For thirty-three seasons, The Oregon Percussion Ensemble has performed and championed the classical percussion chamber music of John Cage, Meyer Kupferman, Lou Harrison, William Kraft, Edison Denig and many other modern masters. The Oregon Percussion Ensemble records on the Soundspells/Albany, record label and has been nominated for the Laurel Leaf Award by the American Composers Alliance in New York City “for distinguished achievement in fostering and encouraging American Music”. Broadcast performance include WGBH Boston, “The Art of the States” heard in 40 countries worldwide, on NPR (National Public Radio), and on network television. The Oregon Percussion Ensemble has been featured twice at Percussive Arts Society International Conventions (PASIC) and the group has performed on tour in Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Jose, Seattle, Boise, Palo Alto, Spokane, Portland and throughout Washington, California, Idaho and Oregon. Members of The Oregon Percussion Ensemble have trained at The Juilliard School, Eastman, New England Conservatory, Manhattan School of Music, Peabody, Paris Conservatory, USC School of Music, Indiana University-Bloomington, University of Illinois, San Francisco Conservatory, San Francisco, and San Jose State Universities, to name a few. Former percussionists from The Oregon Percussion Ensemble perform in the Eugene Symphony Orchestra, in recording studios and concert halls throughout the U.S.A. and in Europe, Mexico and Canada.

Percussionist Charles Dowd is a Philip H. Knight professor of music at the University of Oregon School of Music and principal timpanist of the Eugene Symphony, Oregon Bach Festival Orchestra, Oregon Festival of American Music Orchestra, and Oregon Coast Music Festival. For thirty years he was a principal with the Cabrillo Music Festival in California. He is principal timpanist on the Grammy winning recording Credo by Penderecki with Helmuth Rilling and the Oregon Bach Festival. Dowd’s avant-garde percussion music has been broadcast worldwide on WGBH (Boston) “The Art of the States” as well as national broadcasts on NPR. His training includes doctoral residency at The Juilliard School, Lincoln Center, New York with famed New York Philharmonic timpanist Saul Goodman, and a master’s degree from Stanford as a student of Anthony J. Cirone of the San Francisco Symphony. Dowd has performed in Carnegie Hall, Wilhelmia Theatre in Stuttgart, and recorded regularly at RCA Studios in New York City.
PROGRAM

The Four Humors* (2006)  Steve Owen (b. 1972)
(West Coast Premiere)
Despair
Whimsy
Repose
Defiance

Steve Owen, timpani

INTRUSIONS for Ten Percussionists  John Serry (b. 1954)
(revised 1986)  The Oregon Percussion Ensemble


Tracy Freeze, marimba

Marimba Quartet (1987)  Daniel Levitan (b. 1953)

The Reunion Marimba Quartet


Reunion Jazz Drummers

16 / 16 for Sixteen (1968/2008)  Anthony J. Cirone (b. 1941)

Reunion Percussionists


Samba Model Piece No. 1 (1994)  Daniel Sabanovich (b. 1948)

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