



News and updates from Music, Theatre and Dance

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David Daniels

## David Daniels: A Life In Music

All around the world there are conductors, musicians and musicologists who have the same essential reference book on their shelves. *Orchestral Music: A Handbook* is a nuts and bolts guide to the standard repertoire for American orchestra. It lists the duration of each piece, the required instrumentation and the publishers, all assembled and indexed by Oakland University Professor Emeritus **David Daniels**, who confesses to a "personality quirk" which leaves him always wanting to "get something just right." When he first began conducting regularly, all Daniels had was a list of timings which had been typed for him by his wife Jimmie Sue. It was a copy of a note book loaned to him by **James Dixon**, his mentor at the University of Iowa. Daniels said, "In those days it was not easy to get timings. It wasn't until the CD revolution that timings began to be provided with recordings." [Read more.](#)



Take Root dancers Andrew Dettloff, Thayer Jonutz and Vivian Costello.

## Look What We've Been Up To!

You know what they say: A picture is worth a thousand words. Our students and alumni are dedicated performers, and when they're not performing, they are honing their skills with hard work and diligence. Take a look at just a few of the things they've been doing in the past few months, then check out our online calendar and join us for our upcoming events!

The first photo features alumni **Andrew Dettloff** (on the floor) and **Vivian Costello** (foreground) with faculty member **Thayer Jonutz**. Andrew and Vivian will travel to Seoul, South Korea this August with Take Root's co-directors Thayer and **Ali Woerner**, who have been invited to perform and teach at the Gwang Jin Summer International Dance Festival. The pictured dance is entitled "Still. Life." Photo by **Sam Paraventi** of Minty Photography. Choreography by Ali Woerner and Thayer Jonutz, co-artistic directors and co-founders of Take Root. Costumes by **Christa Koerner** and costume design students at OU. [Read more.](#)



Meadow Brook Theatre staff and OU students work on a backdrop for *Once on This*

## March News

We'd like to tell you about a late but exciting addition to our music performance season. On Thursday, March 12 at 7:30 p.m. the piano program will present *Música con sabor*, celebrating the music of Spain, Italy, Argentina and Uruguay, with performances by OU piano majors who studied abroad last summer or performed at independent music festivals. And now some piano news: Once again this year, an Oakland piano student won the Rosamond P. Haeberle Piano Award from the Tuesday Musicale of Pontiac. Congratulations to **Hannah Bossner**! The award comes with a \$4000 cash prize and a performance for the Musicale on March 10. Hannah plans to use her winnings to attend a national music festival this summer.

For the fourth consecutive year, some of our very best dancers will perform at The Berman Center for the Performing Arts in an event called "The Michigan Five." On March 14, you can see dancers from OU share the stage with others from Hope College, the University of Michigan, Western Michigan University and Wayne State University in a unique dance concert, which is choreographed by the industry's top choreographers and organized by **Gregory Patterson**, dance professor and OU

## Upcoming Events

Senior Dance Concert  
3/6 & 3/7/2015

OU Brass Band &  
Five Lakes Silver Band  
3/10/2015

Miles Brown,  
faculty double bass recital  
3/13/2015

Quintet Attacca  
Panayis Lyras  
3/15/2015

Clarinet Studio Recital  
3/17/2015

Saxophone Studio Recital  
3/18/2015

She Loves Me  
3/19-3/29/2015

Faculty Collaborative  
3/26/2015

Opera Workshop  
3/28/2015

The Oakland Symphony  
Orchestra 3/29/2015

The Oakland Symphony  
Orchestra, Oakland Chorale,  
Wind Symphony, Oakland  
Symphony & Oakland  
Symphony Chorus  
4/1/2015

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dance program director.  
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**Oakland University Chamber  
Orchestra 2nd Keyboard  
Concerto Competition  
4/2/2015**

**Percussion Ensemble  
Concert  
4/6/2015**

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