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### **“Studio Z Presents” Concert Series Announced**

Studio Z is proud to announce a brand new concert series beginning this spring! "Studio Z Presents" features a wide range of events curated by members of Minnesota's vibrant new music community, welcoming new and diverse voices to take the stage at Studio Z. The first "Studio Z Presents" concerts include a release party for ANCIA Saxophone Quartet's latest album; a collaboration between NYC-based Unheard-of//Ensemble and local composer collective Spitting Image; and an evening of music by local composer Joshua Musikantow. More "Studio Z Presents" concerts will be announced throughout the coming year.

Studio Z is a lively performance space managed by the new music group Zeitgeist and located in the heart of St. Paul's Lowertown neighborhood. Studio Z hosts a variety of eclectic music and cultural events, including Zeitgeist's season and performances by an exciting range of visiting musicians. It is widely known as the Twin Cities' premier gathering place for the performers, creators, and audience members that make up our new music community.

- **ANCIA Saxophone Quartet Album Release Concert**  
**March 11, 7:30 p.m.**  
**\$15 in advance & for students / \$20 at the door**  
The ANCIA Saxophone Quartet will present a high-octane concert featuring a diverse range of music, including the minimalistic, and R&B flavored Ex Machina by Chicago based Marc Mellits and the ethereal Elysian Bridges by John Anthony Lennon. A special feature of the concert will be performances of two pieces from AnCIA's newest album including the title track Confluence by Minnesota's own Libby Larsen and Thank You by Jerry Dodgion. The CD, released on the Albany label, will be available for purchase at a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception following the concert.
- **Spitting Image Collective presents Unheard-of//Ensemble**  
**March 16, 7:30 p.m.**  
**\$15 / \$10 students**  
Spitting Image Collective presents NYC-based contemporary chamber group Unheard-of//Ensemble in a concert featuring new works by Spitting Image composers Katherine Bergman, Joshua Clausen, and Daniel Nass, plus special

guest composer Asuka Kakitani. Unheard-of//Ensemble, (Ford Fourqurean (clarinet), Erica Dicker (violin), Iva Casian-Lakoš (cello), and Daniel Anastasio (piano) is a contemporary chamber ensemble dedicated to connecting new music to communities across the United States through the development and performance of adventurous programs, using technology and interactive multimedia.

- **Music of Joshua Musikantow**  
**March 24, 7:30 p.m.**  
**\$15 / \$10 students**

An evening of music by adventurous Twin Cities composer Joshua Musikantow, featuring Zeitgeist performing selections from *Flare*, which sets texts written by the composer, and vocal excerpts from *Yiddish is My Homeland*, a new work for string quartet and two voices, featuring vocalists Alyssa Anderson and Justin Spenner singing poetry by first generation Jewish American authors. The event will also include a discussion of the creation of *Yiddish is My Homeland* with the composer and performers.

*Studio Z Presents* is made possible by a grant from the City of Saint Paul STAR Program.

All performances take place at Studio Z.

**Studio Z: 275 East Fourth Street, Suite 200, Saint Paul, MN**

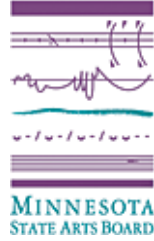
**Tickets and information at [studiozstpaul.com](http://studiozstpaul.com)**

**About Zeitgeist:**

Lauded for providing “a once-in-a-lifetime experience for adventurous concertgoers,” Zeitgeist is a new music chamber ensemble comprised of two percussion, piano and woodwinds. One of the longest established new music groups in the country, Zeitgeist commissions and presents a wide variety of new music for audiences in the Twin Cities and on tour. Always eager to explore new artistic frontiers, Zeitgeist collaborates with poets, choreographers, directors, visual artists and sound artists of all types to create imaginative new work that challenges the boundaries of traditional chamber music. The members of Zeitgeist are: Heather Barringer, percussion; Patti Cudd, percussion; Pat O’Keefe, woodwinds; Nicola Melville, piano.

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