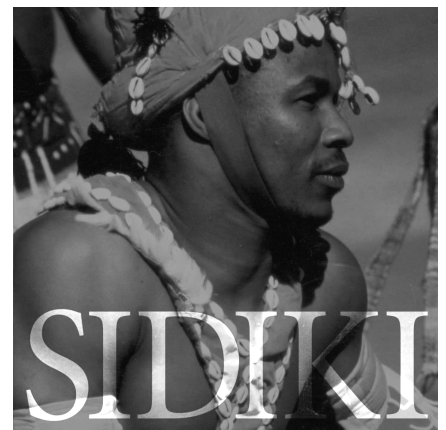
Composers Datebook, launched in March 2000 and co-produced with Minnesota Public Radio, celebrates contemporary composers and their historical counterparts. The two-minute, daily radio show can be heard on 280 stations nationwide. A daily email newsletter is delivered to over 12,000 inboxes. The Forum's **innova® Recordings** label continues to release approximately 25 recordings annually, all available both as traditional CDs and also as MP3 downloads direct from the internet. The label has also partnered with the Independent Online Distributors Alliance (IODA). A major grant from the New York State Music Fund has resulted in the release of *innova* CDs by nearly 30 New York artists.

Professional membership in the Forum rose to 1700 as of June 2008, a 15% gain over 2007.

American composer Henry Brant (1913 - 2008) on the innova® "Henry Brant Collection"



"It was a startlingly unique day in the life of one composer four years ago. ACF's Philip Blackburn phoned me to announce that he was about to undertake the release, on innova Recordings, of The Henry Brant Collection, as an ongoing series of all-Brant CDs. With nine CDs available by the end of 2007, connoisseurs of my music will now have a direct access to its sound."



Cover art for innova CD #692, featuring Sidiki Conde's original music recorded with some of the finest West African musicians in the States joined by top New York City session players.



Berkeley High School CITS participants: left to right (front row) student composers Mackenzie Sowers, Devon Brinner, Dylan Mattingly, Gabriela Smith, Eli Wirtschafter, Ben Williams, and Chase Jackson; (back row) Katrina Wreede (instructor) and Laura Simpson (harp soloist).

Regional Accomplishments

The Forum's **regional chapters** continued to provide programs and services tailored to their local communities, with financial support from local donors. Here's a summary of their activities over the past year.

In Northern and Southern California:

The popular, quick-turnaround **subito** grant program in California enabled ACF's San Francisco-Bay Area and Los Angeles Chapters to assist dozens of local composers and performers in realizing a variety of career-advancing projects. In Northern California, the Bay Area Chapter's popular **Composer in the Schools** (CITS) program celebrated its 12th Anniversary with end-of-the-school-year concerts highlighting the creative accomplishments of this year's participating students at Lowell (San Francisco) and Berkeley High Schools.

The Bay Area Chapter's **Northern California Composers Commissioning Program** (NCCP) places a premium on new collaborations, awarding grants that are split between the applicant performer or presenter and the composer they are commissioning. The Chapter's **Community Partners** connects composers with local presenters and performance venues, and its **21st Century Music for People** program seeks to reconnect contemporary composers with talented but non-professional performers.

In New England:

In collaboration with Northeastern University, ACF's New England Chapter (ACFNE) hosted a reading session presented by **Brave New Works**, a 10-musician new music chamber ensemble. Works by seven regional composers were performed. The Chapter has received an Argosy Foundation grant to commission new music to be presented by the **Boston Modern Orchestra Project** (BMOP) in the upcoming Ditson Festival of New Music in Boston.



In Philadelphia:

As in California and Minnesota, the Philadelphia Chapter's **subito** quick advancement grants for original music projects allow local artists to take significant steps forward in their careers as composers.



Philadelphia's Kimmel Center

The Philadelphia Orchestra

and ACF Philadelphia held a *Composer to Composer* session with **Jennifer Higdon** on January 10, 2008, at the Kimmel Center. The Chapter organized its own series of four free concerts at the Kimmel Center's Commonwealth Plaza, all showcasing the work of local composers.

