

*THE OREGON PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE*

*Charles Dowd, Music Director & Conductor*

For thirty-three seasons, **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 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, Wilhelma Theatre in Stuttgart, and recorded regularly at RCA Studios in New York City.

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108th Season, 86th program



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Beall Concert Hall  
8:00 p.m.

Saturday evening  
March 8, 2008

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*W. Sean Wagoner, assistant conductor*

**A GLOBAL GROOVE**  
*Music for Cuban — African — Brazilian Percussions*



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