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Electronic Music Virtuoso Alvin Lucier Comes to Eastern

Willimantic, CT-- Acclaimed electronic musician and composer Alvin Lucier will speak and perform at Eastern Connecticut State University on Oct. 19. Lucier's presentation, which is part of Eastern's University Hour series, will take place at 3 p.m. in Room 110 in Webb Hall located on Eastern's North Campus. The public is invited. Admission is free.

Alvin Lucier was born in 1931 in Nashua, N.H. and was educated in Nashua public and parochial schools, the Portsmouth Abbey School, Yale and Brandeis. He then spent two years in Rome on a Fulbright Scholarship. From 1962 to 1970, he taught at Brandeis, where he conducted the Brandeis University Chamber Chorus, which devoted much of its time to the performance of new music. Since 1970 he has taught at Wesleyan University, where he is the John Spencer Camp Professor of Music.

In October 1994, Wesleyan honored Lucier with a five-day festival, "Alvin Lucier: Collaborations," for which he composed 12 new works, including "Theme," based on a poem by John Ashbery and "Skin, Meat, Bone," a collaborative theater work with Robert Wilson. In April 1997, Lucier presented a concert of his works on the Making Music Series at Carnegie Hall and in October of the same year, his sound installation, "Empty Vessels," was exhibited at the Donaueschingen Music Festival in

Germany. His composition, “Diamonds for Three Orchestras,” was performed under the direction of Petr Kotik at the Prague Spring Festival in 1999.

A pioneer of electronic music, Lucier has broken new ground in the realm of music composition and performance, including the use of brain waves in live performance. Lucier’s recent works include a series of sound installations and works for solo instruments, chamber ensembles, and orchestra in which, by manipulating close tunings with pure tones, sound waves are caused to spin through space.

His lecture will discuss and demonstrate several of his most important works, featuring acoustic phenomena.

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