

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Music, Theatre and Dance performance season features diverse lineup

The 2015-2016 Oakland University Music, Theatre and Dance performance season promises a full slate of innovative, quality programming offered by the students, faculty and guests of one of Michigan's leading performing arts programs. The complete 2015-2016 brochure is available [here](#).

Here are a few fall highlights of the upcoming season.

The Chamber Music Society of Detroit (CMSD) at Oakland University will present two concerts this fall. Pianist **Angela Cheng** will perform at 3 p.m. on **Sunday, Sept. 20**, in OU's Varner Recital Hall. She appears regularly as a guest with international orchestras, is an avid recitalist, and has toured worldwide with violinist Pinchas Zukerman.

The second CMSD concert will feature the world-renowned clarinetist **Richard Stoltzman**, with David Deveau on piano, at 3 p.m. on **Sunday, Nov. 8**, in Varner Recital Hall. Stoltzman is a two-time Grammy Award-winner and a captivating recitalist, chamber musician and solo performer.



The Oakland Symphony Orchestra (OSO), the university's orchestra-in-residence, will give a concert at 3 p.m. on **Sunday, Oct. 4**, in Varner Recital Hall. The show features an exciting program of works by Shostakovich and Tchaikovsky, as well as "Mr. Tambourine Man: Seven Poems of Bob Dylan" by John Corigliano, with guest soprano soloist Katherine Calcamuggio.

At 3 p.m. on **Sunday, Nov. 22**, assistant professor **Dr. Tian Tian** will appear as a guest soloist with the OSO, performing the *Piano Concerto No. 5 in E-flat major, op. 73 (Emperor)* by Ludwig van Beethoven. The show takes place in Varner Recital Hall.

The university's theatre program will open its season with Rogers and Hammerstein classic, "**Oklahoma!**," which broke new ground with its glorious, much-loved songs and its famously innovative use of dance. There will be 12 performances beginning **Thursday, Oct. 8**, in OU's Varner Studio Theatre.

On **Thursday, Nov. 12**, the theatre program will open its second main stage show, the provocative, daunting, dark-edged drama "**Equus**," winner of four Tony Awards. This story of a seemingly normal 17-year-old who commits a terrible act of violence against six horses will keep audiences on the edge of their



seats. It contains mature themes, nudity and strong language and is not recommended for children under 17.

Eisenhower Dance, one of the Midwest's premier contemporary dance companies, is celebrating its 25th season this year and kicking it off with two performances of **ON THE MOVE**. The shows take place at 8 p.m. **Sunday, Oct. 4** and 2 p.m. **Sunday, Oct. 25**, in Varner Recital Hall. Audiences can expect to see a dazzling program of premieres and favorites.

At 8 p.m. **Friday, Oct. 30**, singer, actress, teacher and YouTube sensation **Natalie Weiss** will be in concert at Varner Recital Hall. Weiss has appeared on Broadway and in national tours, and her web series "Breaking Down The Riffs" is a viral phenomenon. To learn more, visit natalieweiss.net.

Fresh off their successful tour of England, the **Oakland University Brass Band** will perform at 3 p.m. **Sunday, Nov. 1**, with guest artist, cornet soloist Bryan Appleby-Wineberg. For anyone unfamiliar with British-style brass band music, this is the perfect opportunity to sample it.

The Oakland University World Music Ensembles have a very special celebration in store on **Friday, Nov. 6**, with two concerts – one at 10 a.m. and the other at 8 p.m. – when Ghanaian drummer Bernard Woma will join them for the 40th anniversary of the founding of the university's world music program.

The University Chorus and Oakland Chorale, who sang the encore at the Rolling Stones Detroit concert this summer, will return to their typical repertoire this fall as they present two concerts – on **Friday, Nov. 20** at 8 p.m. and **Saturday, Nov. 21** at 8 p.m. Please note that these concerts are off-campus at St. Irenaeus Catholic Church, 771 Old Perch Road in Rochester Hills.

Finally, the **Oakland Dance Theatre and OU Repertory Dance Company** have four performances showcasing works choreographed by OU dance faculty and guest artists. The shows are scheduled as follows:

- **Thursday, Dec. 3**, at 7:30 p.m.
- **Friday, Dec. 4**, at 8 p.m.
- **Saturday, Dec. 5**, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Some of the dancers studied German Contemporary Dance in Berlin this summer and these concerts will include some of the work they did in Europe.

Unless otherwise noted, all performances are in Varner Hall, which is located on the Oakland University campus. Maps of the campus are available at oakland.edu/map or by searching for "Varner Hall" on a smartphone. Parking is free.

Tickets prices for each event are available online at oakland.edu/mtd. Tickets may be purchased online without service fees at startickets.com or by phone at (800) 585-3737. They can also be purchased at the Varner Box Office on OU's campus. Complete ticket information is available at oakland.edu/mtd/tickets. For more information on Music, Theatre and Dance programs and performances, call (248) 370-2030 or visit oakland.edu/mtd.

