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Working in the Arts: SMTD Alumni News, September 2017

Elise Eden (BM '16) is beginning the second year of her MM in vocal performance at the University of Michigan, and she's doing it in style. She will sing the lead role of Millicent Jordan in the fall opera, *Dinner at Eight*, based on the 1933 movie, which has only been produced once before. It premiered earlier this year at Minnesota Opera. The composer, **William Bolcom**, was previously on faculty at Michigan. Recently Eden participating in the Westminster CoOPERative Summer Program at Westminster Choir College at Princeton. At OU her voice teacher was **Dr Alta Dantzler**. Currently she studies with **Professor Freda Herseeth**. There will be [four performances of Dinner at Eight](#), beginning November 9.

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Chelsea Criger, a theatre design and technology major who will be a senior in the fall, spent two months of the summer as artist in residence at the Fish Factory Art Center in Stöðvarfjörður, Iceland. Criger is a painter and illustrator, but is also experimenting with new media, like lino prints, and while in Iceland she used local materials like wool and rams' horns. This is Criger's third successive summer internship. In summer 2015 she worked at the Colorado Shakespeare Festival as a costume intern, and in summer 2016 she had an embroidery internship at Hawthorne & Heaney in London. Her work can be seen on her Instagram account at [@cncriggerart](https://www.instagram.com/cncriggerart).

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A Season to Celebrate for the School of Music, Theatre and Dance





The 2017–18 performance season is our first as Oakland University's newly established **School of Music, Theatre and Dance (SMTD)**. "The creation of the school acknowledges the continual growth of our programs in stature, reputation and the level of influence in the region, state, nation and beyond," said Jackie Wiggins, director of SMTD. "We have designated this our SMTD celebration year and we invite you to join the celebration."

We have earmarked seven events to be part of the **SMTD Celebration Series**, and we joyfully launch the festivities with the world-renowned **American Brass Quintet** on September 24, the first concert of the Chamber Music Society of Detroit at Oakland series. On October 11 see Woody Allen's musical **Bullets Over Broadway**, our opening mainstage theatre show. This Music, Theatre and Dance Celebration Series is presented by [Oakland University Credit Union](#).

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