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Slow Sound Festival Celebrates Mindful Music

LONG BEACH, California (September 1, 2009) - The Slow Sound Festival comes to Long Beach, California, September 16-18 and 23-25, 2009, and features some of the most innovative and open-minded experimental musicians in Southern California.

"Slow Sound is the mindful practice of experimental sound and music," says festival curator Glenn Bach, "and with the festival we hope to showcase musicians and composers who specialize in quiet, sparse, or otherwise low impact music. The festival will also give 'louder' artists an opportunity to experiment with quieter material."

Slow Sound descends from a long tradition of contemplative music and sound, from John Cage and Morton Feldman to Brian Eno and Steve Roden, and incorporates similar practices such as lowcase, EAI (electroacoustic improvisation), Reductionism, Onkyo, and other activities worldwide. Inspired by Bill Rieflin's Slow Music Project and ideas articulated by the Slow Food movement, Slow Sound provides experimental musicians and sound artists a framework with which to introduce more stillness in their compositions and live improvisations.

"Slow Sound is not an either/or proposition," Bach says, "but functions simply as an alternative practice. While crescendo and density are not strictly forbidden, Slow Sound's emphasis on the quieter end of the dynamic range allows for a more intimate, thoughtful, and meditative space in which to listen."

Slow Sound is partnering with Soundwalk 2009, CSULB's Music Department, and CSULB's University Art Museum in conjunction with the exhibition of "Brian Eno: 77 Million Paintings."

For more information, please visit www.slowsound.org.

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FESTIVAL LINEUP

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2009

Viento y Agua Coffeehouse and Gallery

4007 E. 4th Street (at Termino), Long Beach, CA (562) 434-1182

7:30 PM, free admission

- * G.E. Stinson
- * Jorge Martin + Bill Nelson
- * Casey Anderson

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

{open}

2226 E. 4th St. (at Junipero) Long Beach, CA (562) 499-OPEN

8 PM, \$5 suggested donation

- * Chris Schlarb & Friends
- * Albert Ortega
- * Catherine Lamb

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Gerald R. Daniel Recital Hall, CSULB

Parking Lot 12 (Atherton at Palo Verde), Long Beach, CA (562) 985-4781

8 PM, \$5, free for students with valid I.D.

- * Tom Recchion
- * Kris Tiner
- * Mitchell Brown

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Viento y Agua Coffeehouse and Gallery

4007 E. 4th Street (at Termino), Long Beach, CA (562) 434-1182

7:30 PM, free admission

- * Hop-Frog Kollektiv
- * MLuM
- * Ain Soph Aur

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

{open}

2226 E. 4th St. (at Junipero) Long Beach, CA (562) 499-OPEN

8 PM, \$5 suggested donation

- * Aaron Ximm
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Gerald R. Daniel Recital Hall, CSULB

Parking Lot 12 (Atherton at Palo Verde), Long Beach, CA (562) 985-4781

8 PM, \$5, free for students with valid I.D.

- * Steve Roden
- * Jeffrey Roden
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