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Sole San Francisco Project from the Getty Center's Pacific Standard Time: Art in L.A. 1945 – 1980 Performance and Public Art Festival comes to Southern Exposure on January 20 & 21 with *RE:COMPOSITION*

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Opening Night Reception (for ticket holders)

Friday, January 20, 10:30 – midnight, at Southern Exposure

To honor California-native John Cage's centenary, *RE:COMPOSITION*, a thematic program of performances curated by Julie Lazar, considers how current compositional practices and tools are enabling artists working in a variety of disciplines to re-conceive or reconstitute aspects of their art creation. This project is part of the Getty Foundation's collaborative initiative, *Pacific Standard Time's Performance and Public Art Festival*, and the only one that will travel between Northern and Southern California.

Four performances take place each night, including:

- **Still Movement: Homage to Nan Hoover (2011) by Sandro Dukic.** A commissioned performance installation inspired by Hoover's photographic work from 1980. The title describes the occupation of her interests while the event manifests the contours of her core ideas. A video installation by Nan Hoover is also on view in *Exchange and Evolution* at the Long Beach Museum of Art (ends February 12).
- **Bar Hopping (2011) is composed and performed by Joan Jeanrenaud and Paul de Jong.** Commissioned music and film that playfully rethinks visual and musical influences in California from the mid-1950s to the present including cello concertos and contemporary experimental composers. This is a remote collaboration between two leading artists residing on both coasts of the U.S.
- **Evolution (2010-11) by JD Beltran with music by Marc Barrite** and technical assistance by Scott Minneman. As an adaptation of *AntiMaster*, projected digital film is synchronized with live electronic music. *Evolution* is inspired by the migration of ideas between San Francisco and Los Angeles from the late 1940s through the 1960s that formed the basis of the Visual Music Movement. Its creative influences include Oskar Fischinger, James and John Whitney, Jordan Belson and Harry Jacobs.
- **I N T E R R U P T U S (2009-2011) by Joan Retallack and Michael Ives.** A procedural lecture for two voices in homage to John Cage's principle of interpenetration and non-obstruction. Performed by Michael Ives and Joan Retallack who collaborated on a unique realization of the piece.

**STATE-WIDE PERFORMANCES:
SAN FRANCISCO**

January 20th and 21st @ 8 pm Tickets: \$15 and \$12 (SoEx members)

Southern Exposure, 3030 20th Street, www.soex.org, (415) 863-2141
RE:COMPOSITION.

LOS ANGELES

January 27th and 28th @ 8 pm Tickets: \$15 and \$12 (students, seniors)
Southern California Institute of Architecture (SciArc) 960 E. 3rd Street (213) 613-2200
Parking lot: 350 Merrick Street between traction and 4th, <http://www.sciarc.edu>

Complete two-hour program presented each evening.
Further information: <http://www.k-pst.org>

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EXHIBITION SPONSORSHIP AND SUPPORT

ABOUT KALEIDOSCOPE OF PACIFIC STANDARD TIME (*K-PST.org*)

K-PST highlights ideas that shape California's fertile contemporary art landscape through performances and an online source for artworks, interviews and programs by artists and curators from 1945 to the present. *RE:COMPOSITION*, a *K-PST* production, inaugurates a series of diverse new artworks to be performed state-wide including at Southern California Institute of Architecture (SciArc) on January 27 and 28th at 8 pm. The website and commissions were made possible by The Getty Foundation, LA>< ART, Wanda Kownacki and John Holton, Joan and Fred Nicholas, Ministarstvo Kulture Republike Hrvatske, CEC ArtsLink, and Sasha and William Anawalt. In-kind services and donations are provided by Montalvo Arts Center, Southern California Institute of Architecture, Southern Exposure, Freewaves, Japanese Cultural and Community Center, EPSON, Miyaho Hotel and Anawalt Lumber.

ABOUT SOUTHERN EXPOSURE

Southern Exposure (SoEx) is a nonprofit visual arts organization founded in 1974 that supports emerging artists and youth in a dynamic environment in which they can develop and present new work and ideas. An active presence in the Bay Area for 37 years, the organization evolves in response to the needs of artists and the community, engaging the public in the artists' work. Activities range from exhibitions of local, regional, and international visual artists' work, education programs, and lectures, panel discussions, and performances. Southern Exposure is dedicated to giving artists—whether they are exhibiting, curating, teaching, or learning—an opportunity to realize ideas for projects that may not otherwise find support. Southern Exposure supports artists through three main program areas including the Exhibitions Program, Artists in Education Program and Alternative Exposure Grant Program.

