

## SOUNDCHECK BLOG

### Picks of the Week

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The Soundcheck staff picks three outstanding new releases:



**Phil Kline, *John the Revelator*** (Cantaloupe Music) [Amazon](#)

New York-based composer Phil Kline is having a big month. With two premieres in major concert halls and a surround sound work issued on DVD, Kline is now releasing a CD called *John the Revelator*. Commissioned by WNYC, the work is for the early music vocal sextet Lionheart and the string quartet known as Ethel. *John the Revelator* is subtitled “A Mass in 6 voices,” and Kline does use traditional mass texts, but some unconventional ones, and in a couple of places, no texts at all. The piece “Dark Was The Night” draws its title from old American blues (as does “John the Revelator”). Everything else is about being unmoored in time. —*John Schaefer*