

**“YOU WON’T HEAR ANYTHING.  
YOU’LL HEAR EVERYTHING.”**

**-JOHN CAGE**

Welcome to this performance of MusiCircus. A Musicircus is an evening’s collection of multiple art offerings made famous by John Cage. The first Musicircus took place in 1967 in Illinois. The instructions call for a mixed group of performers (musical or otherwise) to be invited to perform simultaneously over the course of an amount of time. Within the written restrictions, you could call any concert a music circus, but the mixture of many different things, resulting in unexpected combinations, is the real appeal.

It’s sort of the opposite to Cage’s “other” work 4:33, in which no sound is deliberately created. We’re purposely layering everything possible together. But these two are hardly outliers in his output. Experimentation, and pushing the listener’s limits on a definition of music and art, is certainly a huge part of that legacy.

Cage approached sound with the notion that every sound was worth his attention. Which is so Nashville - Music City, where everyone has a song to sing. Our aim is to bring so many members of the arts community together, and see what combinations we can find. But in some ways, losing a sense of purpose to the event would be more in line with Cage himself. As he said, “The highest purpose is to have no purpose at all. This puts one in accordance with nature, in her manner of operation.”

- Colleen Phelps, MusiCircus curator

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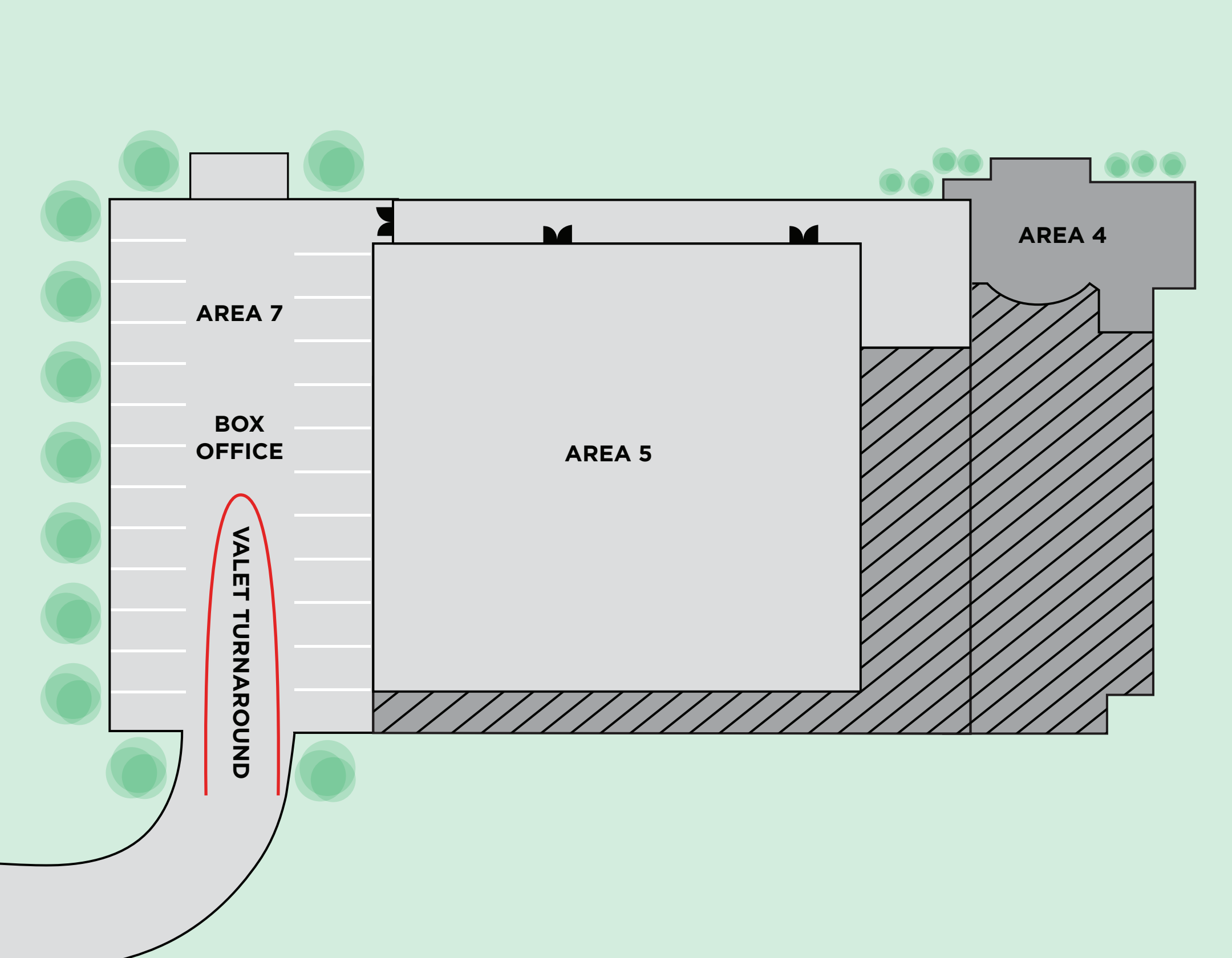
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ALL of the participating artists!