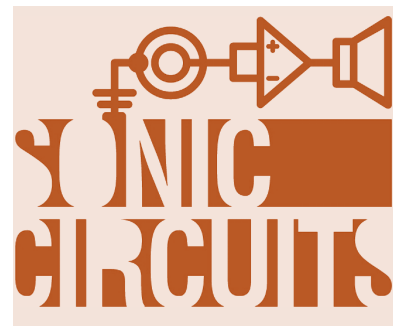
The Chapter also operates its own internet radio station, **www.newmusicphiladelphia.com**, broadcasting the work of Philadelphia composers and the performers who play their music – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

In Washington D.C.:

ACF's DC Chapter produced regular **New Music Salons** at the Patricia M. Sitar Center for the Arts, showcasing both local composers and performers as well as visiting ensembles. The Chapter also launched its own **subito** quick advancement grant program for regional composers and performers of new music.

The 7th edition of DC Sonic Circuits

own **Sonic Circuits** festival of electronic music took place October 5 - 8, 2007, at the Warehouse Theater, offering five concerts over four days, plus three lecture/demonstrations. promises more genre-bending sounds and world-class performances of music, film and video at additional venues in the DC Metro area. Featured performers include around 60 local, national, and international artists from the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Germany, The Netherlands, Belgium, Sweden, Norway, Spain, and Lithuania ♦



The Brave New Works ensemble read works by seven New England composers in November of 2007.

Class of 2008

Over the past year, the Forum served more than 475 talented artists and ensembles through its programs, grants, fellowships and other opportunities. Congratulations to all!

BandQuest

Chen Yi (Mo.)
Michael Colgrass (Ont., Canada)
Michael Daugherty (Mich.)
Brent Michael Davids (Minn.)
Thomas C. Duffy (Conn.)
Adolphus Hailstork (Va.)
Jennifer Higdon (Pa.)
Libby Larsen (Minn.)
Tania Leon (N.J.)
Stephen Paulus (Minn.)
Robert Xavier Rodriguez (Texas)
Gunther Schuller (Mass.)
Alvin Singleton (Ga.)
Dana Wilson (N.Y.)
Judith Zaimont (Ariz.)

Composers Datebook

Mark Adamo (N.Y.)
John Adams (Calif.)
Laurie Anderson (N.Y.)
Dominick Argento (Minn.)
William Bolcom (Mich.)
Dave Brubeck (Calif.)
Gavin Bryars (England)
Wendy Carlos (N.Y.)
Paul Chihara (Calif.)
John Corigliano (N.Y.)
George Crumb (Pa.)
Richard Danielpour (N.Y.)
Michael Daugherty (Mich.)
David Del Tredici (N.Y.)
James DeMars (Ariz.)
Carlisle Floyd (Texas)
Bill Frizell (Wa.)
Philip Glass (N.Y.)
Henryk Gorecki (Poland)
Barbara Harbach (N.Y.)
Jennifer Higdon (Pa.)
Katherine Hoover (N.Y.)
Aaron Jay Kernis (N.Y.)
Scott Kirby (La.)
Judith Lang Zaimont (Minn.)
Libby Larsen (Minn.)
Golan Levin (N.Y.)
Zhou Long (N.Y.)
Wendy Mae Chambers (N.J.)
Wynton Marsalis (N.Y.)
Colin Matthews (England)

+Gian Carlo Menotti (Scotland)
Edgar Meyer (N.Y.)
Stephen Paulus (Minn.)
Anita Perry (Canada)
Einojuhani Rautavaara (Finland)
Paul Reale (Calif.)
Steve Reich (N.Y.)
Terry Riley (Calif.)
Ned Rorem (N.Y.)
Christopher Rouse (N.Y.)
Frederic Rzewski (Belgium)
Kaija Saariaho (France)
Paul Schoenfield (Ohio)
Gunther Schuller (Mass.)
Jose Serebrier (N.Y.)
Roberto Sierra (N.Y.)
Stephen Sondheim (N.Y.)
Ellen Taaffe Zwilich (N.Y.)
John Tavener (England)
Michael Torke (N.Y.)
Joan Tower (N.Y.)
George Tsontakis (N.Y.)
Jay Ungar (N.Y.)
Reza Vali (Pa.)
George Walker (N.Y.)
Robert Ward (N.C.)
David Ward-Steinman (Calif.)
Roy Whelden (Calif.)
John Williams (Calif.)

Continental Harmony

Philip Bimstein (Utah)
Lisa DeSpain (N.Y.)
Gabriela Lena Frank (Calif.)
Larry Siegel (N.H.)
Jerod Tate (Colo.)

