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## LILLIAN FAIRCHILD MEMORIAL

Cary Peppermint has been named the recipient of the 2013 Lillian Fairchild Memorial Award, administered by the University of Rochester. Peppermint is a practicing artist and Assistant Professor of Art in the University of Rochester Department of Art and Art History.

Peppermint's interests include exploring the convergence of ecological, cultural, and digital networks, through a post-disciplinary practice with strong ties to the internet and performing arts.

This prestigious award is given to a Rochester-area resident who has "created extraordinary artistic work in any medium in the past year." The award was established in 1924 by Herman L. Fairchild, Professor and Chairman of the University of Rochester Department of Geology and Natural Sciences, in memory of his daughter, Lillian, an accomplished designer who died of tuberculosis at the age of 32. The award is given to a Rochester area resident who has produced the best visual, literary, or musical work of art.

It is not an award one applies for, but rather one in which the award selection committee reviews considered works, and then makes a selection. In this case, the committee was especially impressed by Peppermint's recent portfolio of innovative and collaborative projects, including his recent *Basecamp*.exe workshop installation and his plans for *Industrial Wilderness*.

"It was a total surprise to discover I had been chosen to receive this award. I was unaware that I was being considered. It is a great honor to have my work recognized in this way from such a distinguished committee," says Peppermint.

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