

OFFBEAT The kitchen is on the second floor of the Mercer Arts Center, 240 Mercer Street, near Fourth Street, and it is the most free and every room in the building. Visitors often find pieces of cable trailing about the floor and it is a toss-up whether there will be chairs to sit on or only the floor or cushions. It houses videotaped programs or, more often, programs of new music, such as the one scheduled for 8 tonight. The program is a solo trombone concert by Garrett List, composer and performer.

Among the items on the bill are a piece for tape and trombone by Alvin Curran, a work by Frederic Rzewski for trombone, vibraphone and piano (the composer will be the pianist) and a number called "How to Compose Music in Your Spare Time for Fun and Profit," by James Burton, which doesn't sound like something you'll come out whistling. Admission, \$1. Information, 475-9865.

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