Encore

by composer/performer(s):
David Bithell (Texas) with
Hunter-Gatherer (N.Y.)
Kirsten Broberg (Ill.) with
The Renegade Ensemble
(Minn.)
Patricia Da Silva (Calif.) with
pianist Lei Weng (Colo.)
Christopher Gable (Minn.) with
Two Sides Sounding (N.Y.)
Lori Laitman (Md.) with Janelle
McCoy Chamber Group (Fla.)
David Schober (N.Y.) with

violinist Maria Sampen (Wash.)
Joseph Trapanese (Calif.) with
East Coast Composers
Ensemble (N.Y.)
Peter Michael von der Nahmer
(Calif.) with percussionist
Erik Barsness (Minn.)

Essentially Choral

Elizabeth Kelly (Fla.)
Jonathon Kolm (Texas)
David Mercer (Minn.)
Scott Sandersfield (Minn.)
Matthew Van Brink (N.Y.)

Faith Partners

Curtis Bryant (Ga.)
Ronald Nelson (Minn.)
Thomas Porter (N.D.)
Victor Zupanc (Minn.)

FNCI

Dawn Avery, Mohawk (Md.)
Ateyapi Youth Program (S.D.)
Raven Chacon, Diné (Calif.)
Brent Michael Davids,
Mohican (Minn.)
Chenoa Egawa, Lummi (Wash.)
Wade Fernandez,
Menominee (Wisc.)
Joy Harjo,
Mvskoke/Creek (N.M.)
Lyz Jaakola, Anishinabe (Minn.)
Mt. Rushmore National
Memorial "Saturdays in
the Park" Music Series (S.D.)
George Quincy, Choctaw (N.Y.)
South Dakota Symphony
Orchestra (S.D.)
Jerod Impichachaaha Tate,
Chickasaw (Colo.)

innova Recordings

Christopher Adler (Calif.)
Mark Applebaum (Calif.)
Paul Austerlitz (Pa.)
Jeremy Beck (Ky.)
+Henry Brant (Calif.)
Todd Brunel (Mass.)
Sidiki Conde (N.Y.)
Douglas J. Cuomo (N.Y.)
Ron George (Calif.)
Glass Farm Ensemble (N.Y.)

Joel Harrison (N.Y.)
Royal Hartigan (2) (Mass.)
Jason Kao Hwang (N.Y.)
Jon Irabagon (N.Y.)
Nicola Melville (Minn.)
Pat Moriarty/Ellen Lease (Minn.)
Tim Mungenast (Mass.)
Sean Noonan (N.Y.)
Pharaoh's Daughter (N.Y.)
PRISM Quartet:
William Albright (Pa.)
& Jacob TV (Pa.)
Nirmala Rajasekar (Minn.)
Hans Tammen (N.Y.)
Val Inc. (N.Y.)
Giancarlo Vulcano (N.Y.)

JCCP

Abbie Betinis (Minn.)
with Anoka High School Band
Howard Collins (Minn.)
with trumpeter Kiku Collins
Nathan Davis (N.Y.)
with the International
Contemporary Ensemble
Paul Elwood (N.C.)
with Zeitgeist
Ryan Francis (N.Y.)
with Fredrik Ullén and
the Metropolis Ensemble.
Douglas Geers (Minn.)
with La MaMa
Margaret Griebing-Haigh
(Ohio) with the
Vecchione/Erdal Duo
Joel Harrison (N.Y.)
with the Mosaic ensemble
Huck Hodge (N.Y.)
with the Afaira String Quartet
Kristin Kuster (N.Y.)
for flutist Jennifer Nitchman
Art Lee (Japan) with
Ragmala Dance
Missy Mazzoli (N.Y.)
with filmmaker Stephen Taylor
and the NOW Ensemble.
J. David Moore (Minn.)
with the Venera Lute Quartet
Tamar Muskal (N.Y.)
with Carnegie Hall
Peter O'Gorman (Minn.)
with choreographer
Wynne Fricke

JCCP (continued)

Aaron Siegel (N.Y.)
with the Flux Quartet
Peter Michael von der Nahmer
(Calif.) with Janus Percussion

McKnight Composer Fellowships

John E. Bower (Minn.)
Brent Michael Davids (Minn.)
Philip Fried (Minn.)
Noah Keesecker (Minn.)

McKnight Visiting Composers

Billy Fox (New York, N.Y.)
Evan Solot (Philadelphia, Pa.)

