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**Electronic Music Foundation will present HPSCHD
in Saratoga County Arts Council's *ArtSounds* Series
During Saratoga ArtsFest**

The Saratoga County Arts Council's *ArtSounds: New Music of the Capital Region* music series will wrap up its spring concerts with a special presentation on Saturday, June 16 of HPSCHD, a multi-media performance created by John Cage and Lejaren Hiller and produced by Electronic Music Foundation. The event will be held in The Arts Center Gallery at 320 Broadway, Saratoga Springs, from 4-9pm, beginning with a reception and talk about HPSCHD by Joel Chadabe, Director of Electronic Music Foundation. Both the reception and the performance are free and open to all.

HPSCHD is arguably the wildest composition of the 20th century. Big, brash, exuberant, raucous, a performance is about four hours of ongoing high-level intensity. The sound is a mixture of amplified harpsichords playing computer-generated variations of Mozart and other composers along with 51 tracks of computer-generated sounds playing what could be off-tuned trumpets sounding some musical charge.

The work represents one of Cage's early experiments in integrating "chance" into musical composition and performance. Written for up to seven harpsichords, the Saratoga Springs performance will feature three harpsichordists, including Robert Conant, the Director of the Foundation for Baroque Music in Greenfield Center, NY.

During the musical performance, the walls of The Arts Center Gallery will be covered with thousands of projected swirling images, overlaid and mixed, of abstract shapes and colors and of space imagery from slides and films borrowed from NASA, create a chaotic riot of shifting form and color. The outer-space imagery is a perfect visual counterpoint to the introspective microtonal shifts of the music.

The audience walks through the performance space, between the harpsichord players, around the loudspeakers and before the projections. The overall effect has been called a "concerto in the round for all the senses." People are welcome to come and go throughout the four-hour performance.

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Since its original performance in 1969, HPSCHD has only been presented only a handful of times. The performance on June 16 will be a rare opportunity to experience a work still on the cutting edge of contemporary music.

HPSCHD is being presented with the support of The New York State Music Fund.

For more information, call The Arts Council at (518) 584-4132.

What: HPSCHD

Where: The Arts Center Gallery
320 Broadway
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

When: Saturday, June 16, begins at 4pm

Admission: free and open to all

For more information: The Arts Center, (518) 584-4132

