

Alea III

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in residence at
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ALEA III TO PERFORM COMMISSIONS AND WORKS BY FINALISTS FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL POLITIS COMPOSITION PRIZE

Alea III, performing arts ensemble in residence at Boston University, will perform two concerts on April 11 and 12 at 8:00 p.m. in the Boston University Concert Hall. On Saturday, April 11, works by the finalists for the Second Annual Politis Composition Prize will be performed, and included in the April 12 concert will be two works commissioned by Alea III for the 1980-1981 season. Prior to these concerts will be an open dress rehearsal on Friday evening, April 10.

The Politis Composition Prize, established in 1979 by Charles Politis, is open to composers of all nationalities and annually awards a cash prize of \$3,000. The preliminary judges in this year's Politis Prize were Martin Boykan, Yehudi Wyner, Jacob Druckman, James Yannatos, Joyce Mekeel, Tison Street and Leonard Atherton. The final judges, all of whom will be present at the April 11 concert include Jacob Druckman, Lukas Foss, Donald Martino, David Del Tredici, Mario di Bonaventura and Leon Kirchner.

Five works were selected from 350 scores received from around the world: Scena by Rupert Bawden, Sonnet Cycle by Ronald Lubetsky, Quintet for Winds by Zack D. Browning, Wyrd Changing by Simon Kenneth Holt and

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Scintilla Prisca by Brian Fennelly. Two of the finalists are from the United Kingdom and three are from the United States: North Carolina, Michigan, and Boston.

The commissioned works to be performed on April 12 are Phoenix Music by John Thow featuring flutist Randolph Bowman and Double Image, a work for large chamber orchestra by Vangelis Katsoulis. Closing this concert will be Iannis Xenakis' rarely performed work for six percussionists, Persephassa.

The Boston University Concert Hall is located at 855 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston. Admission to the Alea III performances is free.. For further information, call 876-5111 or 353-3345.