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**The San Francisco Contemporary Music Players presents
Contemporary Insights: Music and Conversation
György Ligeti's *Síppal, dobbal, nádihegedűvel***

SAN FRANCISCO, CA –

Sunday, October 5, 2008

San Francisco Contemporary Music Players

David Milnes, Music Director

The San Francisco Contemporary Music Players opens its new season of *Contemporary Insights: Music and Conversation* events with a performance and discussion of György Ligeti's *Síppal, dobbal, nádihegedűvel* (With pipes, drums, and fiddles) at 4:30 pm at ODC Dance Commons in San Francisco's Mission District. Before and after the performance, Music Director David Milnes and the performers will engage the audience in a discussion about the piece, illustrating with musical examples from the work. The audience is invited to a post-performance reception with wine and snacks.

A song cycle for mezzo-soprano and four percussionists, *Síppal, dobbal, nádihegedűvel* uses a dazzling array of percussion instruments big and small, including three marimbas, Japanese temple bells, ocarinas, slide whistles, harmonicas, and an assortment of drums, gongs and cymbals. Percussionists Christopher Froh, Daniel Kennedy, Benjamin Paysen and William Winant will be joined by New York-based mezzo-soprano Mary Nessinger. Nessinger, who specializes in new music, has performed throughout the U.S. and Europe. The text for this piece comes from the poetry of Hungarian Sándor Weöres. David Milnes conducts.

This piece will be performed in a concert setting on the following evening, October 6 at Yerba Buena Center for the Arts as part of the San Francisco Contemporary Music Players' percussion-focused concert, "Struck, plucked, scraped & shaken."

The Sunday presentation is part of the ensemble's series, *Contemporary Insights: Music and Conversation*. Now in its third season, the *Contemporary Insights* series is devoted to breaking down barriers between listeners and performers to enhance understanding and appreciation of new music.

4:30-6:00 pm

\$10 suggested donation

ODC Dance Commons, 351 Shotwell St., between 17th and 18th, in San Francisco

Tickets/Info: (415) 278-9566, www.sfcmp.org

Brief Listing:

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Full listing:

WHO:	San Francisco Contemporary Music Players – David Milnes, conductor
WHEN:	Sunday, October 5, 2008, 4:30-6:00 pm
WHERE:	ODC Dance Commons, 351 Shotwell St., San Francisco

PROGRAM:	György Ligeti, <i>Síppal, dobbal, nádihegedűvel</i> (With pipes, drums and fiddles) (2000)
TICKETS:	\$10 suggested donation; call (415) 278-9566 or email info@sfcmp.org to reserve a seat.
INFO:	www.sfcmp.org

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