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### **newEar receives grant from Aaron Copland Fund for Music!**

newEar contemporary music ensemble is pleased to announce the receipt of a \$6,000 grant from the Aaron Copland Fund for Music in recognition of our "contribution to furthering public interest in and appreciation of contemporary American music."

The grant was announced in a letter dated November 21, 2003 by James M. Kendrick, Secretary of the Aaron Copland Fund for Music, Inc. The Fund's Performing Ensembles Program provides support to professional performing ensembles with a history of substantial commitment to contemporary American music and with plans to continue that commitment.

newEar's grant amount for general operating expenses was increased this year, a fact that in the current budgetary situation for the arts does not go unappreciated.

Composer, conductor, writer and lecturer, teacher, advocate of modern music, a founder of the American Composers Alliance and the Tanglewood Festival, Aaron Copland commanded a central role in this country's musical life for almost seventy years. For more information on this seminal American Composer, please visit:

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