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Present Music Celebrates 30 Years with Water Extravaganza

Saturday, August 27, 2011 – FREE Concert

(*Milwaukee, Wis.-August 4, 2011*) Present Music, Milwaukee's award-winning new music ensemble, invites all of Milwaukee to celebrate water at its 2011-12 season opener by presenting a **FREE** concert event called **Water** on Saturday, August 27, 2011 at 7pm at the Marcus Center's Uihlein Hall. The free Water concert kicks off Present Music's 30th season and will inspire the audience to hear and see water in music, art, and dance.

Present Music will perform new music inspired by water including a world premiere by Turkish-American composer Kamran Ince, commissioned by John Shannon and Jan Serr. While in Milwaukee, Ince will work with the musicians and singers on this premiere. Danceworks Performance Company, Milwaukee Choral Artists, Vocal Arts Academy of Milwaukee, Cream City Chorus, Milwaukee Mask & Puppet Theatre and Bel Canto Boy Choirs will join the ensemble to bring dance and voice to the evening while UW Milwaukee's Department of Art and Design illuminates ideas of water through video, outdoor installations and water-themed artwork

Part One – Concert events begin, 7pm

Performances will take place behind the Marcus Center along the river starting at 7pm. The Cream City Chorus will perform water-themed songs while the Milwaukee Mask and Puppet Theatre operate jellyfish, shark, row boat, trout, and bubble puppets. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase to win a pair of Ocean Kayaks from Johnson Outdoors in addition to many other prizes. At 7:30pm, the Present Music musicians and key water and Milwaukee figures will arrive by a fleet of boats including Irish currachs and the Milwaukee Fire Department boat among others. The musicians will lead the procession into Uihlein Hall to begin the main concert.

Part Two—Main concert

Present Music will perform the following works: *Sea Tropes* by Ingram Marshall; *Fast Flows the River* by Timothy Andres; *Water* by David Lang, Michael Gordon and Julia Wolfe; Compilation of Water Songs by Kevin Stalheim; World Premiere piece by Kamran Ince with additional performances by the collaborators and video presentations by the UWM Dept. of Art & Design students.

Part Three—After party

The after party on the river will feature visual art projections by the UWM Dept. of Art & Design students with live music by Herman Astro. Raffle tickets will again be available for purchase until 10pm with the winners announced at 10pm.

Tickets

This concert is completely free with general admission seating; however, we recommend printing off an e-ticket from www.presentmusic.org or calling (414) 271-0711 to guarantee entry. Special accommodations can be made for large groups. Due to the large quantity of tickets, Water tickets will not be mailed. All non-e-tickets will be held at will call and available for pick up at the concert or prior to the concert M-F from 9am-5pm at the Present Music office. The Present Music office is located in the Broadway Theatre Center at 158 North Broadway, Third Floor, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Tickets are also available for in person pick up only at the Marcus Center Box Office at 929 N. Water Street. Box Office hours are M-F from 11:30am-9:00pm; Saturday from noon-9:00pm; & Sunday from noon-5:00pm.

VIP Water tickets are available to all Present Music subscribers. Present Music season subscription packages range in price from \$80-\$240.

Sponsors & Community Partners

This concert is sponsored by Badger Meter, MillerCoors, A.O. Smith, Concordia University School of Pharmacy, Continuum

Architects + Planners, and Milwaukee Riverkeeper. The concert is supported by the Business Journal, Journal Sentinel, Urban Ecology Center, WMSE, and 88nine radio milwaukee.

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Website: <http://www.presentmusic.org/concerts/water.aspx>

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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.