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Present Music returns June 23 to Lynden Sculpture Garden for an exploration of sound and sight

An audio-visual-sensorial kaleidoscope

MILWAUKEE, WI (May 18, 2018)—Present Music’s season finale concert, [SOUND & SIGHT](#) on June 23rd, combines music, sculpture, nature and more for its return to the [Lynden Sculpture Garden](#). Audience members will be led on a kaleidoscopic soundscape journey of local artists bringing creative and natural expression into the wide-open space of the Garden.

Kevin Stalheim, Artistic Director of Present Music, invites the audience and musicians to expand their perspectives and gain new interpretations of sculpture and nature through the incorporation of music. The concert is made possible, in part, by a gift from **Two Sisters**.

In part 1 of the concert, the audience walks through a guided series of performances. Audience members split into groups that travel to thirteen performance sites, featuring music designed to actually collaborate with sculptures. Stalheim says, “people almost never spend more than a few moments with works of art. The unique concept of this event will give audience members time to really contemplate several sculptures while listening to music.”

Part 2 of the concert celebrates the end of the season with a variety of performance pieces involving local collaborators, artists, and audience participation including the chance to play on unusual instruments used in the concert. In the event of inclement weather on June 23rd, the concert will be performed Sunday June 24th.

“I wanted to make each work an experience of sound collaborating with sight, which is why I titled the program that way,” says Stalheim. “Although the audience will move from sculpture to sculpture there will be a stillness during each ‘performance’. My hope is that the audience will experience the sculptures much more deeply than usual. I’m excited that there will be a number of new works composed specifically for various sculptures.”

In fact, Stalheim will create four pieces himself for the concert.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROGRAM INCLUDE:

- Brand new compositions **straight from Kevin's head** and in response to specific sculptures
- Milwaukee performing ensemble, [Quasimondo](#), will offer their own site-specific physical performances in response to the Garden surroundings
- Watch and join several local artists including **Melissa Dorn** and **Kate Schaeffer** engage with the sculptures
- New rhythmic/percussive soundscape composed by Present Music's [Carl Storniolo](#)
- Illinois-based ensemble, [Projeto Arcomusical](#) performing ensemble member [Alexis C. Lamb's](#) [Apenas Seja](#) and their newly commissioned work, *Roda*, by [Elliot Cole](#)
- A brand new performance piece entitled *Take, Pause, Movement* by 2016 Mary Nohl-award-winner [Brooke Thiele](#) involving animation and dance

TICKETS

Single tickets are available for \$25 (general admission) and are on sale now. Student tickets are half-price with a valid student id. Tickets are available for purchase by phone and online, as well as at-the-door the day of the concert. Online ticket sales end 24 hours prior to each concert. To purchase tickets go to presentmusic.org or call 414-271-0711. (Rain Date is June 24, 2018 at 6:00pm)

Patrons should park at the Park-and-Ride lot on Brown Deer Road just west of I-43 and take the provided shuttles to the Garden. The Garden will open for the event at 3:30 pm and light snacks and beverages will be available beginning at 3:30 pm (suggested cash-only donations appreciated).

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MORE STUFF FROM PRESENT MUSIC THIS JUNE!

JUNE 3 - PRESENT MUSIC AT THE RENAISSANCE GARDEN OPENING

Join Present Music and the Friends of Villa Terrace to celebrate the opening of the Villa's Renaissance Garden. Free outdoor concert and free admission! Compositions created by Present Music's student composers and performed with the Present Music ensemble throughout the afternoon.

ABOUT PRESENT MUSIC

Present Music is Milwaukee's internationally acclaimed new music ensemble. Celebrating 36 years of new music, Present Music commissions, performs, records and tours the music of living composers. Over 60 new compositions from around the world have come into existence because of Present Music.

Founded by **Kevin Stalheim**, Present Music works closely with many of the world's most exciting and significant composers while supporting the talents of emerging voices. It nurtures the next generation of composers through its education program, the **Creation Project**. More information: presentmusic.org/events/sound-and-sight

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