Minnesota Orchestra Composer Institute

Daniel Bradshaw (Hawaii)
Jacob Cooper (Conn.)
Trevor Gureckis (N.Y.)
Wes Matthews (Mass.)
Elliot Miles McKinley (Minn.)
Stephen Wilcox (Pa.)
Wang Xi (N.Y.)

Welcome Christmas! Carol Contest

Matthew Brown (Calif.)
Stephen Main (Calif.)

Regional Chapters

D.C. Chapter

Sonic Circuits Festival

Txema Agiriano
Alexis
All Violet
AM Salad
Animental
Thomas Ankersmit
Gilles Aubry
Baseline
BLK w/ BEAR
Josh Bonnetta
Naila Borensztein
Brown Wing Overdrive
Buck Gooter
Arturas Bumšteinas
Cash Slave Clique
Caustic Castle
Tony Conrad & Violent Raid
Caution Curves
Cheapmachines
Ramon Churrua
Constant Mauk

Corridors
The Cutest Puppy in the World
Frans de Waard
Nick Didkovsky & Sirius String Quartet
Element Kuuda
Marianna Ellenberg
Ergo
Oier Etxeberria
Exploding Star Orchestra
Thorsten Fleisch
Iris Garrelfs
Gunung Sari
Christoph Heemann
Zan Hoffman
Koen Holtkamp
Humcrush
Insect Factory
Ironing
Michael Thomas Jackson
& Brian Osbourne
Janel and Anthony
Antanas Jasenka
Kakerlak
Kohoutek Percussion Ensemble
Kuschty Rye Ergot
Gunter Krüger
Lamathilde
Nick Lopata
Janel Leppin
Ida Lundén
Sarah Lundén
Hal McGee
Moljebka Pvlse
Murmur
Mind Over Matter Music Over
Mind
Myo
Northern Machine
Noveller
o.blaat (Keiko Uenishi)
Ben Owen
People
Piasa
Pinko Communiods
Doug Poplin
Promute
Radio Shock
RDK
Safe
James June Schnieder
Scraping Teeth
Shelf Life
Spaceships Panic Orbit
Martijn Tellinga
36
This Bag is Not a Toy
TL074I
Esther Venrooy

VJ Poppins
Andy Wilson
Jack Wright & Michael Johnsen
Xedh)

Los Angeles Chapter

Composers Salon

Bei Bei He
Randy Newman
Michael Roth
Drew Schnurr
Gernot Wolfgang

subito in Southern California

Ellen Burr
Madelyn Byrne
Jessica Catron
Nicholas Chase
Phil Curtis
Adam Greene
Sean Griffin
Sean Heim
Aaron Helgeson
Alison Adah Johnson
Daniel Kessner
Ronit Kirchman
Michael Kudirka
Anne LeBaron
Steve Lockwood
Pamela Madsen
Varoujan Nalbandian
Adam Overton
Andrew Pask
Michael Pisaro
Jeffrey Roden
Barry Schrader
John Schneider
Kris Tiner
Ryan Zwahlen

Minnesota Chapter

Composer to Composer

Ricky Ian Gordon
William Bolcom

Curtain Call and Grand Rights Workshops

Philip Blackburn
Mary Ellen Childs
Michael Croswell
Brian Sostek
Adam Wernick
Victor Zupanc

Minnesota Voices

Carol Barnett
Paul Brandvik
Edie Hill
J. David Moore

Brian A. Schmidt
Janika Vandervelde

Music in Motion

Marc Anderson with
Ragamala Music and Dance
Theater
Mary Ellen Childs with
James Sewell Ballet
Michael Croswell with
ARENA Dances

Performances, Tuesday Salons and Readings

Tom Allen
bryce beverlin
Paul Cantrell
Colin Corner
Viv Corringham
Michael Coyle
Cathy Dalton
Michael Davis
Jeffrey Drayton
Aniruddha Dutta
Mark Eden
William Frank
Phil Fried
Douglas Geers
Chris Granias
Will Hale
Helen Hall
Todd Harper
Colin Holter
Marianne Kreitlow
Sherry Wohlers Ladig
Ellen Lease
Pat Moriarty
Mike Olson
Julianne Rabens
Ryan Rapsys
Greg Schaffner
Edward Schneider
Matthew Smith
Sandy Waterman
Adam Wernick
Stanley Woolner
Preston Wright

