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## **National Endowment for the Arts Grants \$12,500 to Kerrytown Concert House in support of Edgefest 2011**

November 23, 2010 — Ann Arbor, Mich. — Kerrytown Concert House will be receiving \$12,500 from the National Endowment for the Arts to support its 15th annual Edgefest, ensuring its ability to maintain its place as one of the most unique festivals of its kind. Edgefest offers music presented by the most celebrated cutting-edge composers and artists on the international scene today. KCH is one of 1,057 not-for-profit organizations recommended for a grant as part of the federal agency's first round of fiscal year 2011 grants. In total, the Arts Endowment will distribute \$26.68 million to support projects nationwide.

Touted as “the annual rite of fall in Michigan music,” (DownBeat Magazine) Edgefest celebrates its 15<sup>th</sup> year from Wednesday, Oct. 19 to Saturday, Oct. 22, 2011. Edgefest features an international roster of performing artists at the forefront of their craft today, as well as area performers and ensembles from Southeast Michigan. This experimental music festival combines both improvised and composed music in a variety of genres – jazz, world, avant garde and classical – and has been the breeding ground for creative music, from world premieres to spontaneous musical moments. As in past years, Edgefest reaches out beyond the concert hall with free Fringe at the Edge performances, public discussions, workshops and school residencies.

### **About Kerrytown Concert House**

The Kerrytown Concert House is an arts organization focused on community engagement and bringing fine artists and their audiences together. An intimate 110-seat venue, the Concert House has diverse offerings in a wide range of musical styles, while rotating art exhibits are displayed on the walls of the house. Located in the Kerrytown district of Ann Arbor, Mich., KCH is available to the community, including educators, students and organizations for recitals, meetings and events. In addition, it is home to the internationally acclaimed festival Edgefest, and is a presenter of artists of the highest artistic excellence. Kerrytown Concert House is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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