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## **Present Music's 2011-12 Season 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

[Present Music](#) is excited to celebrate 30 years of commissioning and performing new music in Milwaukee. Since 1982, Present Music (PM) has worked closely with many of the world's most exciting and significant composers while supporting the talents of emerging voices. The 2011-12 Season will continue PM's dedication to new music by engaging Milwaukee audiences in imaginative and provocative experiences through six concert events.

### **Water**

Saturday, August 27, 2011 at 7pm, [Marcus Center's Uihlein Hall](#) - **FREE**

Focus your imagination on one of the most important resources in our region, Water, and be present at this one-of-a-kind concert experience. Present Music's Water concert will pull together Milwaukee's artistic, scientific, technological, business and ecological partners in an event that will inspire our community to celebrate and promote Milwaukee's world-leading water resources. Present Music will perform new music inspired by water and will premiere a new water themed piece by composer, [Kamran Ince](#). Collaboration partners include [Danceworks Performance Company](#), [Milwaukee Choral Artists](#), [Vocal Arts Academy of Milwaukee](#), [Wisconsin Cream City Chorus](#), Bel Canto Boy Choirs, Milwaukee Mask and Puppet Theatre (shark, trout, jellyfish, bubble and row boat puppets) and UW Milwaukee's Department of Art and Design. This concert is sponsored by Badger Meter, MillerCoors, A.O. Smith, Concordia University School of Pharmacy, Continuum Architects + Planners and supported by Milwaukee Riverkeeper. **Ince will be present at this concert event.**

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### **Thanksgiving**

Sunday, November 20, 2011 at 4pm at the [Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist](#)

Present Music will revive [Henry Brant's](#) *Wind, Water, Clouds & Fire*. Present Music commissioned and premiered this piece in 2004. This piece features over 100 musicians and singers from Present Music, [Milwaukee Choral Artists](#), [PIUS XI High School Choir](#), [Arrowhead High School Choir](#), [Vocal Arts Academy of Milwaukee](#) Homestead High School Choir and [Milwaukee Youth Symphony Orchestra](#) violinists. Each chorus is assigned text from one of Leonardo Di Vinci's philosophic-scientific reflections: Wind, Water, Clouds & Fire. The performers will be widely situated throughout the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in a performance that evokes the scale and immensity of the natural world. The Opening Song, Friendship Dance and Closing Song will be performed by the Bucks Native American Singing & Drumming Group.

[Video from 2004 performance](#)

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### **Choose**

Saturday, January 7, 2012 at 7:30pm at [Turner Hall Ballroom](#)

The concert will consist of music from the late 20<sup>th</sup> Century to the present. In the months prior to the concert, the community will be given the choice of several repertoire options featuring favorites from Present Music's

30 year history. The community will vote for the program they would like to see performed and be invited to build the rest of the concert with Artistic Director, Kevin Stalheim. Community members will be encouraged to compose music for an audience participation project that will be performed by Present Music. This concert event will also celebrate the Shepherd Express's 30<sup>th</sup> birthday with a post-concert party featuring a local musical act.

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### **Around 30**

Saturday, March 3, 2012 at 7:30pm at Turner Hall Ballroom

This concert will feature young composers and artists that most of the world is just finding out about. The concert will spotlight 30 of the best and most exciting young artists, comprised of musicians, choreographers, dancers, visual artists and others from Milwaukee and beyond. By cross-fertilizing creative talents, this concert will engage Milwaukee's emerging artists in the process of discovering new music.

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### **Buffalo (world premiere)**

Saturday, April 14, 2012 at 4:30pm and 7:30pm at the [Indian Community School](#)

Sunday, April 15, 2012 at 4pm at the [Lincoln Center of the Arts](#)

Present Music will perform the World Premiere of *Buffalo Nation (Bison bison)* by composer and Milwaukee native [Jerome Kitzke](#) and librettist Kathleen Masterson. *Buffalo Nation (Bison bison)* is one of the largest commissions in Present Music history. This piece will illuminate in music and text the huge, varied and largely untold story of the American Bison from pre-history to the herd's late 19th century decimation and on to present time. *Buffalo Nation (Bison bison)* is scored for solo singer, four actors, 28 member sound effects chorus, accordion, banjo, oboe, clarinet, trumpet, violin, cello, bass, Hammond organ, piano, and percussion. **Kitzke and Masterson will be present at these concert events.**

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### **Love (world premiere)**

Friday, June 15, 2012 at 7:30pm at Turner Hall Ballroom

This concert will feature a variety of composers whose music explores the limitless theme of love. The Love concert will showcase Grammy Award Winner, [Michael Daugherty](#). Daugherty is one of the most frequently programmed American composers of this generation. His newest commission for Present Music will be a 20-minute piece for mixed ensemble and voice, titled *Love Songs*, and will draw from the writings of poets from the 13th Century to the present. **Daugherty will be present at this concert event.**

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Subscription packages are available ranging in price from \$80-\$240. Single tickets are available for \$15/\$25/\$35 with students half price. Students must order by phone. Subscriptions and single tickets can be purchased online at [www.presentmusic.org](http://www.presentmusic.org) or by calling (414) 271-0711.

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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.