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★ **PIONEERS OF THE DOWNTOWN SOUND** (Friday and Saturday) The avant-garde composer Rhys Chatham, who toys with the expectations of amplified guitars so mirthfully in his punk-influenced orchestrations, honed his experimental chops as the curator of the Kitchen in the 1970s. He nods to that infamous art space's 40th anniversary by reuniting many of his tenure's breakout musicians: Friday welcomes multiphonic vocalist Joan La Barbara and the accordionist Pauline Oliveros, while Saturday features the drone innovator Tony Conrad and the digital music programmer Laurie Spiegel. Both nights promise to be exceptional class reunions. At 8 p.m., the Kitchen, 512 West 19th Street, Chelsea, thekitchen.org; (212) 255-5793, Ext 11; \$12. (Anderson)