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For the First Time Ever, Present Music Patrons Choose the Music

(October 19, 2011-Milwaukee, Wisconsin USA) [Present Music](#), (PM) Milwaukee's new music ensemble, is excited to celebrate 30 years of commissioning and performing new music in Milwaukee, Wis. and for the first time ever has passed the creative reins along to their loyal audience. The January 7, 2012 concert, aptly titled, [Choose](#), will feature music selections chosen by PM ticket buyers.

There are four categories of music to choose from with music from each category included in the final concert programming:

Round 1. Popsy, Light, Delightful, Goofy, Clever, Witty, Humorous

Round 2. Exciting, Wild, Gritty, Strong, Rhythmic, Tough

Round 3. Interesting Sounds, Contemplative

Round 4. Haunting, Beautiful, Mellow

Round 1 voting takes place Wednesday, October 19 through Sunday, October 23. Music and voting links can be found at www.presentmusic.org/vote.aspx. Email notifications of Rounds 2-4 voting will be sent weekly allowing five days for voting per round.

Round 1 choices: Nick Brooke's *Menace*, Nico Muhly's *How About Now* and Matthew Hindson's *Comin' Right Atcha*.

Round 2 choices: Anna Clyne's *Prima Vulgaris* and Caroline Mallonee's *Throwing Mountains*

Round 3 choices: Daniel Wohl's *+ou- (plus ou moins)*, Georg Friedrich Haas' *Tria Ex Uno* and Daniel Wohl's *Saint Arc*

Round 4 choices: Timothy Andres' *The Night Jaunt*, Timothy Andres' *Some Connecticut Gospel* and Per Nørgård's *String Quartet #4*

Voters are encouraged to add their own descriptive words for the music during the voting process. The comments will be included in the program notes for each piece at the concert. The Choose concert will also celebrate the Shepherd Express's 30th birthday with a post-concert party featuring [The Squeezettes](#).

Tickets are \$15/\$25/\$35 and half price for students. Tickets are available at <http://www.presentmusic.org/concerts/choose.aspx> or (414) 271-0711. Students must order by phone.

**Present Music's Choose
Saturday, January 7, 2012
Turner Hall Ballroom
1032 N. 4th St.
Milwaukee, WI 53203**

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Present Music is Milwaukee's internationally acclaimed new music ensemble. Celebrating 30 years of new music, Present Music commissions, performs, records, and tours the music of living composers. In the past quarter century, more than 55 new works, by

composers 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.

Present Music is a member of the United Performing Arts Fund, which provides major financial support. This season is supported by a grant from the Wisconsin Arts Board with funds from the State of Wisconsin and the National Endowment for the Arts. Additional support provided by CAMPAC and by the generosity of foundations, corporations and individuals. PM has won the ASCAP/Chamber Music America's Adventurous Programming Award an unprecedented six times and can be heard on nine compact disk recordings on the Argo, Albany, Aoede, Northeastern, Naxos and Innova labels.

Present Music engages artists and audiences in imaginative and provocative experiences with new music through ensemble performance, education and commissioning.