

WHY WHALES AND BIRDS SING

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David Rothenberg, clarinetist and professor of philosophy and music, brings a unique perspective to interpreting our relationship with nature through words and music — a perspective he will share on April 1 when he performs at NJIT. Rothenberg's music connects the living sounds of the natural world to the traditions of global rhythmic innovation and improvisation. Inspired by the melodies and beats of birds, insects, whales, water and wind, he blends spontaneous musical inventiveness with a sense of rhythm, exuberance and listening to nature.

Rothenberg's latest CD *Whale Music* and book *Thousand Mile Song* came out in 2008. *Booklist on Line*, a publication of the American Library Association, named *Thousand Mile Song* one of the ten best science and technology books for 2008.

His earlier book and CD *Why Birds Sing* have received wide attention in the United States, England and Australia, with the book being published in Italian, Spanish, Mandarin, Taiwanese and Korean as well. *Why Birds Sing* has also been the subject of a BBC documentary feature.

As a clarinetist, Rothenberg has performed and recorded with Adam Rudolph, Jan Bang, Scanner, Hamid Drake, Glen Velez, Karl Berger, Peter Gabriel, Ray Phiri, Nils Økland, and the Karnataka College of Percussion. The seven CDs released under his own name include *On the Cliffs of the Heart*, named one of the top ten releases of 1995 by *Jazziz* magazine. He is the author of several previous books on music and nature, including *Sudden Music* and *The Book of Music and Nature*. In 2009 he will release a record of duets with noted pianist Marilyn Crispell on the ECM label.

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