

UPCOMING MUSIC TODAY FESTIVAL CONCERTS

Saturday, May 13, 3:00 p.m. (Aasen-Hull Hall)
The Banshee, a chamber opera by Daniel Daly



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VANGUARD CONCERT SERIES

Eight Premieres of Works
by UO Composers &
Music by Lindberg,
Pintscher, and Brantley

James Shields, clarinet
Laura Metcalf, cello
Conor Hanick, piano

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Season 116, Program 72

Aasen-Hull Hall
Wednesday, May 10, 2017 | 8:00 p.m.



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Steam Boat Bill, Jr.	Magnus Lindberg
Water Sapphires	Tao Li
I've Been Following in Your Tracks	Brent Lawrence
Window	Emily Korzeniewski
Trio	Susanna Payne-Passmore
Variances	Joseph Vranas
— Intermission—	
Now I for piano	Matthias Pintscher
Parkour for cello	Paul Brantley
Shatter for clarinet	Cara Haxo
Beach Scene	Martin Quiroga, Jr.
Abendmusik	Samuel Lord Kalcheim
Trio	Magnus Lindberg

crispness and wondrous variety of articulation ... benefit works by any master.”

Conor’s season is highlighted by concerto appearances with Carlos Izcaray and the Alabama Symphony in the premiere of Matthew Aucoin’s Piano Concerto; collaboration with Alan Gilbert for the NYPhil Biennial in György Ligeti’s Piano Concerto; and performances with the Talea Ensemble, ICE, The Knights, and Chatter. In addition, Conor continues his partnership with cellist Jay Campbell with recitals in Seattle, San Francisco, Indianapolis, and New York, including premiere performances of works written for them by Eric Wubbels, David Hertzberg, and David Fulmer; and will also be heard in the Chicago Symphony’s MusicNOW series, performing solo music of Pierre Boulez.

A recent finalist for the Andrew Wolf Chamber Music Award, Mr. Hanick is a graduate of Northwestern University and the Juilliard School, where he received his Masters and Doctorate degrees studying with Yoheved Kaplinsky and Matti Raekallio. He is a faculty artist at the Music Academy of the West in Santa Barbara, produces radio for New York Public Radio’s Q2 Music, and resides in the Bushwick neighborhood of Brooklyn, New York.

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