THE NORTHWEST PERCUSSION FESTIVAL

THE OREGON PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE
Sean Wagoner, conductor
PROGRAM

Splendid Wood (2006)  
Jennifer Higdon  
(b. 1962)

CORTÈGE (2008)  
John Harbison  
(b. 1938)
for six percussionists  
in memoriam Donald Sur  
I.  
II.  
III.

Lift-Off! (1966)  
Russell Peck  
(b. 1945)
for three percussionists  
playing nine drums

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The Oregon Percussion Ensemble has performed and championed the classical percussion chamber music of John Cage, Meyer Kupferman, Lou Harrison, Edgard Varèse, Frank Zappa, Steve Reich, Iannis Xenakis, William Kraft, Edison Denisov and many other modern masters. The Oregon Percussion Ensemble has recorded 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 performances 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.

2010-11 OREGON PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE PERSONNEL

Nina Calhoun  
Patrick Neff  
Andrew Carlson  
Paul Owen  
Adam Carlson  
Grant Pierce  
Casey Crane  
Torrin Rosegold *  
Grayson Fiske  
Brady Schmidt  
Rachel Harris *  
Dustin Shilling  
Colin Hurowitz  
Sean Surprenant  
Matt Keown *  
Derek Thomas  
Foster Kizer  
Peter White  
Mason Kline

* performing this afternoon