

Guest Recital

William Lang, trombone

Anne Rainwater, piano

Thursday, September 24, 2026

8:00 p.m.

Harper Hall

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The Lang/Rainwater Project is a duo partnership established while both members were studying at Manhattan School of Music's groundbreaking Contemporary Performance Program. Their mission is to expand the trombone-piano repertoire by working with underrepresented groups and distinct voices of contemporary music, and they maintain an active commissioning portfolio dedicated to championing new and emerging composers. While both trombonist **William Lang** and pianist **Anne Rainwater** specialize in contemporary music, they also perform a wide range of canonical trombone and piano works and transcriptions of classics.

The Lang/Rainwater Project has performed across the United States, including a 4-university residency and commissioning project in the Philadelphia area in the spring of 2023. They also have done multiple tours of the South, including shows on Georgia's "Tuesday's Music Live" series, South Carolina's Lancaster Arts Series, and appearances at Troy University in Alabama and Tulane University in Louisiana on the nienteForte series. Other performances include recitals in the Bay Area of California, including UC Berkeley, and shows in New York. In June of 2024, they performed together at Roulette in Brooklyn, New York, as part of composer Scott Wollschleger's album release concert, playing *Between Breath*, a piece commissioned and premiered by them. *Between Breath* has the distinction of being only of only a few trombone and piano pieces ever reviewed by Gramophone. In October of 2024, The Lang/Rainwater Project toured the state of Oklahoma, performing at Oklahoma University, Langston University, and Southwestern Oklahoma State University and presenting new works in conjunction with the Iranian Female Composers Initiative.

Program will be announced from the stage

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