

## Joan La Barbara | Tom Chiu's Ensemble Metrix

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The perennially influential and innovative vocalist/composer **Joan La Barbara** presents new material from her ongoing opera-in-progress, *Dreams of Water Beyond One's Depth* inspired by the lives and work of the iconic **Virginia Woolf** and enigmatic **Joseph Cornell**, with lyrics by the brilliant, award-winning Vietnamese-American novelist **Monique Truong**, and featuring an ensemble of voices, instruments, synthesizer and *sonic atmosphere*. With **Lauren Flanigan**, **Mario Diaz-Moresco**, **Julia Meadows**, **Miguel Frasconi** and **Bryan Hayslett**.

**Tom Chiu's Ensemble Metrix** is a mixed-instrumentation group exploring the recontextualization of music in a variety of styles and genres. Using material from the broad canon of popular and underground music, Chiu deconstructs and distorts melodic hooks and motivic riffs, and weaves the material into an extended, minimalistic jam. The resulting structured score represents an analogue to a dee-jay's pre-determined playlist. Replacing turntables and records, the musicians produce the music live, each injecting personal flair in the final mix. Joining Ensemble Metrix will be some of Chiu's favorite collaborators, including **Meaghan Burke**, **Sara Schoenbeck**, **Charles Waters**, **Peter Zummo**, and other special guests.