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## Quick Facts

- "Atelerix albiventris" has been selected for presentation on the National Student Electronic Music Event (N\_SEME) to be held March 22-23 at Temple University in Philadelphia. N\_SEME is a national peer-reviewed, juried festival featuring the best compositions and paper presentations from student composers nationally.
- This will mark the first time a Winthrop student composer has been selected for inclusion in a national electronic music conference, and the first time a student will represent Winthrop University at the national level in an electronic music event.



Daniel Strokis

ROCK HILL, S.C. – In the world of nature, a hedgehog doesn't usually spring to mind as an animal thought to produce pleasant sounds.

But the **lowly hedgehog** is the inspiration for music major **Daniel Strokis'** **electroacoustic composition project** for **Ron Parks'** computer music composition class.

The work garnered Strokis' national recognition for his electroacoustic composition, a **first for a Winthrop student composer.**

A music performance major, Strokis recorded the sounds emitted by a pet hedgehog and added some computer processing he learned in the Computer Music Composition course, then re-arranged the material into a musical composition. The result - titled **Atelerix albiventris** - is a aural exploration of the sonic qualities, rhythms and emotive qualities of the source material.

Strokis said he chose a hedgehog because it was a friend's pet and he was fascinated that it could make noises. "I had never heard a hedgehog make noise before," he said. "I didn't even know they could make noises!"

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