



News and updates from Music, Theatre and Dance

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Dancers Travel To Germany And Korea



Dancers studying German Contemporary Dance in Berlin, summer 2015, with Elizabeth Kattner (l)

The dance program at Oakland University is taking flight this summer. Students, alumni and faculty will be showcasing their passion and skills in Europe and Asia. In May, **Professor Elizabeth Kattner** will accompany ten dance majors to Berlin, Germany, one of Europe's most lively artistic cities. They will study German Contemporary Dance by taking technique classes at the Tanzfabrik and learning choreography from German dance artists. **Andrea Cheshure** is one of the dance students traveling to Berlin. "I'm excited about studying with German dancers," she said, "I'm eager to learn about their culture knowing we're already connected through our passion for dance."

The OU dancers will end their stay in Berlin with a final performance at the Uferstudios for Contemporary Dance, which serves as a performance space for Berlin's rich culture of solo and group dance artists.

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Student MaTiDa Award winners 2015

On Monday, April 20 the Music, Theatre and Dance family gathered in the Oakland Center Banquet Rooms to celebrate the hard work and achievements of the students and alumni receiving the department's prestigious 2015 MaTiDa Awards. This year the Oakland University Alumni Association (OUAA) graciously sponsored the MaTiDa Alumni Achievement Awards, and we look forward to a long and harmonious partnership with them. The OUAA connects alumni and friends within the university community. It encourages alumni to maintain an active role in programs that support OU and build relationships that benefit both students and the university. MTD and OUAA are perfect together! Each year, OUAA proudly presents the **Arts at OU series**, and we have been delighted to have their groups attend our theatre productions, and music and dance concerts.

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May News



Music graduates spring 2015 with Deborah VanderLinde (r)

As we always do at this time of year, we want to congratulate our graduating seniors and remind them that although they will always be part of the Oakland University and Music, Theatre and Dance families, those Oakland emails will expire soon! So to continue receiving Prism, please send a personal email address to gellis@oakland.edu so we can add you to our listserv. And don't forget to continue sending us your news!

Some of our musical theatre graduates will be moving to New York City, and their careers received a jump start in March when they attended the annual Senior Showcase, which is made possible by generous support from Oakland University Offices of the President and Provost. **Professor Fred Love** reported that they performed for packed houses of theatre business people, and that the students received 79 callbacks in the first couple of days. The seniors and faculty who traveled to New York also met up with 31 OU theatre alums and a good time was had by all.

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Upcoming Events

Music Theory Midwest Conference
5/8 & 5/9/2015

Pinkalicious Storytime
Barnes & Noble
5/11/2015

Pinkalicious the Musical
3/15/2015

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3/15/2015

Pinkalicious the Musical
3/17/2015

Roberto Fabbri
Guitar Concert
5/21/2015

Jazz Workshop with
Regina Carter
6/13 & 6/14/2015

Piano Camp
6/22 - 6/26/2015

Music Theory Bootcamp
7/6 - 7/10/2015

Computer Music Workshop
7/6 - 7/10/2015

Great Lakes Dance Festival
with Eisenhower Dance
7/6 - 7/17/2015

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