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Glenn Buhr to deliver Laurier's 1999 Research Professor Lecture

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WATERLOO – Internationally renowned composer Glenn Buhr will deliver the 1999 Wilfrid Laurier University Research Professor Lecture. Accompanied by the Penderecki String Quartet, Buhr will present *Structural Functions of String Quartet no. 2 (sixblues)* at 8 p.m. on Monday, October 25 in the Maureen Forrester Recital Hall.

"Glenn Buhr's works have been performed by chamber ensembles, soloists and orchestras all over the world," says Charles Morrison, dean of Laurier's Faculty of Music. "He has received several composition awards, including first prize in the prestigious Italian Pro Loco Corciano Competition for Epigrams, a work for wind orchestra. He is the first creative artist to be honored as the Laurier Research Professor."

Buhr's analysis is based on a blues composition by jazz bassist Charles Mingus. The Penderecki String Quartet will illustrate with several excerpts of the work. The lecture will close with a performance of the entire work.

"This is an important event in Laurier's history," says Deborah Currie, co-ordinator of Cultural Affairs. "Glenn Buhr is among Canada's top composers. His work is featured all over the world by important performers and ensembles – he has achieved major status."

Admission to Buhrs lecture and the accompanying performance is free. The evening will include a post-lecture reception where the public is invited to meet and talk with him.