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# **MUSICIRCUS**

**CURATED BY COLLEEN PHELPS**





AREA 7

BOX  
OFFICE

VALET  
TURNAROUND

AREA 5

AREA 4

ARTIST	TITLE OF WORK	DESCRIPTION	AREA	TIME
4th Story Theater	Break The (4th) Wall	Active installation of comedy & tragedy	7	7-10pm
A monstEr - Alicia Enstrom	A monstEr - music originals	Aerial violin	5	7-7:20pm
A monstEr Creations - Dear F Holes - Alicia Enstrom	Dear F Holes - an art and music exploration	Video installation	5	8:30-9pm
Bayard	One Man Loopin' Band	Improvisational music	5	7:20-7:40pm, 9:30-9:50pm
Ben Andrews: Solo Marimba	Solo Marimba	Performance	5	9:30-10pm
Beth Reitmeyer	Wishing Stars	Participatory installation	5	7-10pm
Carolyn German, Theater Craft	"Box O' Theater"	Musical theater	5	7-10pm
CCM Acting	Perhaps it is the musical works that are alive, and we who are dead.	A play	4	7-7:20pm, 9-9:20pm
Chinese Arts Alliance of Nashville (CAAN)	Tai Chi with Asian Flute	Live demonstration with music	5	8:15-8:40pm
Chinese Arts Alliance of Nashville (CAAN)	Chinese Calligraphy Demonstration	Live demonstration	4	7:20-7:50pm
Chinese Arts Alliance of Nashville (CAAN)	Chinese Lion Dance and Drumming	Live performance	5	8:50-9pm, 9:50-10pm
Chinese Arts Alliance of Nashville (CAAN)	"Visual Listening"	a Contemporary/Modern Dance	5	8:40-9pm
Choro Nashville	Choros & Sambas	Live performance	5	7:30-7:50pm
Cloudmouth	Dark Energy	Live music	7	7-7:30pm
Daddy's Dogs	Hot Dogs & sides	Food vendor	7	7-9:30pm
David Weinel	Resilience / Shame's Rage / Heart In Bloom	Paintings	5	7-10pm
Dig Deep Light Show	Dream #23	Liquid art projection	5	7-10pm
DJ VU Reggaerica	Freestyle Hip Hop Flow	Live music	5	6:30-7pm, 9:40-10pm
Emily Tyndall	Clarinet	Live music	5	7-7:20pm, 8:30-8:50
Epiphany Dance*Partners	Misplaced / Displaced / Replace	Dance performance	5	7:20-7:40pm, 9-9:20pm
Firebird Art Studio	#BulletsDontHaveEyes	Visual art installation	5	7-10pm
Flower Power Synth & Woodwind Ensemble	Plant Play	Improvisational music	4	7:30-8pm
Graci Phillips	Selections from Burning House	Live music	7	8-8:30pm
Jana Harper	This Holding	Dance performance	5	8:30-8:50pm, 9:40-10pm
Jeff Goold	Live looping/electronic percussion/flute	Live music	4	9-9:30pm
John Clubb	I play and manipulate synthesizers and effects,	Live music	4	9:30-10pm
Joshua Dent	Improvisations	Live cello performance	5	7:50-8:20pm
KadyRoxz	Vocals/Guitar	Live music	7	8:30-9pm
Karen Renée Robb - Frame Drum Wisdom	Sound Awakening - To The Power Of 3	Percussion performance	5	7:40-8pm
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Kelly Corcoran of Intersection	Berio - Sequenza III for female voice (1965)	Vocal performance	4	8:40-9pm
Laura Bouffard, Lydia Nance, & Leonel Marulanda	Woodwind chamber music for two clarinets and bassoon	Woodwind trio / Live music performance	5	9-9:30pm
Lord Goldie & MUJA	Hip Hop	Live performance	7	9-10pm