ABOUT THE PARTICIPATING ARTISTS & CURATOR:

Marc Barrite created the DJ/production alias Dave Aju as a vehicle for his fresh and expressive take on electronic music. Combining a natural sonic fascination and adventurous approach with a broad palette of musical influences, Dave Aju's remixes, DJ sets, and live performances are constantly in demand at labels, venues, and festivals across the globe. His debut full-length album *Open Wide* is still heavily praised by both everyday music-lovers and esteemed colleagues for its bold diversity of styles and the conceptual yet effective use of only his mouth and voice as sound sources. Dave Aju currently resides in San Francisco and continues to develop original solo works as well as several new international collaborative ventures.

J.D. Beltran is a conceptual artist, filmmaker, and writer. She received her M.F.A. degree from the San Francisco Art Institute, as well as a J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley. Her work has been

screened and exhibited internationally including at the Walker Art Center, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, The Kitchen Gallery, New York, The Singapore Digital Mediafest, the Biennale for Electronic Arts in Perth, Australia, the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts. She has served on the boards of the San Francisco Arts Commission Gallery and SF Camerawork, and currently is on the board of the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts. She is faculty in the New Genres, Interdisciplinary Studies, Critical Studies, and Urban Studies Programs at the San Francisco Art Institute, where she is also Chair of the Post-Baccalaureate Program

John Cage (born September 5, 1912, Los Angeles, California, U.S.—died August 12, 1992, New York, New York) was an American avant-garde composer whose inventive compositions and ideas profoundly influenced mid-20th-century music and visual art. Cage briefly attended Pomona College and then traveled in Europe for a time. Returning to the United States in 1931, he studied music with Richard Buhlig, Arnold Schoenberg, Adolph Weiss, and Henry Cowell. While teaching in Seattle (1936–38), he began organizing percussion ensembles and experimenting with works for dance in collaboration with his longtime partner, the choreographer and dancer Merce Cunningham. Cage's early compositions were written in the 12-tone method, but by 1939 he had begun to experiment with unorthodox instruments such as the “prepared piano” (a piano modified by objects placed between its strings in order to produce percussive and otherworldly sound effects). Cage also experimented with tape recorders, record players, and radios in his effort to step outside the bounds of conventional Western music.

Later, Cage turned to Zen Buddhism and other Eastern philosophies and concluded that all the activities that make up music must be seen as part of a single natural process. He came to regard all kinds of sounds as musical, and he encouraged audiences to take note of all sonic phenomena, rather than only those elements selected by a composer. To this end he cultivated the principle of indeterminism in his music. He used a number of devices to ensure randomness and thus eliminate any element of personal taste on the part of the performer: unspecified instruments and numbers of performers, freedom of duration of sounds and entire pieces, inexact notation, and sequences of events determined by random means such as by consultation with the Chinese Yijing (I Ching). In his later works he extended these freedoms over other media.

Among Cage's best-known works are 4:33 (1952), a piece in which the performer or performers remain utterly silent onstage for that amount of time; *Imaginary Landscape No. 4* (1951), for 12 randomly tuned radios, 24 performers, and conductor; the *Sonatas and Interludes* (1946–48) for prepared piano; *Fontana Mix* (1958), a piece based on a series of programmed transparent cards that, when superimposed, give a graph for the random selection of electronic sounds; *Cheap Imitation* (1969), an “impression” of the music of Erik Satie; and *Roaratorio* (1979), an electronic composition utilizing thousands of words found in James Joyce's novel *Finnegans Wake*. In 1992, Cage collaborated with Julie Lazar on creating *Rolywholyover A Circus*, a visual and multi-media composition, for The Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles. Source: 1994-2011 *Encyclopædia Britannica, Inc.* and J.L.

