



ARTSaha! FACTSHEET

WHAT IS ARTSaha?

ARTSaha! is an annual music festival in Omaha, Nebraska, dedicated to the presentation of new music. This year marks the 5th annual ARTSaha!

WHAT IS NEW MUSIC?

New music, sometimes called contemporary music or modern music, typically is performed by traditional orchestra instruments (violin, trumpet, flute, piano, clarinet) but uses decidedly untraditional techniques. Unlike traditional classical music, new music can be chaotic or noisy, or have moments of complete silence. It may not even have actual notes, but rather written instructions to the performer. ANALOG also defines new music as 'old music in a new way', which has led to *ARTSaha!* events where Baroque and Romantic masterpieces are reconfigured in striking new ways

WHAT IS THE THEME?

'Set Sail for the Sun.' – This year's festival theme is taken from the title of a piece by the late composer Karlheinz Stockhausen. The festival will pay tribute to Stockhausen, who is known as 'the father of electronic music', by exploring his themes of light, spirals and meditation throughout several concerts. The festival will also present the U.S. premieres of two of his works: "Friday's Greeting" from his opera "Light", and "Cosmic Pulses."

WHERE & WHEN IS ARTSaha?

ARTSaha! will take place from Wednesday, Sept. 3 through Saturday, Sept. 13 on the campus of the University of Nebraska at Omaha and at other Omaha venues. Several events are free; tickets to select events are \$10. Festival passes for entrance to all events are available: one pass for \$20; two for \$25.

WHAT ARE THE EVENTS?

The festival schedule includes concerts and events almost daily, including

- the 2nd annual Iron Composer Omaha, a speed-composition contest for student composers, now expanded to a national competition;
- a concert by Baltimore's Monument Piano Trio and the Omaha Symphony's John Klinghammer as part of Omaha's Organ Vesper Series;
- a performance by The Microscore Project, consisting of musical pieces lasting no longer than 30 seconds each;
- and the U.S. premieres of two Karlheinz Stockhausen works, "Friday's Greeting" and "Cosmic Pulses."

The complete schedule is online at WWW.ARTSAHA.ORG.

WHO ARE THE PRESENTERS?

ARTSaha! is a presentation of ANALOG *arts ensemble*, an Omaha-based nonprofit arts network, which launched the festival in 2004. Since 2006, ANALOG has partnered with the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO), which provides key institutional support.

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