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Percussionist opens MTD music season

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Oakland University's **Department of Music, Theatre and Dance** will open its season of fall music events Friday, Sept. 26, with a performance by internationally recognized, multi-percussionist Joseph Gramley in Varner Recital Hall.

A native of Oregon, Gramley attended Interlochen Arts Academy and the University of Michigan. He gave his concerto debut with the Houston Symphony Orchestra at Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall in 1992 after winning their National Soloist Competition. While completing his graduate studies at The Juilliard School in New York, Gramley founded the New York Percussion Quartet and subsequently joined the Ethos Percussion Group in 1996. In 2000, Gramley accepted an invitation from Yo-Yo Ma to embark on a solo career and join his Silk Road Project. Gramley has collaborated with world-renowned musicians from India, Iran, China, Japan, Korea and Central Asia and studied percussion styles and instruments from around the globe.

Other MTD concerts throughout the fall semester feature high-quality performances by both OU students and faculty, ranging from full-scale orchestral concerts to intimate recitals that are both affordable and enriching for music enthusiasts of all ages.

All performances are given in Varner Recital Hall, with the exception of the Oakland Symphony Concert on Oct. 25, which will be at Clarkston High School, and the Meadow Brook Estate performances in November, which will be at Varner Studio Theatre.

Many MTD concert performances are free. Tickets for priced events range between \$6 and \$15 and may be reserved via the Varner Box Office by calling (248) 370-3013. The box office is open September through April, Tuesday through Friday, from noon to 3 p.m. You also can purchase tickets through the **Ticketmaster** Web site or by calling (248) 645-6666. Discounts are available for OU employees, seniors and groups of 20 or more.

For more information on individual performances, visit the **Department of Music, Theatre and Dance** Web site or contact the department at (248) 370-3013 or mtd@oakland.edu.

FALL 2003 PERFORMANCES

Joseph Gramley Percussion Recital

Friday, Sept. 26, at 8 p.m.

Professional artist series

Tickets: \$15 general public, \$8 students

Ken Kroesche, Euphonium

Saturday, Oct. 4, at 8 p.m.

Faculty recital, "Celebrating OcTuba Fest"

Free admission

Tuba/Euphoneum Solo Recitals

Thursday, Oct. 23, at 8 p.m.

"Celebrating OcTuba Fest"

Ken Kroesche, director

Free admission

Oakland Symphony Concert

Saturday, Oct. 25, at 7:30 p.m.

Gregory Cunningham, music director

Clarkston High School

Tickets: \$15 general public, \$8 students

Tuba/Euphonium Ensemble Concert and Costume Party

Wednesday, Oct. 29, at 8 p.m.

"Celebrating OcTuba Fest"

Ken Kroesche, director
Free admission

Symphonic Band Concert

Wednesday, Nov. 5, at 8 p.m.
Gregory Cunningham, music director
Tickets: \$6

“Starting Here, Starting Now” performed by the Meadow Brook Estate

Nov. 6-8 and 13-15 at 8 p.m. Nov. 9 and 16 at 2 p.m.
Thomas M. Suda, director
Varner Studio Theatre
Tickets: \$12 general public, \$6 students

Saxophone Ensemble

Sunday, Nov. 9, at 7:30 p.m.
Alayne Rever, director
Free admission

Jazz Improv Ensemble

Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 8 p.m.
Danny Jordan, conductor
Free admission

African Steel Drum Ensembles Concert

Friday, Nov. 14, at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.
Mark Stone, director
Tickets: \$6 (10 a.m.), \$10 general public and \$6 students (8 p.m.)

Oakland Symphony Concert

Saturday, Nov. 15, at 7:30 p.m.
Gregory Cunningham, music director
Tickets: \$15 general public, \$8 students

Piano/Chamber Ensembles

Sunday, Nov. 16, at 7:30 p.m.
Mary Siciliano and Liz Rowin, directors
Free admission

Music Composer’s Forum

Wednesday, Nov. 19, at 8 p.m.
Free admission

University Chorus and Oakland Chorale

Friday and Saturday, Nov. 21-22, at 8 p.m.
Michael Mitchell, conductor
Tickets: \$12 general public, \$6 students

Jazz Band Concert

Tuesday, Nov. 25, at 8 p.m.
Danny Jordan, director
Tickets: \$6

SUMMARY

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