

estlin usher

ARTIST CV

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EDUCATION

September, 2009 - June, 2013	Chicago, IL
University of Chicago, AB '13 Music Composition & Philosophy	

EXPERIENCE

January, 2023 - Present	Leisure, Chicago, IL
Co-Founder, Co-Director, Curator	
October, 2024 - Present	Advisory Board for the Arts, Washington, DC/Chicago, IL
Managing Director, Member Advisor	
August, 2013 - April, 2024	WFMT-FM, Chicago, IL
Network Director	
June, 2013 - September, 2013	Grant Park Music Festival, Chicago, IL
Operations Associate, Live Sound Board Operator	

PERFORMANCE

August, 2025	W.I.H.S.H. Projects, Chicago, IL
estlin usher With poets Emily Bark Brown, Alicia Wright, Gerónimo Sarmiento Cruz	
February, 2025	TriTriangle, Chicago, IL
estlin usher / Instinct Control With Justice Yeldham, Allen Moore, J. Soliday / Graham Stephenson, Zalek / LeFauve	
October, 2024	TriTriangle, Chicago, IL
estlin usher With Signal Decay, Immanent Voiceless, Jon D Valdez, Cigar, Scott Rubin	
August, 2024	Podlasie Club, Chicago, IL
IG Metall With JS Alvarez, Shanti, Scum.ee	
August, 2024	International Museum of Surgical Science, Chicago, IL
Post Consumer Material : <i>FULL-TIME</i> As a part of the IMSS Performance Series	
March, 2024	Experimental Sound Studio, Chicago, IL
Post Consumer Material : <i>Ecstasies</i> Performance in support of X. A. Li's talk at Chicago Creative Machines	
March, 2024	Public Space 1, Iowa City, IA
Post Consumer Material : <i>FULL-TIME</i> Performance in support of X. A. Li's solo show <i>Terminal Care</i>	

January, 2024	Elastic Arts, Chicago, IL
Post Consumer Material : <i>FULL-TIME</i> (16-channel CLEAT system performance) With Allen Moore performing <i>The Black Arcade</i>	
December, 2023	Tack Room, Chicago, IL
estlin usher As a part of the ambient performance series <i>Wishful Thinking</i>	
November, 2023	Not Not, Chicago, IL
Post Consumer Material : <i>FULL-TIME</i> (preview) As a part of the sound and performance festival <i>Seven Minutes in Hell</i>	
September, 2023	Empty Bottle, Chicago, IL
IG Metall With Pod Blotz, MK, Bakantez	
May, 2023	Hidden Ideas, Chicago, IL
Post Consumer Material : <i>Ecstasies</i> With Rush Falknor, Christian Stadsgaard, Obe (Oliver Beltran), Culled, Andy Klingensmith	
February, 2023	Empty Bottle, Chicago, IL
IG Metall With The Serfs, Choke Chain	
October, 2022	Elastic Arts, Chicago, IL
Post Consumer Material : <i>Hoichi the Earless</i> (live score) With Bob Ghengis Khan, Pere-ish Ubu	
October, 2021	Logan Center, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Post Consumer Material : <i>Remnants of Hyperreality: life sex death expenditure</i> As a part of <i>the cclouds</i> presentation series at the Gray Center for Arts and Inquiry, with poet Andrew J. Smyth	
October, 2019	Tack Room, Chicago, IL
Post Consumer Material : <i>Subtext</i> As a part of <i>Performance Test Kitchen</i> , curated by Mark Jeffery	

INSTALLATION

June, 2023	CURRENTS New Media Festival, Santa Fe, NM
Post Consumer Material presents <i>Remnants of Hyperreality: life sex death expenditure</i> As a part of <i>CURRENTS New Media Festival</i>	

CURATION

September - December, 2025	Innertown Home to the Arts, Chicago, IL
<i>Intervention</i> Series of events featuring poets and experimental sound art, including work by GS70, Will Murnighan, and more	
August, 2025	Leisure, Chicago, IL
<i>Day of Leisure 2025</i> With Fred Schmidt-Arenales & Maia Chao, Whitney Johnson, TAITAIxTina, Kai Ihns & Brett Swenson	
August, 2024	Leisure, Chicago, IL
<i>Day of Leisure 2024</i> With Nayeon Yang, Rin Peisert, Norman W. Long, Molly Jones, Hunter Whitaker-Morrow, Oliver Beltran-Mendoza	

RELEASES

December, 2024	Gathering Wool
estlin usher <i>Bulk Head Gate</i> : field recordings of rain, water, equalizer, distortion, delay, and filter bank	
October, 2024	Lurker Bias
estlin usher <i>Abstractions Vol. 2</i> : track <i>Presence</i> included as part of a compilation with Helena Ford, Hali Palombo, Alexander Adams	
September, 2024	Chicago Underground Film Festival
estlin usher (composer) <i>Personally I Find it Rude to be Boring</i> : short film	
August, 2024	Phage Tapes
IG Metall <i>S/T</i> : vinyl release	
January, 2024	Self-Released
estlin usher <i>Traces</i> : live extracts from <i>Wishful Thinking</i> performance	
September, 2023	Self-Released
estlin usher <i>Grima</i> : prepared turntable, contact microphones	
April, 2023	Public Utility
Post Consumer Material <i>Ecstasies</i> : Hildegard von Bingen recordings, TTS algorithms, stochastic sample manipulation, synthesizer	
January, 2023	Self-Released
estlin usher <i>Absent (Music for Film)</i> : with Gawain Usher, viola	
November, 2021	Modern Concern
Field Dept. <i>Room Assignment #2</i> : tin whistle, metal tubing, breath	
November, 2021	Gathering Wool
K.L. Stijl <i>New Plastic Music</i> : cassette tapes, modular synthesizer, granular synthesizer	
June, 2021	Modern Concern
Field Dept. <i>Rhiza</i> : field recordings	
May, 2021	Amateur Electronics
estlin usher <i>Siegfried Cut</i> : modified turntable, vinyl LP of <i>The Glorious Sound of Wagner</i> (Ormandy, Philadelphia Orchestra)	
May, 2021	Modern Concern
Varsás / Klingensmith / Maloney / Usher <i>Alliance</i> : field recordings, FM static	
April, 2021	Modern Concern
Field Dept. <i>Room Assignment #1</i> : ventilation systems, electronic hum	

February, 2021	Modern Concern
Field Dept. <i>Regressor</i> : field recordings	
November, 2020	Ars Acustica
estlin usher <i>Haymarket</i> : binaural field recording for the European Broadcasting Union's <i>Location Podcast</i> project	
September, 2020 - January, 2021	Self-Released
estlin usher <i>Machinic I, II, III</i> : field recordings, modified turntable	
September, 2020	Clinquant Pudendum
estlin usher <i>Still</i> , : field recordings, synthesizer	
August, 2020	Structures Without Purpose
estlin usher & Cameron Day <i>Metal Spirit</i> : metal, field recordings, supercollider processing	
August, 2020	Self-Released
estlin usher <i>Rain Synthesis</i> : field recordings, simulated rain sounds	