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Lorne Quarles and Molly Lahym	Templo de Circo	Art pod installation	5	7-10pm
McKay House	this old place	Dance video projection	5	8-8:30pm
Megan Kelley	Clock	projection of clock	5	6:30-10pm
Neon Black	440 Suite No. 1/Censored Art History 101	Live music performance	5	9-9:30pm
Numinous Flux Dance Co.	Excerpts from "Andorra"	Dance performance of a visual novel	5	8:10-8:30pm, 9:10-9:30pm
Oliver's Ice Box	Handcrafted Cookie Ice Cream Sandwiches	Food vendor	7	7-9:30pm
Portara Ensemble	Home	A capella choir	5	7:20-7:40pm, 8:20-8:40pm
Que Delicias Catering	Empanadas	Food vendor	7	7-9:30pm
Rebekah Alexander of Intersection	"Songbooks" by John Cage	Vocal performance	4	8:20-8:40pm
secret friends	"a few silence (location, date, time)" by g. douglas barrett	Sound Art	5	7-10pm
Strings of Saturn	Synthesis	Music and multimedia presentation	7	6:30-7pm, 9-9:30pm
Suspended Gravity Circus	Suspended Gravity Circus	Arial dance	5	7:20-8:10pm, 8:30-8:55pm
TANK 615	TANK CHICKEN	Interactive sculpture	5	7-10pm
Taylor Raboin	MindSynth: Group Mind	Interactive sound art	4	9-10pm
Ted Drozdowski (Scissorsmen)	Ambient Americana	Guitar and effects	5	9-9:30pm
The Porch Writers Collective	Poetry on Demand	Live poetry writing	5	7-9pm
The Porch Writers Collective	Spoken Word	Spoken word performance	5	7-10pm
The Porch Writer's Collective	Poetry on Demand/Versify poets: Ekphrastic poetry	Ekphrastic poetry	5	7-10pm
The Pour Girl	Acrylic Pour	Live visual art	5	8-9pm
The Weird Sisters (Feat. Window Light)	The Weird Sisters	Live music	7	9-9:30pm
Thomas H. Lee	Horae Canonicae	Live reading	4	8:40-9pm
Triangulation	Acoustic guitar, and Guzheng	Live music	4	9:30-10pm
UpandComing Zeroe	Flair Bartender	Performance	4	7-8:50pm
Vanderbilt Video Art students	Video Art from Vanderbilt University	Digital video art	4	7-10pm
Versify, Nashville Public Radio	Versify podcast sampler	Archived storytelling	4	7-10pm
Virginia Lee	Peace Cranes	Origami	5	7-7:30pm
Windship Boyd	The Gray Area	Dance theatre performance	4	8-8:20pm, 9:20-9:40pm
Xandra Lee	Soul Pop Vocalist	Live music	7	7:30-8pm
Zack Hall	Live video alteration	Improvisational digital video mixing	5	7-8pm, 9-10pm