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**WEXNER CENTER PRESENTS MONTREAL AVANT-ROCK
COLLECTIVE **godspeed you black emperor!****

“The last great band of the century.”—*New Musical Express*

A nine-piece, avant-rock collective from Montreal, **godspeed you black emperor!** performs its epic, electric elegies in the Wexner Center Performance Space **Monday, October 1 at 9:30 pm.** gybe!'s music combines strings, guitars, percussion, bass, and tapes to create “requiems that seem equally suited for Saturday night drives or Sunday morning mass” (*Spin*, 2001). The ensemble’s most recent CD, *lift yr. skinny fists like antennas to heaven!*, released on the Kranky label in 2000, demonstrates the poetic, droning power of its all-instrumental music.

In place of lyrics, film loops provide a visual underscore for the moods conveyed by the music. The concert will be presented standing-room-only, with a cash bar serving non-alcoholic drinks in the Performance Space.

THE ARTISTS

godspeed you black emperor! was founded in 1994 by guitarist Efrim Menuck and bassist Mauro Denzente, taking its name from the Japanese film *Buraku Emporou*, Japanese director Mitsuo Yanagimachi’s first film. The group has several releases out on the American indie label Kranky, and spends most of its time touring, with successful concerts and a strong following in Canada, America, Japan, and Europe. gybe! Is also known for its anti-media stance and strict adherence to collective thinking in all aspects of production. For more information, visit www.kranky.net.

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CALENDAR INFORMATION: godspeed you black emperor!

Description: Montreal-based avant-rock collective godspeed you black emperor! performs poetic, electric elegies, underscored by filmic imagery.

Date and time: Monday, October 1 at 9:30 pm.

Location: Wexner Center Performance Space, 1871 North High St. at 15th Avenue. The set up will be standing-room-only with a cash bar serving non-alcoholic drinks.

Tickets: \$12 general public; \$10 Wexner Center members, OSU students.

Ticket outlets: Wexner Center Ticket Office/Information Desk (614 292-3535) and Ticketmaster outlets (614 431-3600).

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

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