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AVANT GARAGE MUSIC AND FILM FESTIVAL AT WEXNER CENTER

ACCLAIMED SOUND COLLAGE ARTIST EVOLUTION CONTROL COMMITTEE PLUS FOUR OTHER OHIO BANDS TO SCORE SILENT FILMS

One of the Wexner Center's most popular annual events, the **Avant Garage Music and Film Festival** will be held Saturday, **October 11 at 7 pm** in the Wexner Center Performance Space. Organized by local film archivist Tim Lanza, this event features Ohio musicians performing original scores for vintage silent films.

The Avant Garage will be presented cabaret-style with limited seating and beverages available from a cash bar. The lineup:

- The nationally acclaimed **Evolution Control Committee** will bring its patented brand of sound collage and social commentary to Vsevolod Pudovkin's ***Chess Fever*** (1925, 28 mins.), a Russian short comedy about a young man's obsession with a chess tournament and the ensuing emotional havoc on his fiancée.
- Cleveland's Volta Sound brings its psychedelic space rock to Buster Keaton's surreal short, ***The Playhouse*** (1921, 20 mins.), in which Keaton simultaneously portrays everyone from the actors to the audience in a theater.
- Northern Ohio quartet Uva Ursi will accompany ***Out of the Inkwell*** (1921, 8 mins.), a surreal Fleisher Brothers cartoon featuring an appearance by Ko Ko the Clown.
- Chosen by *Alive* (a weekly arts and culture paper in Columbus) as one of the top five local bands to watch in 2003, Silencio—an avant-garde jazz quartet—will accompany the hilarious Buster Keaton short, ***One Week*** (1920, 20 mins.), in which Buster's attempt to build a honeymoon house goes drastically wrong.
- Cleveland's Homeless Gardens (featuring ex-Pere Ubu percussionist Scott Krause) will score Mack Sennet's slapstick gem ***The Lion and the Souse*** (1924, 10 mins.).

EVENT SUPPORT

The Avant Garage is presented with support from the **Rohauer Collection Foundation** and **the Ohio Arts Council**.

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CALENDAR INFORMATION: AVANT GARAGE

Description: Perennially popular event featuring original scores written and performed by local and regional musicians for vintage silent films.

Date and time: Saturday, October 11 at 7 pm.

Location: Wexner Center Performance Space, 1871 N. High St. (at 15th Avenue).

Limited seating; cash bar.

Running time: About 2 hours.

Tickets: \$5 for general public; \$4 for Wexner Center members, students, and senior citizens; \$2 for children under 12.

Ticket outlet: Wexner Center Ticket Office/Information Desk.

Public information: 614 292-3535 and www.wexarts.org.

Digital images for press are available upon request; call Erik Pepple at 614 688-3261.

The Wexner Center for the Arts is The Ohio State University's multidisciplinary, international laboratory for the exploration and advancement of contemporary art. Through exhibitions, screenings, performances, artist residencies, and educational programs, the Wexner Center acts as a forum where established and emerging artists can test ideas and where diverse audiences can participate in cultural experiences that enhance understanding of the art of our time. In its programs, the Wexner Center balances a commitment to experimentation with a commitment to traditions of innovation and affirms the university's mission of education, research, and community service.

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