

ARTS

The word from Laurie Anderson

Performer tries lecture format

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SHOWTIME: Laurie Anderson will perform at 8 p.m. on Monday, April 15, in the Eugene Hilton's Ballroom. Tickets, available at the EMU Main Desk, can be purchased for \$16 general and \$14 students. Doors will open at 7:30.



They call it a multimedia show. That means there will be video and audio and Laurie Anderson during "An Evening With Laurie Anderson."

Anderson's name and reputation sprang up in the early '80s. Since then, she's recorded album after album and created many multimedia events.

"She's performed at the Hult Center before, and the show sold out," said Jason Miller, EMU Cultural Forum publicist. "This time around, tickets sales are excellent again. I'm sure it will sell out."

The particular show that Anderson will be performing in Eugene is a bit different than most of her past shows. For this tour, which will continue through May, her shows will be primarily lectures.

"She's coming with music, she's coming with video, she'll play some of her own music, but it will be primarily a lecture," Miller said.

"We're not sure exactly what she'll talk about, but according to her, she's going to say a little something about war and something about authority and maybe something about her grand-



Courtesy photo
Entertainer Laurie Anderson will perform at the Hilton Ballroom Monday in a show that includes video, music and lecture.

mother. That's what she said anyway."

In a press release, Anderson said, "The best thing about the term 'performance art' is that it's so ambiguous. It includes just about everything you might want to do."

Anderson has been doing this lecture show only since January, "but it's been really well received," said Steve Cowen of Original Artists, the company that manages Anderson.

The idea of a 90-minute lecture may not sound appealing,

but Cowen said Anderson's lectures are multifaceted.

"When she talks, it's the most compelling thing," he said. "I've seen her speak before on very serious subjects like racism, censorship and sexism, but in the end, everybody always ends up laughing. Then they go away with thought-provoking ideas."

"She's hysterically funny, but political and serious too. She gives a good dose of serious stuff along with a large dose of entertainment."

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