



Tuesday, September 30, 2003

OU to celebrate OctubaFest

This October, Oakland University's **Department of Music, Theatre and Dance** is celebrating its first OctubaFest, a series of three concerts on Oct. 4, 23 and 29. The concerts feature faculty, students and guest artists showing their stuff on tuba and euphonium. It's true musicianship, with a little bit of whimsy thrown in.

The idea for celebrating OctubaFest came from OU faculty member Kenneth Kroesche, who is in his second year at OU heading up the low brass program and conducting the Golden Grizzly Band.

"A musical twist on Octoberfest, OctubaFest originally was started by Harvey Philips at Indiana University as a celebration of these instruments and to raise audience awareness of what they're capable of," Kroesche said. "Also, it's a chance to have some fun, which is perfect for tubists, who tend to be a pretty congenial lot."

The concert schedule is as follows:

- **Saturday, Oct. 4, at 8 p.m.** in Varner Recital Hall. Faculty member Kenneth Kroesche will perform a euphonium recital with help from guest artist Jason Smith of Ohio University on tuba and OU faculty member Diane Petrella on piano. The program includes selections by Neal Corwell, Gustav Mahler and Jan Bach. Free admission.
- **Thursday, Oct. 23, at 8 p.m.** in Varner Recital Hall. Students will perform solo tuba and euphonium selections by Torstein Aagaard Nilsen, Camille Saint-Sens and Joseph Horovitz. Free admission.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 29, at 8 p.m.** in Varner Recital Hall. During this tuba/euphonium ensemble concert and costume party, students will perform Halloween-themed selections, such as "A Little Night Mare Music," a medley of several pieces by J.S. Bach; "Hauntings" by Dan Welcher and "March to the Scaffold" by Hector Berlioz. Audience members are invited to wear Halloween costumes and compete for prizes donated by local businesses. A \$5 donation at the door is suggested. Proceeds benefit the music program.

For more information on any of these concerts, call the Varner Box Office at (248) 370-3013.

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