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Working In The Arts: Lauren Knox Mounsey At The Purple Rose Theatre Company



Lauren Knox Mounsey

Jeff Daniels, founder of The Purple Rose Theatre Company (PRTC), and Guy Sanville, its artistic director, believe in the philosophy "We grow our own." The company is dedicated to the production of world-class American theatre, with roots firmly planted in the Midwest.

Over the last few years, one of OU's "own" has become part of the Rose family. **Lauren Knox Mounsey** (BFA '12) began an apprenticeship with the company shortly after her graduation. Years of dedication, very hard work, and recognition of her considerable gifts have earned her an amazing opportunity; she is directing *The Odd Couple*, which will run from January 21 until March 26.

Lauren believes that PRTC decided their 25th anniversary season was the perfect opportunity to show they really do grow their own.

Beginning with her freshman year at OU, Lauren felt the company's influence on her professional development. She took Stage Voice 1 with **Sandra Birch**, a former PRTC resident artist who incorporated many of the company's basic principles into her teaching.

Read more. (<http://www.p.oakland.edu/mtd/news/2016/working-in-the-arts-lauren-knox-mounsey-at-the-purple-rose-theatre-company>)

Highlights Of Our Winter 2016 Performance Season



DDA Concerts

It's a new year, and we have another winter semester filled with reasons to leave the comfort of hearth and home, make the journey to Varner and enjoy fine performances in a diverse range of music, theatre and dance styles.

No matter how many times we say this, it's always true; we have something for everyone, as well as opportunities to experience performances you may never have seen before. How about a radical new approach to a dark sixteenth-century classic drama? The ancient music of southern India presented by modern stars of the art? We've got both of those - and more.

Dance opens its season with the annual **Detroit Dance Artists Showcase** (<http://www.p.oakland.edu/mtd/events/2016/012116-the-dda-concert-detroit-dance-artists-showcase>). The Oakland dancers will perform the work of rising professional choreographers from local companies, including Eisenhower Dance and Take Root. There will be four performances from Thursday January 21 until Saturday 23. **Read more.** (<http://www.p.oakland.edu/mtd/news/2016/winter-2016-performance-season-highlights>)

Detroit Dance Artist Showcase
1/21 - 1/23/2016
(<http://www.p.oakland.edu/mtd/events/2016/012116-the-dda-concert-detroit-dance-artists-showcase>)

Faculty Collaborative Chamber Music Concert
1/24/2016
(<http://www.p.oakland.edu/mtd/events/2016/012416-faculty-collaborative-chamber-music-concert>)

OU Brass Band w. Matthew Murchison
1/29/2016
(<http://www.p.oakland.edu/mtd/events/2016/012916-oakland-university-brass-band-with-matthew-murchison>)

Benefit Concert for Chennai, India
1/30/2016
(<http://www.p.oakland.edu/mtd/events/2016/013016-Benefit-Concert-for-Musicians-of-Chennai-India>)

Piano Day
1/31/2016
(<http://www.p.oakland.edu/mtd/events/2016/013116-piano-day>)

Faust(US)
2/4 - 2/14/2016
(<http://www.p.oakland.edu/mtd/events/2016/020416-faustus-radical-new-approach-to-a-classic-play>)

OU Chamber Orchestra
2/10/2016
(<http://www.p.oakland.edu/mtd/events/2016/021016-oakland-university-chamber-orchestra>)



Jacquelyn Wagner

Working In The Arts: Alumni News

Jacquelyn Wagner (BM '03), who studied voice with **Dr Edie Diggory** at OU and later at the Manhattan School of Music, continues to enjoy a flourishing career on the opera and concert stages of Europe. In the last two seasons she has performed with Deutsche Oper am Rhein, Dusseldorf; Oper Köln (Cologne); the Rundfunk-Sinfonieorchester Berlin; the Latvian National Symphony Orchestra; Gran Teatre del Liceu, Barcelona; Oper Frankfurt; Hessisches Staatstheater, Wiesbaden; Theater Bonn; the Gürzenich Orchester, Köln (Cologne); the Teatro Petruzzelli, Bari, Italy; and Opéra National de Paris.

