



News and updates from Music, Theatre and Dance



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The Arts Are For Everyone!

The primary business of Music, Theatre and Dance at OU is to educate students for careers in music education and the performing arts but we do so much more, because the arts are for everyone! Thousands of Oakland students take our general education classes every year and thousands of community members enjoy the many and diverse events that make up our performance season. We also have non-majors who study and perform with our faculty and students because they want to make music, theatre or dance a part of their continuing education. For example, about 40 percent of the Golden Grizzly Athletics Band are non-music majors. [Read more.](#)



Tim Brown as Frederic,
Kayvon Kashani-Gharavi as
the Major General and
Christine Devito as Ruth in
The Pirates of Penzance

Highlights Of Our Winter 2015 Performance Season

Time to take out your calendar and make a note of what you just don't want to miss from our Winter 2015 Performance Season.

Mid-January brings four opportunities to see one of the very finest comic operas ever written, *The Pirates of Penzance* by the much loved Gilbert and Sullivan. It's a masterpiece of charm and wit that transcends its time and continues to delight audiences. This really is a "don't-miss," with performances from January 15 to 18. Come twice if you can! The show is double cast with our wonderful OU voice students.

On Saturday, January 17 OU alum and jazz violinist extraordinaire **Regina Carter** is back to play with the **Oakland Jazz Quartet**, **Miles Brown**, **Sean Dobbins**, **Scott Gwinnell** and **Mark Stone**, all of them quite extraordinary in their own right. They will offer a concert of Jimi Hendrix music. Yep! Jimi through a jazz filter. Please note a late change of venue for this concert. It will be at the Carr Center, 311 East Grand River in Detroit. [Read more.](#)



Professor Emeritus Simon
Carrington with Kelsey
Millerschin

January News

We are a little late in bringing you the news that **Simon Carrington**, professor emeritus of choral conducting at Yale University, was at OU last October. He worked with undergraduate and graduate conducting students and with the Oakland Chorale. Director of choral studies **Mike Mitchell** said, "It was an amazing experience." Mr. Carrington was a founding member of the King's Singers, a group that gave 3,000 performances at the world's most prestigious festivals and concert halls, made more than seventy recordings, and appeared on countless television and radio programs, including nine appearances on the Tonight Show with the late Johnny Carson!

The musical theatre students also benefited from a distinguished guest. **Shorey Walker**, the program coordinator at Actors Connection in New York City, gave two workshops about the business of acting in November. [Read more.](#)

Upcoming Events

The Pirates of Penzance
1/15 - 1/18/2015

Voice Day
1/17/2015

**Regina Carter & the
Oakland Jazz Quartet:
The Music of Jimi Hendrix**
1/17/2015

High School Jazz Festival
1/18/2015

**The DDA Concert: Detroit
Dance Artists Showcase**
1/22 - 1/24/2015

A Doll's House
2/5 - 2/15/2015

**Take Root with The Brown
Dance Project**
2/6/2015 & 2/7/2015

Dance Day
2/7/2015

**Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson
Trio**
2/8/2018

Guitar Ensemble Concert
2/9/2015

OU Chamber Orchestra
2/10/2015

**OU Jazz Band & Jazz
Singers**
2/12/2015

**Oakland Symphony
Orchestra: 18th Annual David
Daniels
Young Artists Concert**

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