



Tuesday, March 2, 2004

March roars in with five events sponsored by MTD

By **Dawn Pauli**, contributing writer

Oakland University's **Department of Music, Theatre and Dance** continues its tradition of bringing high-quality events to campus with five performances in March ranging from jazz and brass concerts to a one-woman play.

The internationally renowned St. Louis Brass Quintet will be in residence during the month, giving classes to OU students and clinics to area high school students. The capstone event of their visit will be a concert Friday, March 26.

"They are just fantastic," said Gregory Cunningham, assistant professor of music. "They will present an eclectic concert with everything from Renaissance to jazz. The Phoenix Gazette's review says 'the crowd went quadruple bananas.'"

MTD MARCH 2004 PERFORMANCES

Mark Stone and Roger Braun: New World Percussion Duo

The pair will perform a wide variety of percussion music from the United States, Japan, Brazil and Ghana, featuring instruments from these regions.

Saturday, March 6, at 8 p.m.

Tickets: \$12 general admission, \$6 students

Love Arm'd performed by Karen Eterovich

In celebration of Women's History Month, this one-person show is based on the life of Aphra Behn, the 17th century playwright, poet and novelist. The event is sponsored by the English Department and co-sponsored by MTD, The Honors College and Women's Studies

Tuesday, March 9, at 4 p.m.

Free admission

Jazz Improv/Jazz Singers Ensembles

Danny Jordan, special instructor of music, will direct this jazz concert, featuring soloist and ensemble performances accompanied by instrumentals.

Tuesday, March 23, at 8 p.m.

Free admission

Music Composers' Forum

This concert will showcase original music by nine student composers, including five composition majors – A. X. Nikolic, Nick Caporale, Russell Gillespie, Daniel Walshaw and Oliver Thompson – and four non-composition majors – Leslie- Anne Graham, Brandon Bryne, Robert Benton and Jesse Calcat.

Wednesday, March 24, at 8 p.m.

Free admission

St. Louis Brass Quintet – A Professional Artist Series Event

Founded in 1964, the Saint Louis Brass Quintet is one of America's longest standing brass quintets. Members of the St. Louis Symphony formed the group to play children's concerts around the St. Louis area. Soon they expanded to present full-length concerts. Now, 40 years and more than 2,500 engagements later, the only original member still in the group, and the only one who actually lives in St. Louis, is trombonist Melvyn Jernigan. The other quintet members

hold top positions across the United States, and none of them are members of the St. Louis Symphony. The group now performs three 10-day concert tours throughout the United States each year, plus recording and international touring.

Friday, March 26, at 8 p.m.

Tickets: \$25 general admission, \$10 students

All performances are at Varner Recital Hall. Reserve tickets through the Varner Box Office at (248) 370-3013. The box office is open Tuesday through Friday from noon to 3 p.m. Tickets are also available through Ticketmaster outlets by calling (248) 645-6666 or visiting the **Ticketmaster** Web site. Discounts are available for OU employees, seniors and groups of 20 or more.

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