Sandro Đukić was born in 1964 and lives in Zagreb, Croatia. His works – spatial, architectonic and photographic installations and constructed films - move from one medium to another with ease. He studied with Nam June Paik and Nan Hoover at the Art Academy in Dusseldorf, and, under Hoover's mentorship and guidance, has performed or assisted in a number of her artworks. Đukić has exhibited in Slovenia, Germany, the US, Italy, Serbia, Austria and Croatia. In 1991 he received the Croatian Artist Association Award.

Nan Hoover initially trained in fine arts, worked in video since the early 1970s. Her interests explored how the borders of visibility in the electronic medium are not steered by a technical concept, but rather are grounded in an overall aesthetic approach to the visible world. Hoover worked with macro perspectives of single body parts and folded papers, where the extreme enlargement and unusual perspective positioning of these objects in relation to the camera create effects that appear strange. For example, views of paper and of a hand or arm of her body in a photograph might easily be misrecognized as sand dunes or mountains. Hard contrasts of illuminated fingers create a dynamic where body objects seem to be totally disembodied and appear as free-standing matter in a spatial surrounding that is deliberately undefined. Hoover provoked the observation of the viewer to use his or her imagination in

order to recognize what is presented. The viewing process is further challenged through low contrast and sometimes-minimal illumination, as well as through the lack of deep focus in her early videos. For Hoover, video, and later through performances, were opportunities for interplay between light and movement.
Source: <http://www.fondation-langlois.org>

Michael Ives is a writer and musician whose poetry and fiction has appeared in numerous journals in the United States and abroad. He is the author of *The External Combustion Engine*, a collection of short prose. The language /performance trio, *F'loom*, which he cofounded, was featured on National Public Radio, on the CBC, and in several international anthologies of sound poetry. He has taught at Bard College since 2003.

Joan Jeanrenaud, Cellist and Composer, has been involved in music for over 40 years. Growing up in Memphis Tennessee she was exposed to the sounds of the blues, Elvis, soul and classical music. She learned to play her instrument from cellists Peter Spurbeck, Fritz Magg and Pierre Fournier, studied jazz with David Baker, Joe Henderson and Hal Stein, worked with Kronos Quartet as cellist for 20 years and now for the past 12 years has been involved with solo and collaborative projects in composition, improvisation, electronics, and multi-disciplinary performance. She has completed more than 50 compositions for cello and small ensembles many of these multi-media works. Recent projects include her installation work 'ARIA' with collaborator Alessandro Moruzzi, premiered at San Francisco's Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, and the composition and performance of 'ODD' with choreographer Shinichi Iova-Koga and the AXIS dance company. Her CD, 'Strange Toys', released on the Talking House label in 2008 was nominated for a Grammy, and her most recent release, 'Pop-Pop', appears on her new record label Deconet Records. Go to www.deconetrecords.com and www.jjcello.org for more information.

Julie Lazar directs International Contemporary Arts Network (ICANetwork.org), a San Francisco-based curatorial and arts consultancy firm. She served as founding Curator and Director of Experimental Programs at The Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles; Guest Curator at Montalvo Arts Center; and Adjunct Professor at the San Francisco Art Institute. In New York, Lazar led development programs at The Museum of Modern Art, Rockefeller University, The Hudson River Museum, and PS 1 Institute for Art and Urban Resources.

Paul de Jong. Born into a musical family, Paul began studying the cello seriously at the ripe age of five. He took a razorblade to his first audiocassette at age fifteen, moving quickly through feverish periods of teenage experimental band life and absurdist theatre, concertizing classical repertoire and composing instrumental and electronic music for dance companies through his early thirties. After receiving music degrees in his native Netherlands and having studied at the University of Illinois, he moved to New York City in 1993 to briefly study at the Manhattan School of Music, teaching cello, assisting nonagenarian electronic music pioneer Otto Luening, and becoming the other half of The Books. De Jong is exploring new collaborations, creating music, poetry, and prints in New Lebanon, New York.

Joan Retallack is a poet, essayist, and author of *MUSICAGE: John Cage in Conversation with Joan Retallack*. (America Award for Belles Lettres, 2006.) She has been dramaturg for several productions of Cage's *Lecture on the Weather*. A number of her essays on Cage appear in *The Poethical Wager* (2004). Retallack's poetry volume *Procedural Elegies / Western Civ Cont'd /* was named an ARTFORUM best book of 2010.