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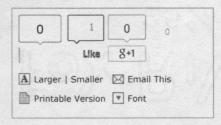
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# The outre music festival called Other Minds

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Andrew Gilbert calls Other Minds "the hippest and most adventurous new music festival in the United States" in this week's cover story. What makes it so special, so long-lasting?

Simple. "Frankenstein instruments, bass saxophone quartets and a live parrot," Gilbert says.

Among the highlights of this weekend's festival is Roscoe Mitchell's world premiere for four bass saxophones, or Mark Appelbaum's sound sculpture with electronics. But what is arguably the most interesting collaboration of the weekend involves a woman and her parrot.

"Wendy Reid explains that she designed 'Tree Piece #55' to incorporate her parrot Lulu with 'ambiguity between the live musicians and the pre-recorded,' so it probably won't be evident to the audience just how much 'live parrot' they are hearing," Gilbert says. "Since Lulu isn't a trick or circus parrot but an improvising musician, she will be responding in the moment."

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