

GVSU NEW MUSIC ENSEMBLE

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TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

Celebrating two decades of presenting the music of our time in West Michigan and beyond.

The Grand Valley State University New Music Ensemble (Allendale, MI) is celebrating its founding with a special 20th anniversary concert on November 8, 2025. The program features the world premiere of the ensemble's 100th commission, ***Dust*** by composer Marc Mellits, as well as a new arrangement of ***After the Swan's Song*** from the very first composer they commissioned, Kurt Ellenberger. In addition, the audience-favorite work ***Zinc*** by commissioned composer Zoë Keating will be performed, and the concert ends with forty-two ensemble alumni joining the stage for a celebratory performance of Terry Riley's minimalist classic ***In C***.

November 8, 2025

GVSU New Music Ensemble 20th Anniversary Concert

Grand Rapids Art Museum

101 Monroe Center St NW

Grand Rapids, MI

2:00-3:15pm • free admission w/GVSU ID, all others \$12 (\$10 senior & student, \$6 youth)

ABOUT THE GVSU NEW MUSIC ENSEMBLE

The Grand Valley State University New Music Ensemble is an undergraduate classical chamber ensemble that promotes the music of our time through commissions, tours, recordings, collaborations, outreach events, and workshops. Founded in 2006 by its director Bill Ryan, the

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ensemble not only prepares students for careers that include contemporary music, but also helps them to become exceptional educators, advocates, and leaders in the music field. The group has been profiled in numerous publications including Newsweek, the New York Times, and Billboard Magazine, and featured on NPR's Weekend Edition, All Things Considered, and WNYC's Radiolab. They have performed at notable venues including New York's Carnegie Hall, World Financial Center, Lincoln Center, and le Poisson Rouge, Detroit's DIA and Max Fisher Music Center, Washington D.C.'s The Atlas, and Chicago's Millennium Park. The ensemble's critically acclaimed recordings have been named to best release lists by the New York Times, Washington Post, LA Weekly, Time Out Chicago, and many others.

GVSU NEW MUSIC ENSEMBLE STATS 2005-2025

- **222** current and former members
 - **162** concerts
 - **1st** concert: April 4, 2006
 - **100** commissions
- **308** student compositions premiered
 - **5** commercial albums
 - **11** weeks on the Billboard classical charts
- **8** tours (32,000+ miles driven, 0 students left behind)
 - **26** states performed in
 - **6** performances in New York
 - **30** National Parks performed in
- **6** grants awarded from the National Endowment of the Arts and New Music USA
 - **1.98 million** views on our YouTube channel