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UMBC Presents Contemporary Music Concert Featuring Six American Premieres

**“3x3” Features Works by Three American Composers,
Including Linda Dusman of UMBC,
and Three Composers Based in Greece**

**Sunday, October 18, 2009, 8 p.m.
Fine Arts Recital Hall**

The image shows a musical score for flute and Bb clarinet. The flute part is on the top staff, and the Bb clarinet part is on the middle staff. The score is in 3/4 time and features complex textures. The flute part includes dynamics like *ppp*, *mp*, and *ppp*. The Bb clarinet part includes dynamics like *p* and *ppp*. The score is marked with time stamps from 1:40 to 3:20. The bottom staff is labeled 'lava/elec' and shows a red, textured area representing the sound of lava.

Baltimore, MD (October 5, 2009) — The UMBC Department of Music Presents 3x3, a concert featuring American premieres of compositions by Linda Dusman (professor of music at UMBC), William Kleinsasser (Towson University), Matthew Burtner (University of Virginia), and Sofia Kamayianni, Tim Ward and Theodora Panagopolous

(the last three all based in Greece). On October 2nd, all six compositions received their world premieres in Greece; the concert at UMBC on October 18th marks the American premiere, with all six composers in attendance for both events.

In 2009, Matthew Burtner ventured onto a lava flow on the erupting Pacaya Volcano in Guatemala. Armed with recording equipment, he sought to capture sound he later described as “a pane of glass shattering in slow motion.” The searing heat—2000 degrees at the source—melted some of his expensive recording equipment.

William Kleinsasser utilized a sonic exploration of West Baltimore, recordings that capture sometimes troubled streets, sirens wailing, people shouting and traffic. Linda Dusman recorded the sounds of an artist at work, using contact microphones to literally grab the sound of pen scratches from inside the paper.

Armed with their source material of ambient sound, the composers returned home to write new pieces, interweaving the “soundscape” material with composed parts for live performers—clarinet, flute and percussion.

Greek composers Sofia Kamayianni, Theodora Panagopolous and Tim Ward (British by birth and based in Greece) are members of Spiza, an artistic society founded in 2003 that includes musicians, choreographers, dancers, actors and directors. It was under the auspices of Spiza that the six works received their world premieres in Athens.

The featured works include:

Matthew Burtner: *A'aa* (excerpt shown on page one)

Linda Dusman: *Skra*

William Kleinsasser: *Adagio (amore)*

Sofia Kamayianni: *Clepsydra Mm*

Theodora Panagopolous: *3x3x3*

Tim Ward: *Cambos*

All six works will be performed by members of Ruckus, UMBC's professional new music ensemble.

Admission

Admission is \$7 general, \$3 for senior citizens, free for all students, and free with a UMBC ID.

Tickets: MissionTix at www.missiontix.com or 410-752-8950.

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<http://www.umbc.edu/newsevents/arts/hi-res/>

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Directions

From Baltimore and points north, proceed south on I-95 to exit 47B. Take Route 166 toward Catonsville and then follow signs to the Fine Arts Building.

From I-695, take Exit 12C (Wilkens Avenue) and continue one-half mile to the entrance of UMBC at the roundabout intersection of Wilkens Avenue and Hilltop Road.

Turn left and follow signs to the Fine Arts Building.

From Washington and points south, proceed north on I-95 to Exit 47B. Take Route 166 toward Catonsville and then follow signs to the Fine Arts Building.

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