

Arts & ENTERTAINMENT



Composer Ellen Fullman performs her room-sized string instrument. The power-amplified piano wire strings are being installed to fit the gallery at Yale Union, 800 S.E. 10th Ave. The public can watch the installation and join Fullman for a June 20 performance.

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Music on a Long Thin Wire

Yale Union will welcome composer Ellen Fullman and her Long String Instrument, installed specifically for a Thursday, June 20 performance at 7:30 p.m.

The week prior, Yale Union, 800 S.E. 10th Ave., will be open to the public for the installation of Alvin Lucier's Long Thin Wire.

In 1977, Alvin Lucier built an

instrument by clamping a long metal piano wire to tables at both ends a room, connecting the ends of the wire to the loudspeaker terminals of a power amplifier and connecting a sine wave oscillator to the amplifier.

Fullman will perform her room-sized string instrument built to fit the upstairs gallery at Yale Union.

"The first thing one observes is

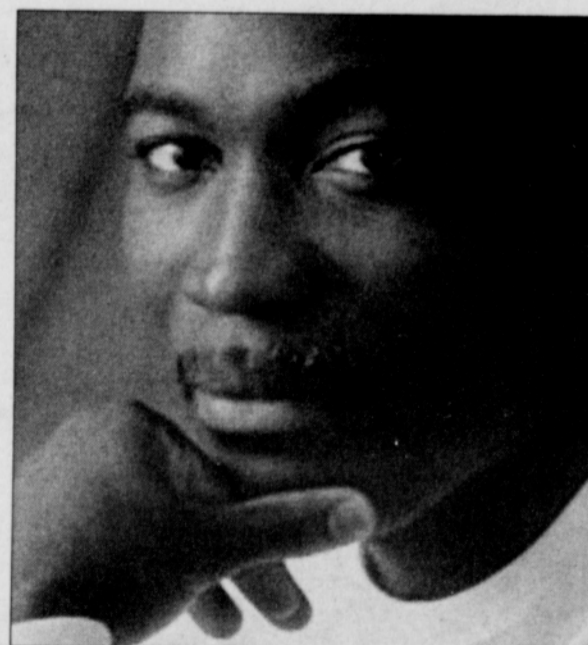
that the string vibrates as a whole," Fullman said. "You can see it moving up and down its entire length. The sound it produces as it vibrates as a whole is the fundamental pitch. That's the tone you hear and identify. Its pitch is determined by the tautness, weight, mass, and length of the string."

Jazz and the Earth's Sustainability

Seasoned composer, performer, and Portland State professor Darrell Grant will be holding a lecture at the Walters Cultural Arts Center for its spoken word series.

Grant's lecture not-so-surprisingly will focus on music and its affect on sustainable environment, development, and economic growth alike. He's entitled it "Jazz as an Ecology." The event will be held on Tuesday, June 18 at 7 p.m.

The jazz chart-topper has been a guest on Marian MacPartland's "Piano Jazz" on National Public



Radio and has been praised for his storytelling abilities by various respected outlets.

The Walters Cultural Arts Center is located at 527 E. Main St. in Hillsboro. Additional information on the spoken word series can be found on ci.hillsboro.or.us/wcac.

Darrell Grant