

GVSU NEW MUSIC ENSEMBLE

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TENTH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

Celebrating a decade of presenting the music of our time.

The Grand Valley State University New Music Ensemble (Allendale, MI) is celebrating their founding with a special 10th anniversary concert on **April 2, 2016**. With performances by current and former members, the concert will celebrate the group's long-time collaborator, composer **Marc Mellits**, on the occasion of his 50th birthday. Featured on the program will be two compositions the ensemble commissioned from Marc, as well as other notable works spanning his significant career. As one of the most performed and recognized American composers of today, we are excited to have Marc joining us for this special occasion.

April 2, 2016

GVSU New Music Ensemble 10th Anniversary Concert

Peter Martin Wege Theater

341 Ellsworth SW

Grand Rapids, MI

4:00-5:30pm • free admission (seating limited, email [ryanwi@gvsu](mailto:ryanwi@gvsu.edu) to reserve)

ABOUT THE GVSU NEW MUSIC ENSEMBLE

The Grand Valley State University New Music Ensemble is an undergraduate classical chamber ensemble that promotes the music of our time through commissions, tours, recordings, collaborations, outreach events, and workshops. Founded in 2006 by its director Bill Ryan, the ensemble not only prepares students for careers that include contemporary music, but also

helps them to become exceptional educators, advocates, and leaders in the music field. The group has been profiled in numerous publications including Newsweek, the New York Times, and Billboard Magazine, and featured on NPR's Weekend Edition, All Things Considered, and WNYC's Radiolab. They have performed at notable venues including New York's Carnegie Hall, World Financial Center, Lincoln Center, and le Poisson Rouge, Detroit's DIA and Max Fisher Music Center, Washington D.C.'s The Atlas, and Chicago's Millennium Park. The ensemble has released three critically acclaimed recordings named to best release lists by the New York Times, Washington Post, LA Weekly, Time Out Chicago, and many others.

BY THE NUMBERS

- **1st** concert: April 4, 2006
- **146** current and former members
 - **83** concerts
 - **33** commissions
- **192** student compositions premiered
 - **3** commercial recordings
- Recordings have appeared in films and television shows on MTV, Showtime, and at over **70** film festivals around the world
 - **3** tours
 - **6** performances in New York
- Additional performances in Atlanta, Baltimore, Chicago, Cleveland, Colorado Springs, Detroit, Indianapolis, Philadelphia, Washington D.C. and **5** National Parks
 - Grants awarded from the National Endowment of the Arts and New Music USA
 - **1.5 million** YouTube views
- Collaborations with professional musicians, painters, writers, dance companies, art galleries, film, DJs, and elementary schools