



News and updates from Music, Theatre and Dance



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Friends and rivals at DCI

An Amazing Year For Oakland At Drum Corps International

Imagine spending your summer working harder than you've ever worked before, but at something you love, *really love*; making friends so close they feel like family; traveling the country giving performances to adoring audiences; and rounding out the journey winning an honor that's of inestimable value to you and highly prized by your peers. That sounds like a truly amazing experience, doesn't it? Add to the mix the fact that this intense summer experience offers music education students an opportunity to build a nationwide network of fellow music educators, and you will understand why participants in Drum Corps International (DCI) speak of their marching seasons with such passion.

This past summer, three OU students finished in the top tier at the 2014 Drum Corps International World Championships. [Read more.](#)



Placing an SFX prosthetic

Preparing For An Unwanted Performance

On Sunday, September 21 some of our theatre students gave a performance unseen by anyone except 300 first responders from local and federal agencies. For the officers involved, it was a kind of rehearsal for an emergency event that everyone hopes will never happen.

Our students were part of a first responder training exercise: A disaster drill to prepare for the unthinkable, an attack by a gunman on a local shopping mall. Last winter the Oakland University Police Department approached **Leslie Littell** for help. Leslie is a special lecturer in theatre who teaches costume design. She said, "The initial contact came through the OUPD because we had helped them four or five years ago with an on-campus shooter training event."

[Read more.](#)



Katie Reid at Radio City

November News

On September 19, our nationally recognized **OU Brass Band** played at the dedication of the university's new centerpiece, the Elliott Carillon Tower. It was a perfect time for them to be heard by the campus community and assembled dignitaries, because it coincided with the launch of their fundraising campaign to help defray the cost of attending the Butlins Mineworkers Open National Brass Band Festival at Skegness, England in January 2015. For information about how to support the band, [visit OU's iSupport site.](#)

Katie Reid, a sophomore B.F.A. dance major, spent her summer at a Rockette Summer Intensive in New York. Rockettes must be proficient in ballet, tap, modern and jazz -- and competition for the troupe is fierce. Katie auditioned for the company and was selected. This year she'll join the Nashville, Tennessee cast, which is where first year Rockettes are often placed. [Read more.](#)

Upcoming Events

Celino Romeo & James Lentini, guitar
11/9/2014

OU Chamber Ensembles
11/9/2014

Flute Studio Recital
11/10/2014

Clarinet Studio Recital
11/11/2014

The Liar
11/13/2014 - 11/23/14

World Music Concert with Rahul Pophali
11/14/2014

Oakland Symphony Orchestra
11/16/2014

Percussion Ensemble Concert
11/18/2014

Guitar Ensemble
11/18/2014

OU Jazz Band & the OU Jazz Singers
Arts-After-Work
11/20/2014

University Chorus & Oakland Chorale
11/21/2014 & 11/22/2014

Joe Lulloff, Saxophone
11/21/2014

OU Chamber Orchestra
11/24/2014

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**Wind Symphony &
Symphonic Band**
11/25/2014

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