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MUSE/IQUE Presents the 2015

SUMMER OF SOUND

PLANET/BERNSTEIN

July 11, August 8, August 29

Caltech's Beckman Mall Lawn

A Three-Part Celebration of Leonard Bernstein

PASADENA, CA- This summer **MUSE/IQUE** will present a series of concerts to celebrate the works and influence of **Leonard Bernstein**. Summer of Sound: Planet Bernstein is a three-part celebration that will take place at the **Beckman Mall Lawn at Caltech** on **July 11, August 8, and August 29**.

Known for its counter-conventional performances that feel more like parties than formal concerts, the 2015 Summer of Sound series will feature world-renowned artists including dynamic jazz vocalist **Dee Dee Bridgewater** and local dance legends **Frit and Frat Fuller**, among others. Many of Bernstein's works will be performed, as well as works from those he influenced such as Aaron Copland and John Williams, in addition to the World Premiere of David Israel's "Soft Shoe Variations" and a new original work by Peter Knell.

Planet/Bernstein is a blend of multiple musical genres through several artistic mediums including music, poetry, and dance. Each 90-minute concert creates an extraordinary experience that only MUSE/IQUE provides. Leonard Bernstein's work bonds us by employing universal themes of music, love, time, and creative gravity. This summer, MUSE/IQUE tells the true story of change through attraction. It's a party in orbit, and everyone open to a revolution (or three) is invited. The **END OF SUMMER GALA** is a celebration dinner that will take place at the historic Blacker House on Saturday, August 29th preceding the final concert in this series.

Regarding the inspiration for this series, Artistic Director and Conductor Rachael Worby states, "Each summer, we turn all our energies over to one great big idea. This year, we explore Leonard Bernstein as the gravitational center of our creativity. Like our own planet, Bernstein holds us in place and gives context within which to experience the larger universe of music. For me, Bernstein is the grounding force of my own artistic life and he is also the great genius of our uniquely American way of building art through collaboration. I can't wait to relate our passion about Bernstein's influence to our audiences in the course of the three wild events we are planning for this year's Summer of Sound festival."

MUSE/IQUE is a not-for-profit counter-conventional orchestra founded in 2011 by community leaders to create newly imagined avenues of access to classical and live music performance for the community. Under the leadership of Artistic Director Rachael Worby, it has grown from one performance with a handful of devoted followers to a major cultural presence that reaches a broad and diverse audience. MUSE/IQUE is a pioneering platform for collaborative exploration of non-traditional performance contexts and formats. In lieu of dedicated concert spaces, MUSE/IQUE employs the city itself as an improvised venue. For each event, diverse genres and styles are paired to create an adventurous experience packaged in the form of a "pop-up" party. Notable MUSE/IQUE guest artists have included Jessye Norman, Angela Bassett, Rickie Lee Jones, Arturo Sandoval, Flea, Charlie Haden, Steven Page, Patti Austin, Mary Wilson, Kevin McHale, Matt Haimovitz, The Doric Quartet, Nnenna Freelon, Savion Glover, Colin Hay and several living composers.

2015 Season Dates and Programming:

July 11: COSMIC/COLLABORATION

To open this unique festival, the MUSE/IQUE Orchestra explores Bernstein's cosmic influence on creative collaborators like Aaron Copland, John Williams, Jerome Robbins and John Lennon. As part of the performance, Scientist Julia Greer will bring a molecular spin to the experience guiding us through the world of nano-materials and their formations that can create strength and larger implications to our physical materials. This prevailing theme has metaphorical ties to Bernstein's role in the musical universe.

August 8: JAZZ/GENESIS

From the larger context of Bernstein's universe, we focus in on his effects on Jazz in Part II. Dee Dee Bridgewater joins MUSE/IQUE for a jam session as Bernstein rewrites the rules for jazz. The beginnings of jazz began before Bernstein, however, Bernstein's love of jazz, his respect for the art form, and collaborations with preeminent jazz artists of his time (including Billie Holiday and Miles Davis) influenced how jazz is embedded his own compositions in musical theater, ballet, and movie scores to a generation of artists that came after him. There is also a big nod to his only film score - *On the Waterfront* - with a reimaged version involving new choreography, electronic elements, and visual art.

August 29: IN/SIDE STORY

West Side Story is a masterpiece of overwhelming emotional power. It's a timeless tale that is relatable to our modern world. This stunning, counter-conventional presentation is filled with fresh takes on beloved songs like "America", "Krupke", and "Cool". Towering performances will include "Somewhere" and "Maria" by the beautiful operatic voices of Naomi O'Connell and Brenton Ryan. The performance is punctuated by poetry from Sekou Andrews and Steve Connell and dance grooves from local legends Frit and Frat Fuller of KIN Dance Company.

Guests are invited to bring their own food and beverages. Pre-concert dining begins at 5:30pm and the performances are at 7:30pm. Food and alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are also available for pre-order or on-site purchase by Kitchen for Exploring Foods.

Electronic Press Kits can be found online at: www.muse-ique.com/press.php

Performance Details: SUMMER OF SOUND

Dates: July 11, August 8, August 29, 2015

Time: 7:30pm

Venue: Beckman Mall Lawn at Caltech
332 S. Michigan Ave. Pasadena, CA 91106

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TICKET INFO

Tickets can be purchased by calling **626-539-7085** or visiting **www.muse-ique.com/events**

Packages

3 Show Package

Preferred (\$405)
Reserved (\$135)
Festival (\$54)

2 Show Package

Preferred (\$285)
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Festival (\$38)

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Circle of Muses

Regular Patron \$250 each
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Preferred

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Member Reserved

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Festival

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