Saint Paul Listens

Doug Little
Gao Hong
Michael Croswell
Zeitgeist

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Regional Chapters *continued*

Minnesota

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Schubert Club Songbook

Carol Barnett
Libby Larsen
Monte Mason
Stephen Paulus

subito in Minnesota

Erik Barsness,
Janus Percussion
Abbie Betinis
John Bower
Linda Chatterton
Mina Fischer, Bakken Trio
Jan Gilbert
Jocelyn Hagen
Nathan Hanson
Linda Tutas Haugen
Asako Hirabayashi
Gao Hong
Noah Keesecker
Michelle Kinney,
Jelloslave
Edward Marcus
Elliot Miles McKinley
Scott Miller
Pat Moriarty
Kelly Rossum
Timothy Takach
David Evan Thomas

New England

Brave New Works Readings

Brian Dixon
Jean Y. Foo
Karl Hemming
David Patterson
Rob Seaback
Lee. C. Smith

Festival Commissions

Julie Rohwein
Andrew Vores
Dalit Warshaw

New England

Orchestral Consortium

Commissions

David Kechley
Michael Weinstein

Sonic Circuits CD

Jonathan Chen
Beth Denisch
Ido Govrin
Neil Leonard
Kiki Keren-Huss
Yossi mar-Chaim
Keren Rosenbaum
Arie Shapira
Amnon Wolman

Philadelphia

Community Partners

Andrew Bleckner
Daniel Dorff
Susie Ibarra
Allen Krantz
Kile Smith
David Bennett Thomas

Commissions

Ranaan Meyer
Time for Three

Kimmel Center Plaza Concerts

Kevin Clark
Francis D'Amico
Matt Davis
Daniel Dorff
Matthew Greenbaum
Joseph Hallman
Jan Kryzwicki
Robert Maggio
Michael McGrath
Clive Muncaster
Ed Nawrocki
Ryan Olivier
James Primosch
Maurice Wright

New Music Philadelphia

Charles Abramovic
Curt Cacioppo
Kevin Clark
George Crumb
David Ludwig
Anthony Mosakowski
Ned Rorem
Robert AM Ross
David Bennett Thomas
William Thompson

New Voices

Kevin Clark
David Ludwig
Anthony Mosakowski
Robert AM Ross
David Bennett Thomas
William Thompson

subito in Philadelphia

Andrea Clearfield
Francis D'Amico
Joseph Hallman
Gregg Mervine
Dan Scofield

San Francisco Bay Area

Community Partners

Ryan Brown
with The Left Coast
Chamber Ensemble
Lara Bruckmann
with ChamberBridge
Jay Cloidt
with ODC/San Francisco
Peter Josheff
with Harvest of Song
San Francisco Electronic
Music Festival

Composer in the Schools

Christopher Jones (Lowell High)
with student composers:
Michael Beese
Natalie Ho
Maria Hong
Kailin Koch
Katrina Wreede (Berkeley High)
with student composers:
Devon Brinner
Ian Faquini
Ben Hamnilton
Chase Jackson
Scott Johnston
Dylan Mattingly
Gabriela Smith
Mackenzie Sowers
Eli Wirtschafter

Continental Harmony

George Brooks
with Opera Piccola

subito in Northern California

Chus Alonso
Brian Belet
Benjamin Boone
Linda Bouchard
Ryan Brown
Lenny Carlson
Robert J. Coburn
Philip Collins
Michael Cooke
David B. Doty
Richard Festinger
Corey Fogel
Cristiano Forster
Guillermo Galindo
Ben Goldberg
David Graves
Todd Harris
Howard Hersh
John Ingle
Mindia Devi Klein
Hugh Livingston
Patricia Martinez
Lisa Sangita Moskow
Don Myers
Hyo-shin Na
Jack Perla
Wendy Reid
Belinda R. Reynolds
Jess Rowland
Laurie San Martin
Brenda Schuman-Post
Matt Small

Northern California Composers Commissioning Program (NCCCP)

Ryan Brown
with Sqwonk
Kurt Erickson
with Marnie Breckenridge
Fred Frith
with Galax Quartet
Jack Perla
with The Paul Dresher
Ensemble.)

21st Century Music

For The People

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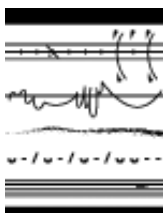
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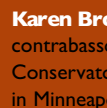
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