IOWA CITY—Hancher Auditorium is sponsoring the Kitchen Tour, a two-day festival of new performing arts June 14 and 15 on the University of Iowa campus.

The festival will feature free performances, workshops and discussions by seven performers and ensembles that have emerged in New York over the past decade, exploring new expressions in music, theater, dance and multimedia arts.

Artists appearing at the UI will be composer-guitarist Glenn Branca and his amplified sextet; saxophonist Oliver Lake and his new reggae-funk-jazz band, Jump Up; T-Venus, a multimedia ensemble led by performance artist Julia Heyward; stand-up theater artist Eric Bogosian; solo percussionist David Van Tieghem; dancer Lisa Fox; and rap vocalist and street dance group, Fab Five Freddy and Friends.

Branca, T-Venus, Fab Five Freddy and Van Tieghem will perform at 8 p.m. June 14. Bogosian, Fox and Lake will perform at 8 p.m. June 15. Both performances will take place outside on the Hancher grounds east of the auditorium. In case of rain, the performances will be moved into the Hancher lobby.

Fab Five Freddy and Friends will also perform during the noon hour June 14 on the pedestrian mall in downtown Iowa City.

Three artists will offer workshops on the Hancher grounds June 14: Bogosian, 11 a.m. to noon; Fox, 1-2 p.m.; and Lake, 2-3 p.m.

June 15 will see workshops by Branca, 11 a.m. to noon; Heyward, noon to 1 p.m.; and Van Tieghem, 1-2 p.m.

The Kitchen, the Manhattan performance hall that is sponsoring the tour of these artists, has been a center for unorthodox arts for the past 10 years.

Among the artists who have been nurtured by the open atmosphere of the Kitchen are Steve Reich and Philip Glass, minimalist classical composers who have achieved widespread acceptance by the mainstream musical world in recent years. Glass serves on the Kitchen board of directors.

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