Mizzou International Composers Festival announces resident composers for 2014

Columbia, MO – With resident composers originally from Australia, Columbia, South Korea, Taiwan, and across the USA, the 2014 MIZZOU International Composers Festival will bring a world of music to the Missouri. Fourteen resident composers have been selected from a range of composers around the globe for the 2014 Festival, which is sponsored by the Mizzou School of Music and the Missouri Music Initiative.

The festival will take place on the Missouri campus from Thursday, July 17, through Sunday, July 20, culminating in a public concert on Sunday, July 20. The festival is free and open to the public.

Listed with their current places of residence, they are:

1. Ian Dickey, Rennes, CA (www.iandickey.com)
2. Holly Harrison, Sydney, Australia
3. Michael Lee Schacher, Ann Arbor, MI
4. Ashley For-Tom Wang, Interstate, CA (www.ashleyfortomwang.com)
5. Arthur Wood, Australia
6. Jeongmin Yong, Seoul, South Korea
7. Nicholas O'Connell, Kansas City, MO (www.nicholasocconnell.com)
8. Christopher Weiss

Four of them were born outside the USA. The University of Missouri will be represented by Joseph Martz, who is a native of Columbia working on his master's degree in composition at Mizzou and the winner of the 2014 Uniquely Missouri Composition Prize. The other international representatives among the resident composers will include Australia's Holly Harrison, a student of the University of Western Sydney. Texas, who originally from South Korea and currently studying for his doctorate in composition at Indiana University; and Ashley For-Tom Wang, a native of Taiwan currently pursuing his doctorate at the University of Missouri.

The group also includes another Missouri resident, Nicholas O'Connell, also a graduate of the University of Missouri-Kansas City who currently resides in Kansas City and production coordinator of Neway Contemporary Chamber Ensemble. The 2014 Mizzou International Composers Festival will include a series of public concerts featuring music from the resident composers and other contemporary creators, as well as workshops, master classes, and other events.

The Festival’s guest composers for 2014 will be Beat Funer, professor of composition at the Ono University of Music and Dance in Japan, and Nico Sherry, a budding graduate and protégé of Philip Glass known for composing an eclectic range of works for classical and pop musicians, ballet, opera, and more.

The acclaimed new music group ALEK WILL Sound, conducted by artistic director Dr. Ryan Pierson, once again will serve as resident ensemble, as they have since the MCF began in 2010.

During the festival, the eight resident composers will receive composition lessons from Funer and Mutlu, take part in rehearsals with ALEK Will Sound, give public presentations on their music, and receive a premiere performance and professional live recording of a new work created specifically for the MCF and ALEK Will Sound.

A complete schedule of events, times, dates and venues for the 2014 Mizzou International Composers Festival will be announced at a later date. For more information, please visit http://mizzoumaterial.com.

The Mizzou International Composers Festival is part of the Mizzou New Music Initiative, an array of programs intended to present the University of Missouri School of Music as a leading center in the areas of composition and new music. The Mizzou New Music Initiative ties the resident at the discretion of the generous support of the Dr. Jeaneen and Mr. Rex Sinquefield and the Sinquefield Charitable Foundation.

For more information:
Mizzou International Composers Festival:
http://mizzoumaterial.com/mcfaugust/2014/
Mizzou New Music Initiative:
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Ian Dickey: http://www.iandickey.com
Holly Harrison: http://hollyharrison.com
Tao Fan: http://taofanmusic.com
Joseph Martz: http://josephmartz.com
Nicholas O'Connell: http://music.missouri.edu/academic_departments/music/facultyProfile.aspx?id=399
Michael Lee Schacher: http://michaelleschacher.com
Ashley For-Tom Wang: http://ashleyfortomwang.com
Christopher Weiss: http://christopherweiss.com

Beat Funer & Nicos Mutlu: http://beatfunermusic.com

Alek Will Sound: http://alekwillsound.com

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