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The First Annual Voice Alumni Gala



Brian Witkowski

At 8 pm on Friday, March 11, fourteen Oakland voice alumni will gather on the Varner Recital Hall stage from cities around the country and beyond, for our first annual Voice Alumni Gala Concert. It will be an evening of wonderful operatic performances and a celebration of individual achievement.

It will also be a chance to look back and consider the accomplishments of the vocal music program. And it will be a time to help plan for a future that opens up opportunities to even more young singers who show promise, and who dream of working with a truly excellent voice teacher.

All the proceeds from the gala will support scholarships for music majors studying voice. We want to offer more scholarship support to students who excel, and ticket sales from this event will go towards that goal.

Read more. (<https://www.oakland.edu/mtd/news/2016/the-first-annual-voice-alumni-gala>)

Voice Alumni Gala Concert
3/11/2016
(<http://www.oakland.edu/mtd/events/2016/031116-voice-alumni-gala-concert>)

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

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

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

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

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

Sharron Matthews:
Superstar: GOLD
3/20/2016
(<http://www.oakland.edu/mtd/events/2016/032016-sharron-matthews-superstar-gold-international-cabaret-artist>)

OU Brass Band & Capital City Brass Band
3/21/2016
(<http://www.oakland.edu/mtd/events/2016/032116-oakland-university-brass-band-and-capital-city-brass-band>)

Ali Woerner Winner Of Elite 40 Under 40 Class



Ali Woerner

Following a public vote, Oakland University's own **Ali Woerner** has been named the overall winner of the 2016 Oakland County Executive's Elite 40 under 40 class. The class spotlights outstanding professionals under the age of 40 who live or work in Oakland County and have made a positive difference in their field and community.

Woerner, an assistant professor of dance, beat out two other finalists and was announced as this year's winner at County Executive **L. Brooks Patterson's** State of the County address on Feb. 10. As the top winner of this year's class, Woerner will be invited to attend Oakland County events and meet with County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and other leaders.

Woerner, 38, has taught at Oakland for the past six years and is co-founder and co-director of the highly innovative, nonprofit, professional modern dance company, **Take Root.** (<http://www.takerootdance.com/>) **Read more.** (<https://www.oakland.edu/mtd/news/2016/ous-ali-woerner-named-top-winner-of-the-county-executives-elite-40-under-40-class>)

Working In The Arts: March 2016 MTD Alumni News



Regina Carter

Our alumni continue to do amazing work in arts education and performance. Many are too busy to keep us updated on a regular basis, but we do our best to keep track of them and here is some news we want to share with you.

In the past few months renowned jazz violinist **Regina Carter** (BA '85), one of our most distinguished alumni, has played England, Sweden and Switzerland, not to mention Philadelphia, New Orleans, San Francisco and New York City, but at the beginning of April she will be on campus. She will perform in two concerts aimed at two different audiences.

You won't want to miss bringing your family to her **Children's Concert on Friday, April 1 at 10 am.** (<http://www.startickets.com/events/item/childrens-concert-with-regina-carter-and-ojq>) These concerts are always a really fun time. Together with the faculty members of the **Oakland Jazz Quartet** she will play movie music, including tunes from *Frozen*, *Star Wars*, *The Little Mermaid*, *Monsters Inc* and more. **Read more.** (<https://www.oakland.edu/mtd/news/2016/working-in-the-arts-mtd-alumni-news-march-2016>)



Alexandra Zetye

March 2016 MTD News

We're delighted to announce that **Alexandra Zetye** will be awarded the College of Arts and Sciences Meritorious Achievement Award at the May graduation. Alexandra is an extraordinary student who has not only completed a BMus in Piano Performance, but also has undergraduate majors and minors in Engineering, Biology, French Language and Mathematics. As part of the music community Alexandra has won multiple awards, performed with several ensembles, served as a staff accompanist and taught piano in the department's Music Preparatory Division. "She is an amazing person," said department chair **Distinguished Professor Jackie Wiggins**. "We are all richer for having known her."

Theatre major **Emily Griffith**, who is graduating this spring, was excited to shoot her first commercial in February. She played a waitress in an ad for Leo's Coney Island, the large regional casual dining chain. "Being on my first commercial shoot was such a new experience for this theatre girl," she wrote on her blog.

Read more. (<https://www.oakland.edu/mtd/news/2016/mtd-news-march-2016>)

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String Studio Recital
3/23/2016
(<http://www.oakland.edu/mtd/events/2016/032316-string-studio-recital>)

**OU Chamber Orchestra:
3rd Annual Keyboard
Concerto Competition**
3/24/2016
(<http://www.oakland.edu/mtd/events/2016/032416-oakland-university-chamber-orchestra-third-annual-keyboard-concerto-competition>)

**Tian Tian
faculty piano recital**
3/25/2016
(<http://www.oakland.edu/mtd/events/2016/032516-tian-tian-faculty-piano-recital>)

Saxophone Studio Concert
3/28/2016
(<http://www.oakland.edu/mtd/events/2016/032816-saxophone-studio-concert>)

Assassins
3/31 - 4/9/2016
(<http://www.oakland.edu/mtd/events/2016/033116-assassins-dark-comedic-musical>)

**Children's Concert:
Regina Carter w the
Oakland Jazz Quartet**
4/1/2016
(<http://www.oakland.edu/mtd/events/2016/040116-childrens-concert-regina-carter-with-the-oakland-jazz-quartet>)

**Regina Carter w the
Oakland Jazz Quartet**
4/2/2016
(<http://www.oakland.edu/mtd/events/2016/040216-regina-carter-with-the-oakland-jazz-quartet>)

Oakland Symphony
Orchestra w the OU
Symphony Chorus & the
Madrigal Chorale
4/5/2016
(<http://wwwp.oakland.edu/mtd/events/2016/040516-oakland-symphony-orchestra-with-the-oakland-university-symphony-chorus-and-the-madrigal-chorale>)

World Music Concert
4/8/2016
(<https://wwwp.oakland.edu/mtd/events/2016/040816-world-music-concert>)

Chamber Music Ensembles
4/10/2016
(<https://wwwp.oakland.edu/mtd/events/2016/041016-chamber-music-ensembles-concert>)

Nightclub Cabarets
4/10 - 4/13/2016
(<https://wwwp.oakland.edu/mtd/events/2016/041016-nightclub-cabarets>)

Wind Symphony &
Symphonic Band
4/12/2016
(<https://wwwp.oakland.edu/mtd/events/2016/041216-wind-symphony-and-symphonic-band>)

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