NEW SOUNDS LIVE SERIES LAUNCHES WORLD PREMIERE OF CAROL SZYMANSKI INSTALLATION, PLUS LIVE PERFORMANCES!

New York, NY, September 25, 2017 — Presented by Arts Brookfield and curated by WNYC’s John Schaefer, New Sounds Live returns to the Winter Garden at Brookfield Place (230 Vesey St.) from Friday, October 6 to Friday, October 13, 2017 with an unforgettable exhibit of artistic and musical mastery. An annual celebration of contemporary music and composition, this year’s New Sounds Live series offers a captivating installation, the world premiere of the The Phonemophonic Alphabet Brass Band by sculptor and multimedia artist, Carol Szymanski, in addition to an eclectic range of musical performances from artists, composers, and traditional musicians. The installation and all performances of New Sounds Live are free and open to the public.

The exhibit will culminate in three exhilarating evenings of live music performed amongst and including the The Phonemophonic Alphabet Brass Band installation. Ben Neill, a popular composer and trumpeter who has collaborated artistically with artist Carol Szymanski for over 25 years, performs MANITOGA, featuring eight of Szymanski’s horns as well as Neill’s own electroacoustic mutantrumpet, and STEAK abc, which features all of the Szymanski horns (October 11, 7:30 pm). A Tribute to Pauline Oliveros performed by the Darmstadt Ensemble and led by Ben Neill and Zach Layton (October 12, 7:30 pm), pays homage to the experimental composer who passed away last year and was central to the development of electronic art music, as well as the theory of Deep Listening. The instruments in Szymanski’s installation will be played throughout the performances on October 11 and 12, creating an immersive surround sound experience. The series will conclude with Colin Stetson’s enchanting performance of Sorrow: an emotional re-imagining of Górecki’s Third Symphony (October 13, 7:30). Colin Stetson is popularly known for his collaborations with Arcade Fire, Bon Iver, Feist, and Tom Waits.

“It is a pleasure to host an event that combines such rare musical performances with conceptual art at Brookfield Place,” said Elysa Marden, Vice President, Arts Brookfield. “New Sounds Live will have something for everyone, from the world premiere of Carol Szymanski’s installation to Colin Stetson’s stunning rendition of Górecki’s Third Symphony.”

From October 6 to October 11, popular conceptual artist Carol Szymanski’s The Phonemophonic Alphabet Brass Band installation will make its world premiere, offering thought-provoking representations of how language can manifest itself in different forms. Using 26 functional, natural brass horn sculptures, Szymanski crafts her own three-dimensional font that will
be presented as a group for the first time ever in the Winter Garden at Brookfield Place. These instruments are intended to extend language into other realms of experience, but have also been created to function as musical instruments. The brass horns were developed through a special collaboration with Hub van Laar Trumpets & Flugelhorns and The Brasslab. On October 11, Ben Neill’s performance will include works that are composed specifically for Szymanski’s unique creations. The horns will also be featured in A Tribute to Pauline Oliveros, a moving tribute to the legendary composer.

New Sounds Live is a part of Arts Brookfield’s ongoing commitment to contemporary music and arts programming. Arts Brookfield is well-known for presenting diversity in the arts and making world-class cultural experiences accessible. For more information about New Sounds Live and the full schedule of events, visit: http://www.artsbrookfield.com/nsl2017.

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ABOUT CAROL SZYMANSKI
Carol Szymanski was born in Charlotte, North Carolina, studied at San Francisco Art Institute and the Whitney Museum Studio Program, and lives and works in New York. Her work has been exhibited internationally. Recent solo and collaborative exhibitions include “Emergency Eyewash” (with Barry Schwabsky), Tanja Grunert Gallery, New York, 2017; “A Distance as Close as It Can Be,” Elga Wimmer PCC, New York 2016; “My Life is an Index,” Tanja Grunert Gallery, New York, 2015; and “Pissing Against the Wind, or Sketches on the Mental Drain on the Dead Banker,” Guided by Invoices, New York, 2012, which have received press attention in Artrcitical, Art Press, Brooklyn Rail, Hyperallergic, and Time Out New York. Between 2004 and 2014 she produced an email project, cockshut dummy, combining writing and images, excerpts from which have been republished in the art and literary periodicals including Atlantica and Vanitas. She has been a recipient of numerous awards including the Rome Prize and a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship. In addition to her ongoing collaboration with Ben Neill, she has also worked in musicians and performers including the Ekmeles Ensemble. Betsy McClelland, Dewey Redman, and Wadada Leo Smith.

ABOUT BEN NEILL
Composer/performer Ben Neill is the inventor of the mutantrumpet, a hybrid electro-acoustic instrument, and is widely recognized as a musical innovator through his recordings, performances and installations. He has been called “a creative composer and genius performer” (Time Out NY), “the mad scientist of dancefloor jazz” (CMJ), and “a musical powerhouse, a serious and individual talent” (Time Out London). Neill’s music blends influences from electronic, jazz, and contemporary classical music in a minimalist framework, blurring the lines between digital media and acoustic instrument performance.

Neill began developing the mutantrumpet in the early 1980s with synthesizer inventor Robert Moog. In 1992, while in residency at the STEIM research and development lab for new instruments in Amsterdam, Neill made the mutantrumpet fully computer interactive. In 2008 he created a new version of his instrument at STEIM, and returned there in 2016-17 to design yet another version which will be completed in 2018.

Neill has worked closely with many musical innovators including John Cage, La Monte Young, John Cale, Pauline Oliveros, Rhys Chatham, DJ Spooky, David Berhman, Mimi Goese, Page Hamilton, Nicolas Collins, and David Rothenberg. ITSOFOMO, his major collaborative piece with the late visual artist David Wojnarowicz, has been presented widely in venues such as The Tate Modern London, The Armand Hammer Museum in Los Angeles, The New Museum and PPOW Gallery. Neill is currently leading performances of La Monte Young’s The Second Dream with an international ensemble of 8 trumpet players, which has been presented in New York, Paris, Amsterdam, Huddersfield, Oslo, Krems, and Warsaw.

ABOUT COLIN STETSON
Colin Stetson was born and raised in Ann Arbor, spent a decade in San Francisco and Brooklyn honing his formidable talents as a horn player, eventually settling in Montreal in 2007. Over the years he has worked extensively live and in studio with a wide range of bands and musicians including Tom Waits, Arcade Fire, Bon Iver, TV On The Radio, Feist, Laurie Anderson, Lou Reed, Bill Laswell, Evan Parker, The Chemical Brothers, Animal Collective, Hamid Drake, LCD Soundsystem, The National, Angélique Kidjo, Fink, and David Gilmore.

ABOUT NEW SOUNDS
New Sounds Live is part of the long-running New Sounds radio show on WNYC, 93.9FM. Host John Schaefer uncovers the music that falls into the cracks between classical, rock, jazz, folk, and world music. Guests range from Brian Eno, Philip Glass, and Laurie Anderson to Ladysmith Black Mambazo, Angélique Kidjo, and the Royal Court Gamelan of Solo, Indonesia. New Sounds draws on a record library of unparalleled depth and diversity and a three-decade archive of live performances. The program airs each night at 11pm and can be found online at www.newsounds.org.

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