Next season Jacquelyn will make her debut at Milan's La Scala, one of the world's great opera houses. She will sing the leading female role in *Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg* by Richard Wagner. Jacquelyn is scheduled to make a video appearance at our **Voice Alumni Gala Concert** (<http://wwwp.oakland.edu/mtd/events/2016/031116-voice-alumni-gala-concert>) on March 11.

Read more (<http://wwwp.oakland.edu/mtd/news/2016/working-in-the-arts-mtd-alumni-news-january-2016>).



Emily Hadick

January 2016 News

We're delighted to announce the winners of our annual Concerto Competition which is always fiercely contested. The 2015-16 victors are **Robert Skylis** (tenor), **Jaleel Williams** (euphonium), **Michaela Judkins** (soprano) and **Rhys Burgess** (piano). They will perform with the Oakland Symphony Orchestra on Sunday, February 14 at 3 p.m. at the **19th Annual David Daniels Young Artists Concert**.

(<http://wwwp.oakland.edu/mtd/events/2016/021416-oakland-symphony-orchestra-19th-annual-david-daniels-young-artists-concert>)

Our students are winning distinction in off-campus competitions. We are thrilled to announce that two theatre students, **Jason Maracani** and **Emily Hadick**, have been selected to attend April's Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (KCACTF) National Awards at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, DC. In early January both competed in the Region 3 KCACTF Awards in Milwaukee, where Jason won the Theatrical Design Excellence in Scenic Design Award for his design of *A Doll's House*, and Emily won the Musical Theatre Intensive presented by Open Jar in NYC.

Read more (<http://wwwp.oakland.edu/mtd/news/2016/mtd-news-january-2016>).

Oakland Symphony Orchestra: 19th Annual David Daniels Young Artists Concert
2/14/2016
(<http://wwwp.oakland.edu/mtd/events/2016/021416-oakland-symphony-orchestra-19th-annual-david-daniels-young-artists-concert>)

Wind Symphony & Symphonic Band
2/16/2016
(<http://wwwp.oakland.edu/mtd/events/2016/021616-wind-symphony-and-symphonic-band>)

BFA Musical Theatre Showcase
2/18/2016
(<http://wwwp.oakland.edu/mtd/events/2016/021816-bfa-musical-theatre-senior-showcase>)

An Afternoon of Carnatic Music
2/28/2016
(<http://wwwp.oakland.edu/mtd/events/2016/022816-an-afternoon-of-carnatic-music>)

Timothy McAllister, Saxophone
3/1/2016
(<http://wwwp.oakland.edu/mtd/events/2016/030116-timothy-mcallister-saxophone>)

Senior Dance Concert
3/5/2016
(<http://wwwp.oakland.edu/mtd/events/2016/030516-senior-dance-concert>)

Dance Day
3/5/2016
(<http://wwwp.oakland.edu/mtd/events/2016/030516-dance-day>)

Nicholas Phillips, Piano
3/7/2016
(<http://wwwp.oakland.edu/mtd/events/2016/030716-nicholas-phillips-piano>)

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3/11/2016
(<http://wwwp.oakland.edu/mtd/events/2016/031116-voice-alumni-gala-concert>)

The Gryphon Trio
Chamber Music Society
of Detroit at OU
3/13/2016
(<http://wwwp.oakland.edu/mtd/events/2016/031316-the-gryphon-trio-chamber-society-of-detroit-at-oakland-university>)

Clarinet Studio Recital
3/15/2016
(<http://wwwp.oakland.edu/mtd/events/2016/031516-clarinet-studio-recital>)

OU Jazz Band
3/17/2016
(<http://wwwp.oakland.edu/mtd/events/2016/031716-oakland-university-jazz-band>)

University Chorus &
Oakland Chorale
3/18 & 3/19/2016
(<http://wwwp.oakland.edu/mtd/events/2016/031816-university-chorus-and-oakland-chorale>)

OU Composers Concert
3/20/2016
(<http://wwwp.oakland.edu/mtd/events/2016/032016-ou-composers-concert>)

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a Z-Mag publication
(<http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/5f1eaa2c#/5f1eaa2c/1>)

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