

PRESS RELEASE

Mount Allison Music Students Invited to Perform in USA

A group of Mount Allison University students has been invited to perform at three universities in the eastern USA this spring. They will be part of festivals celebrating the work of American composer Tom Johnson. The Mount A students will perform Johnson's work "The Four Note Opera" at Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT; Hartwick College in Oneonta, NY; and SUNY-Oneonta.

Tom Johnson is a well-known composer of music in the minimalist style. He has lived in Paris for the last twenty years but is returning to the USA this spring as an artist in residence at a number of universities, all in celebration of his 70th birthday. Johnson will be in attendance at the performances of his operas, as well as some of his other works. He will also be a guest lecturer at Yale University.

The Mount Allison students involved in the festivals include fourth-year students Jennifer Berntson, Sarah McKim and Lukus Uhlman, third-year student Kayley Patterson and second-year student Eric Biskupski. Under the direction of Dr. Helen Pridmore, the group will present "The Four Note Opera" at Mount A on March 24 in Brunton Auditorium, just before they leave for the USA.