



contemporary chamber ensemble

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**newEar presents *Beyond Minimalism* on September 13.**

**newEar** contemporary chamber music ensemble presents ***Beyond Minimalism***, an evening of eclectic new music inspired by 1960s minimalism, on **Saturday, September 13, 2008 at 8:00 PM** at All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church, 4501 Walnut Street, Kansas City, MO. A pre-concert talk with composers Kyle Gann and Scott Unrein will begin at 7:15 p.m.

In the late 1960s a musical style known as minimalism emerged. Most listeners are familiar with this movement primarily through the music of Steve Reich and Philip Glass. Our first concert explores not minimalism itself, but the various and rich subsequent directions that the original movement spawned.

The program features guest composer Kyle Gann's ultra-intricate composition *Chicago Spiral* written in 1990-91. Gann, who was the new-music critic for the ***Village Voice*** from 1986 to 2005, created an elaborate nine-part triple canon in *Chicago Spiral* that will be a feat for performers and listeners alike.

Three haunting pieces from David Lang's *Child* (1999) are also on the program. *Child* examines experiences the composer remembers from his childhood. The ***Bang of the Can*** composer writes: "Each of the individual movements is in some way a memory of how I learned how to do something. Because I was taught (as most children are) that one learns how to perceive the world by making up rules it has been possible to apply these rules to musical environments."

Also on the program are William Duckworth's *Mysterious Numbers* (1996), Wayne Siegel's remarkable *Jackdaw* (1996) for bass clarinet and electronic sounds, and Scott Unrein's exceedingly beautiful *Imanaka* (2004) scored for alto saxophone, marimba and Fender Rhodes keyboard.

Tickets for newEar's ***Beyond Minimalism*** are \$20 and \$8 for students with ID. For ticket information call the Central Ticket Office at **816-235-6222** or toll-free at **1-888-286-4849**.

For more information on the concerts and artists visit the web at <http://www.newear.org> or contact Tom Aber (816-333-6842) or Ingrid Stölzel (816-756-0570)

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