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**Arcosanti Presents California E.A.R. Unit
August 11, 2001
Concert: 7:30 p.m.**

Cited by the New York Times: "The EAR Unit performs with exuberance and razor sharp precision."
Heralded in Brussels by La Province: "The California EAR Unit, d'excellent musiciens un ensemble de tres grand qualite and identified", by LA Style: The exhilaration in their playing, as they plunge with glorious high spirits and dazzling skill into the world's most daunting repertoire should be reward enough for anybody."

These are just a few of the national and international press accolades garnered by the California EAR Unit in its fifteen year history. The Los Angeles based new music ensemble is dedicated to the performance, promotion and creation of the exciting music of our time. Founded in March 1981, the EAR Unit has brought unparalleled versatility, virtuosity and dedication to its performances and is recognized today as one of America's finest contemporary chamber ensembles.

Violins and pianos one minute, harmonicas and amplified plants the next---- the audience never knows what to expect. Attending an EAR Unit concert means experiencing a fresh, exuberant approach to music making. The EAR Unit's repertoire of over 400 compositions ranges from the most demanding works for the concert hall to collaborations with major artists in other fields to create original multi-media works. The EAR Unit combines a "classic" instrumentation of flute, clarinet, keyboards, percussion, violin and cello to an "anything goes" including voices, panpipes, handcuffs, playing Bach on the cello with a carrot (Cage's Theater Piece), theatrics and the latest interactive electronic media.

The Unit has performed at major venues all over the world including Tanglewood, Brussels, Aspen, Kiev, Paris, The Kennedy Center, Cologne, New York, Boston, Minneapolis, San Francisco, Santa Fe, Amsterdam, Reykjavik, and many places in between. This August California E.A.R. Unit will return to Arcosanti and highlight their weeklong residency by performing several works from their own popular contemporary repertoire, as well as a few outstanding pieces by young composers participating in their workshop.

**Event: California E.A.R. Unit
Date: Saturday, August 11, 2001
Program: 5 p.m. Complimentary Tour of Arcosanti
6:p.m. Dinner
7:30 p.m. California E.A.R. Unit Performance
Location: Arcosanti, 65 miles north of Phoenix, off of I-17, exit 262 Cordes Junction
Tickets: \$25 for Dinner and Concert; \$12.50 for Concert Only
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