

The Kitchen Center for Video and Music

press release

JULIUS EASTMAN

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\$4.00/\$2.50 members/TDF Music
The Kitchen, 484 Broome Street
Reservations: 925-3615

On January 30, The Kitchen's Contemporary Music Series will present Humanity And Not Spiritual Beings, two works by JULIUS EASTMAN.

"The first is a vocal solo, in which words and music are of equal importance. These words express my experience and thought as a human being. The melody colors, guides, and amplifies these words which do not diminish in importance without the music, just as the music is beautiful indeed without the words. I will sing about the concept of God and his conceptual substitutes.

The second work on the program is a written work for Pianos and Instruments, based on nothing else than Harmony and Melody. Harmonies and Melodies that build step by step, conclude, and then begin again.

I have sung, played, and written music for a very long time, and the end is not in sight. I sang as a boy soprano and I still sing as a boy soprano 30 years later. I have played the old masters on the pianoforte and have appreciated their help and guidance. But now music is only one of my attributes. I could be a Dancer, Choreographer, Painter or any other kind of artist if I so wished; but right thought, speech and action are now my main concerns. No other thing is as important or as useful. Right thought, Right speech, Right action, Right music."

(Julius Eastman)