

SoundArt Foundation presents the

## DOWNTOWN ENSEMBLE

November 6th, 1998 at Washington Square Church

*Eight Thrushes, Accordion and Bagpipe*

Daniel Goode

The Downtown Ensemble with guest performers  
Stoyan Boshnakov—bagpipe, Guy Klucevsek—accordion

The Hermit Thrush is a master songster found in the remote woods of North America. Since the 1970's I have transcribed its music for various instruments from my field recordings, listening back at half-speed, so the complex, varied melodies are more discernible. The Wood Thrush has different, but similar phrases, and can even be heard occasionally from a backyard. I have associated this "natural" music with human music, just as rich, made and played often in outdoor settings, perhaps surrounded by birds and other worldly sounds. We are fortunate to have with us a master musician from Bulgaria who has studied and played the music from the Rhodope mountains of southern Bulgaria (ancient Thrace) where the *gaida* [bagpipe] is the pre-eminent instrument. —DG

*Málai Momá Bor Sadíla* (A young lass was planting a pine tree)

sung by Stoyan Boshnakov

with Daniel Goode, bass clarinet, and Guy Klucevsek, accordion

*Badoneons, Basil and Bay Leaves*

Guy Klucevsek

—intermission—

*Aural Shoehorning*

Barbara Benary

Performed by Gamelan Son of Lion with guests, Bill Ruyle (marimba) and Chris Nappi (vibraphone)

Commissioned by the Minnesota quartet, Zeitgeist, and premiered in St. Paul in May, 1998, *Aural Shoehorning* melds the rich, non-western tunings of the metalophones of the Indonesian gamelan with the nearest equivalent tones in Western tuning, resulting in a lush, heterophonic texture. The title refers to this process of thrusting one tuning into the midst of the other.

Downtown Ensemble—performers: Margaret Lancaster (piccolo), Andrew Bolotowsky (Baroque flute), Daniel Goode (clarinet, bass clarinet), Steven Silverstein (soprano saxophone), Barbara Benary (violin), Pete Rose (bass recorder), Richard Cohen (bass clarinet), Peter Zummo (trombone)

Gamelan Son of Lion—performers: Barbara Benary, David Demnitz, Daniel Goode (gamelan, clarinets), Patrick Grant (keyboard), Darryl Gregory, Lisa Karrer, Jody Kruskal, Laura Liben, Bill Naylor, David Simons

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