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## **CARLSBAD MUSIC FESTIVAL 2011, SEPT. 23 - 25 FESTIVAL MOVES TO VILLAGE OF CARLSBAD COMPOSERS COMPETITION WINNER ANNOUNCED**

The **eightth annual Carlsbad Music Festival** will be held **September 23-25, 2011** (Friday – Sunday) in the Village of Carlsbad. The Carlsbad Music Festival is Southern California's premiere alternative classical music festival, bringing a talented roster of world-class musicians from throughout the country to perform exciting new works in concert and in the community.

The Festival will announce the 2011 artists at the beginning of August.

For the first time, this year **the Festival will take place entirely in the charming seaside Village**, where all Festival venues are within a short walking distance (less than three minutes) of the train, beach, hotels, and restaurants. The Festival will begin on Friday evening with a continuation of last year's hugely successful "Village Music Walk," where Festival musicians perform dozens of free indoor and outdoor concerts including site-specific percussion performances at the Village Train Station. More formal indoor concerts will be held on Saturday and Sunday alternating with free outdoor concerts. Performances will take place at the 300-seat Carlsbad Village Theatre, the 100-seat New Village Arts Theater, a variety of outdoor venues, and incredibly intimate galleries, cafes and a record store.

CMF Founder and Director, **Matt McBane**, says of the Festival's new home, "the Village of Carlsbad is the perfect venue for the Festival. People can come and spend the weekend, listen to some of the country's and region's most exciting musicians in intimate venues, enjoy the restaurants and shopping available in the Village and even relax at the beach, all without having to get in their car!."

## **JACOB COOPER WINS COMPOSERS COMPETITION**

The Carlsbad Music Festival, in partnership with ArtPower @ UCSD, is thrilled to announce the selection of **Jacob Cooper** as the 2011 winner of the annual **Carlsbad Music Festival Composers Competition**. Jacob Cooper was selected as the winner from a pool of 134 highly-qualified applicants from around the world by a panel consisting of the four members of the **Calder Quartet** and Festival Director **Matt McBane**.

The aesthetic of many of Cooper's compositions comes from his interest in recreating the sound of digitally slowed down music for live ensembles. The result is beautiful slow-motion music that the panel found to be unique and emotionally powerful.

As the winner of the competition, Jacob won a \$3,000 co-commission between the Festival and **ArtPower @ UCSD** to write a major new piece for the Calder Quartet. It will be premiered at the 2011 Festival and performed again at The Loft @ UCSD on January 27, 2012.

Jacob Cooper had the following to say about this commission:

"I'm delighted to be the commissioned composer for this year's festival. I had the opportunity to see the Calders play Christopher Rouse's new quartet at Zankel Hall [at Carnegie Hall] recently, and they totally nailed the harrowingly difficult piece. Many of my recent works have included amplification and live processing (through a laptop), and I expect that my Carlsbad piece will continue in this vein. Whatever notes end up on the page, I know they will be in good hands."

Andrew Bulbrook, violinist of the Calder Quartet, has the following to say about this commission:

"It is always an honor and a privilege to go through the judging process for the Carlsbad Music Festival competition. This year saw a record number of highly qualified applicants from around the world and there were many incredible composers we could not select whose music we hope to play in the future. Jacob Cooper's work leapt out at us from this incredible pool of talent. His work was both intellectual and emotional and he carried those qualities through both standard instrumentation as well as a variety of incorporations of various media and technology. We felt he was a unique and creative voice, an artist as well as a composer, and we are thrilled to have the opportunity to work with him."

The Carlsbad Music Festival Composers Competition has been held each year since 2005 to commission a new work for the Calder Quartet from a composer under 35. It is a central part of both the Festival's and the Quartet's mission to promote the music of today's most exciting and interesting young composers. Including the Competition winners, to date the Festival has commissioned 12 works for the Quartet.

*For more information about the Festival, including samples of Jacob Cooper's work please visit the website at:*  
[www.CarlsbadMusicFestival.org](http://www.CarlsbadMusicFestival.org)