## MUSIC: ISIBLE

Director Coat Cooke

Futura Chamber Choir DB Boyko

> \* Christine Duncan Viviane Houle Peter Hurst

Lee Hutzulak/electronics

Soressa Gardner/electronics

Jesse Zubot/violin

Tommy Babin/bass

Coat Cooke/saxaphones/leader

Brad Muirhead/bass trombone

Joe Poole/percussion

Skye Brooks/percussion

April 13, 2012 8pm The Roundhouse Community Centre

**Show Programming** 

Music: The Invisible Art - Coat Cooke

Intermission

The Right Amount - Stefan Smulovitz

\* special guest from Toronto

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In this, the **New Orchestra Workshop Society's 35th year**, I take a moment to reflect on what an amazing thing this is.

The first thing I think of is all of the extraordinary improvised music that has come under the aegis of this organization. I look back with great warmth and appreciation at the concerts, the commissions, the recording, the touring, the workshops, the affiliations, the

collaborations, the mentorships and the vision that started in 1977 and still resounds so powerfully in 2012.

This, our first show of this special year features a unique version of Orkestra Futura with our chamber choir and pairs of strings, horns, electronics and percussion.

We are joined for the first time by two great musicians, Soressa Gardner and Joe Poole. I'm really excited to welcome them to the ensemble. I'm also really grateful to have the amazing singer Christine Duncan, come from Toronto to be with us for this music.

This program features a beautiful new work, *The Right Amount*, from composer *Stefan Smulovitz*. His piece features the words of the great writer, the late Tom Cone.

This incarnation of Orkestra Futura is a special one and it affords us the opportunity to explore musical places that we have never gone before.

I want to acknowledge special thanks to Allyson McGrane and her team, my very supportive Board of Directors and most of all the great improvising musicians playing tonight.



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#### Composer's Notes for Program - Coat Cooke

### MUSIC: In VISIBLE Art

This is a composition in eight sections. I am continually awestruck at how music in its miraculous and invisible way profoundly affects us all.

This piece is dedicated to my mother Thora Gudrun Cooke and my oldest friend Ben Averback. Life is far too short.

Coat Cooke

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#### **About Orkestra Futura**

Orkestra Futura traces its roots through the NOW Orchestra to Vancouver's C.O.R.D. Orchestra (Community Orchestra for Research and Development) of the late 1970s. Inspired by the exploration of improvisation in a large ensemble context, Orkestra Futura continues to explore how the composed form and improvisation can best enhance each other. Boasting a 23-year history, this ensemble is rightly renowned for its longevity and creative output of improvised music. Under the NOW umbrella (in its 35th year), Orkestra Futura is the only ensemble of its kind in Canada – an improvisational group with a unique West Coast music style.



#### Composer's Notes - Stefan Smulovitz

#### The Right Amount

Stefan Smulovitz – music Tom Cone – words

The Right Amount began in 2004. Originally intended for Guitar and Voice (specifically Ron Samworth and Viviane Houle) it never quite found the right form. Over the years we would joke about finding the Right Amount but it never seemed to happen. In January of this year I saw Tom at a show - he took me aside and told me of his cancer and said we need to write a piece together. When I saw him in February he was already getting tired. Seeing Tom when he was awarded the Lifetime Achievement award he had a sparkle in his eye and said we are working on that piece right?

It's amazing how many people's lives Tom enriched. Tom's strings creating connections and bringing so many people together. A world with out Tom is so hard to imagine. I ache to see him grinning at this show. Hear his quirky but incredibly honest feedback. I want to know what he thinks and be introduced to some new wonderful person I would not have met otherwise. I miss him already. I know so many do.

With love to Karen and Ruby and to a man who always had The Right Amount.

#### Personnel

Christine Duncan DB Boyko Viviane Houle Peter Hurst

Jesse Zubot Tommy Babin Soressa Gardner Lee Hutzulak

Skye Brooks Joe Poole

Brad Muirhead Coat Cooke

Stage Manager Live sound Recording voice voice

voice voice

violin bass electronics electronics

percussion percussion

bass trombone saxophones/leader

Noel Roy Terry Podeluk Dave Sikula