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**MUSIC FOR  
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# The Contemporary Presents: Music for Wilderness Lake

Performances at Laguna Gloria

**Dusk:** Fri, June 27, 8:15P

**Dawn:** Sat, June 28, 6:30A

In this rare staging of *Music for Wilderness Lake*, a 1979 work of environmental music by Canadian composer and sound theorist R. Murray Schafer, a cast of twelve trombonists plays meditative music while stationed around the Laguna Gloria lagoon. A conductor cues the music via flags from a canoe, built by Austin woodworker Aldo Valdés Böhm. Artistic director and musician Steve Parker will lead the distinct Dusk and Dawn performances of *Music for Wilderness Lake*, activating the natural, variable soundscape of Laguna Gloria and artist Orly Genger's monumental woven rope installation *Current*, designed for community interaction.

The trombonists will also perform a companion work, the selected chant of Hildegard von Bingen, a twelfth-century German mystic, Benedictine abbess, and polymath. Abstracting the ritual of Gregorian chant of the early church, performed after sunset and before sunrise, the musicians will perform these works following the performance of Schafer's *Music for Wilderness Lake*: Dawn and prior to the performance of Dusk.

**R. Murray Schafer** is Canada's pre-eminent composer. He has won international acclaim for his achievements as a composer, educator, environmentalist, literary scholar, visual artist, and provocateur. After receiving a Licentiate in piano through the Royal Schools of Music (England), he pursued further studies at the Royal Conservatory of Music and the University of Toronto, followed by study in Austria and England. On the occasion of the composer's 80th birthday, *Music for Wilderness Lake* was performed in New York City's Central Park in 2013.

**Steve Parker** is a member of Ensemble Signal (NYC), on the faculty of the University of Texas at San Antonio, and Artistic Director of SoundSpace at the Blanton Museum of Art. As a soloist and chamber musician, he has performed throughout the U.S., Europe, Asia, and South America, collaborating with leading figures of contemporary art and music. Parker has produced numerous large-scale and unconventional concerts, including works for 80 trombones, 100 marching tubas, and 99 percussionists.

Musicians:

Phil Arno	Amanda Lester	Javier Stuppard
Nathaniel Brickens	Wayne Myers	Jeriad Wood
Derrek Cabrerra	Steve Parker	
Ainsley Davis	Joey Prescott	
Juan De La Rosa	Danny Rodriguez	

***Part of The Contemporary Austin's Sound Series.***

**Other Sound Series events:** *Susurrus*, an audio walking play by Scottish site-specific artist David Leddy, will have extended hours in conjunction with *Music for Wilderness Lake* on June 27 (10A-7P) and June 28 (7A-4P). Come early and stay late to experience both!

Look for an upcoming project by **Lucky Dragons** in the fall Sound Series.

Special thanks to the generosity of neighbors along Taylor Slough, who granted musicians access to the waterfront.

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