



## **GVSU New Music Ensemble to Perform at NY Festival**

**Date:** May 1, 2007

Bang on a Can has invited the Grand Valley State University New Music Ensemble to perform on the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Bang on a Can Marathon in New York City on June 2-3, 2007. This year's edition of the award-winning festival will be co-produced with the River to River Festival in New York and the World Financial Center Arts & Events. The concert will take place at the Wintergarden of the World Financial Center. It will be free and open to the public. Over 5,000 people are expected to attend.

**Media and the public are encouraged to attend an open rehearsal on the Allendale Campus on Thursday, May 31, at 4:30 p.m., in the Louis Armstrong Theatre, Performing Arts Center. They will perform Steve Reich's "Music for 18 Musicians," which they have recorded for a fall CD release on Innova Recordings.**

The *San Francisco Chronicle* has called Bang on a Can "the country's most important vehicle for contemporary music". Since its inception in 1987, Bang on a Can has grown from a one-day festival to a multi-faceted organization. Projects include festival concerts and the annual Bang on a Can Marathon; The People's Commissioning Fund, a membership program to commission emerging composers; the Bang on a Can All-Stars, who tour to major festivals and concert venues around the world every year; recording projects; the Bang on a Can Summer Music Festival - a professional development program for young composers and performers; and cross-disciplinary collaborations and projects with DJs, visual artists, choreographers, filmmakers and more. The innovative and aggressive approach to programming and presentation has created a large and vibrant international audience made up of people of all ages who are rediscovering the value of contemporary music.

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