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Georgia Southern University's Department of Music will present Channel Noise VII on Wednesday, Nov. 28, at 7:30 p.m. in the Carol A. Carter Recital Hall. The concert will showcase works that combine music and technology and will feature the debut of the Electronic Music Ensemble.

Along with performing Terry Riley's "In C," which is widely regarded as the first composition of minimalist music, the ensemble will also play music by graduate student Zak Berkowitz. His interactive composition, "Anywhere, USA," requires audience participation by asking attendees to turn on their cell phones during the piece and send text messages to inform the players about what pieces to play and how.

"Usually audience members are asked to turn off their cell phones during a concert," said John Thompson, Ph.D., associate professor of music technology. "Zak's piece is really unique because it essentially allows the audience to decide what the music will be. Never have your text messages had so much influence! The question that remains to be answered during the concert is: Can the audience come together to make something compelling?"

Channel Noise VII will feature works by graduate students Eddie Farr, saxophone, and Matt McKinney, guitar. Duane Borba, a percussionist in the Department of Music, will also play a duet for solo performer and doppelganger. The free concert promises to offer a diverse range of selections and an exciting musical experience.

The Music Technology program at Georgia Southern investigates areas such as interactivity, audio programming, recording studio techniques and the creative possibilities made available by combining technology and the arts. The program examines both the technical aspects and the aesthetic consequences of technological advancements. While technology plays a major role, music and creativity remain the focus.

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