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8:00 pm Sunday June 15 1997
The Glenn Gould Studio / Canadian Broadcasting Centre

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Canadian Encounters, new music concerts' contribution to the *Northern Encounters Festival*, brings our 26th season to a close with a program of world premières and commissioned works by Canadian composers in a celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the **Canada Council**.

nmc Artistic Director Robert Aitken will conduct a ten-member instrumental ensemble in the first performances of *From Dawn to Dusk* by **Melissa Hui** and *Zwei Lieder nach Rilke* by **Omar Daniel**, sung by soprano **Barbara Hannigan**. In addition the members of the **Accordes String Quartet** (Fujiko Imajishi, Marie Bérard, Douglas Perry and David Hetherington) will perform *Dénouement* by **Alexina Louie** and *Nomad* by **Henry Kucharzyk**.

Melissa Hui was born in Hong Kong, raised in Vancouver, and currently resides in the United States. She graduated from the University of British Columbia with a Bachelor's degree in piano in 1987. Her commitment to composition blossomed through her work at the Banff Centre under the tutelage of Robert Aitken and prepared her to pursue graduate studies in composition at the California Institute of the Arts (M.F.A., 1990) and Yale University (M.M.A., 1992). In the course of her studies she received awards, grants and commissions from the Canada Council, the Banff Centre, CBC, PROCAN (1988), Vancouver New Music (1989), CAPAC (1988, 1989), SOCAN (1991, 1994), the Winnipeg Symphony's Canadian Composers Competition and the Pittsburgh New Music Ensemble's Composers Forum (1992). She is currently an assistant professor at Stanford University in California.

Born in Toronto in 1960, **Omar Daniel** has received performances of his works throughout North America, Europe and his ancestral Estonia. He holds a Doctor of Music degree in Composition from the University of Toronto, and has studied with composers John Beckwith (Canada), Leo Brouwer (Cuba) and Alexander Goehr (England). Dr. Daniel has composed extensively in solo, chamber and orchestral idioms. Commissions include compositions for the Toronto Symphony, the National (USA) Womens Symphony Orchestra, CBC Radio, the Esprit Orchestra, the National Youth Orchestra of Canada, Continuum New Music Ensemble, the Hammerhead Consort, the Guitar Society of Toronto, pianist Robert Kortgaard and his wife, the guitarist Rachel

Gauk. He is also active in the recording industry, having produced compact discs by Anton Kuerti, Angele Dubeau, Rachel Gauk, Susan Hoepfner, James Sommerville, Scott St. John, Judy Loman and Kevin MacMillan.

Juno Award-winning composer **Alexina Louie** has reached a wide audience with her emotive and evocative works commissioned by most of Canada's leading performers, ensembles and orchestras. Her music was featured during European and Asian tours by the Toronto and Montreal Symphony Orchestras and has been performed by the orchestras of San Francisco, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Hong Kong and London, among others. Besides being an active composer, Louie is in demand as a speaker and arts activist and currently serves on several boards including the Governor general's Awards for the Performing Arts, the Bravo!FACT foundation, the Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers of Canada (SOCAN), and the Esprit Orchestra. In 1990 and 1992 SOCAN named her Composer of the Year in recognition of her status as the most performed Classical composer in Canada. In 1994 she received the Chalmers Award in Musical Composition for her composition, *Their Own Words (Obsessions)*.

Henry Kucharzyk is both an accomplished composer and pianist. His acoustic, electronic and dance-related works have been seen and heard throughout Canada as well as at major music festivals in Europe and the U.S. He has been in the forefront of contemporary Canadian music for almost 15 years, notably as Artistic Director of the *Arraymusic* ensemble for five years and founder of the *Artifact Music* record label. He has appeared abroad at the Huddersfield (England) Contemporary Music Festival, the Athens Festival, New Music America, the North American New Music Festival (Buffalo) and the Wolf Trap (Virginia) Summer Festival. His experience in digital music includes work at CCRMA (Stanford) and first mention at the Bourges Festival. His most recent record release is *Collisions*, a collection of his orchestral dance scores.



The concert begins at **8pm** on
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The Northern Portraits Ensemble with conductor, **Gary Kulesha**, salutes celebrated Danish composer Bent Sorensen, and Canadian, Brian Cherney. World premiere by Juno award-winning composer, Harry Somers for **Robert Cram**, flute, and live electronics.

June 17: **TERROR & EREBUS**
Named after the ships in the ill-fated Franklin Arctic expedition, *Terror and Erebus*, by Henry Kucharzyk, and librettist Gwendolyn McEwen, premieres with the celebrated baritone, **Theodore Baerg**, and the Northern Portraits Ensemble. The **Penderecki Quartet** showcases the music of Icelandic composers, Leifs and Sigurbjornsson.

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June 24: **CIKADA**
Captivating audiences with their interpretations of contemporary music, the string quartet will present music of Norway and Canada, including *Nitnavut* by Christos Hatzis, inspired by Inuit throat-singing. Guest artist, **Beverley Johnston**, marimba



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