

ABOUT THE CONDUCTORS

A native New Yorker, percussionist **Charles Dowd** performs throughout the USA and in Germany, France, Canada, and Mexico. He 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 Dowd was a principal with the Cabrillo Music Festival in California which won ASCAP awards for eighteen consecutive years with Dennis Russell Davies and Marin Alsop. He is principal timpanist on the Grammy winning recording *Credo* by Penderecki with Helmuth Rilling and the Oregon Bach Festival. Dowd is music director-conductor of The Oregon Percussion Ensemble which was nominated for the Laurel Leaf Award of the American Composers Alliance in New York City for the performance of American music. Dowd records on Warner Bros., Black Saint-Soul Note (Italy), Hänssler Exclusive Series (Germany), Soundspells (New York), cdmUSA Records, KM Los Angeles, PAUSA and independent labels. His avant-garde percussion music has been broadcast worldwide on WGBH (Boston) "The Art of the States" as well as national broadcasts on NPR. Dowd's 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. He is a voting member of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences.

W. Sean Wagoner, conductor, is instructor of percussion studies at the University of Oregon School of Music and Dance and holds the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in percussion performance from the University of Oregon. Wagoner is principal timpanist of the Oregon Mozart Players, principal percussionist of the Eugene Opera Orchestra, and is a member of the Eugene Symphony percussion section. He performs as a freelance percussionist with the Oregon Symphony, the Oregon Bach Festival, and the Cascade Festival of Music. Wagoner is conductor of the University Percussion Ensemble, and assistant conductor of The Oregon Percussion Ensemble. Wagoner's recording credits include: Percussionist, the Grammy Award-winning Hänssler recording of Krzysztof Penderecki's *Credo*, with the Oregon Bach Festival; Multi-percussionist, George Crumb's *An Idyll for the Misbegotten* and Iannis Xenakis' *Persephassa* for broadcast worldwide on WGBH Boston's Art of the States and Radioemisoras XIII Festival de Musica Contemporanea in Santiago, Chile; Drummer, the Platinum selling album *Zoot Suit Riot: The Swingin' Hits of the Cherry Poppin' Daddies*.

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107th Season, 75th program



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Beall Concert Hall
3:00 p.m.

Saturday afternoon
March 10, 2007

THE OREGON PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

Charles Dowd, music director & conductor
W. Sean Wagoner, assistant conductor

Of Voyages/Mythical Tales
*Classical avant-garde percussion music by Steve Reich,
Christopher Rouse, Akira Miyoshi, and James Olsen*

featuring

The PRAXIS Marimba Quartet Plus Two
Christopher Whyte, marimba
James Olsen, composer



UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

PROGRAM

Ku-Ka-Ilimoku Christopher Rouse
for Percussion quartet (1978) (b. 1949)
W. Sean Wagoner, conductor

Torse III Akira Miyoshi
for Solo Marimba (1967) (b. 1933)
These
Chant
Commentaire
Synthese
Christopher Whyte, marimba

Six Marimbas (1986) Steve Reich
(b. 1936)

Of Voyages/Mythical Tales (1982) James Olsen
for Ten Percussionists* (b. 1954)
Steps into Darkness
Unknown Shores
Jihad
Interlude: Distant Mirrors
Echoes of Journeys Past
From the Depths, To the Depths
Epigram: Dreams So Real
Charles Dowd, conductor

* commissioned by The Oregon Percussion Ensemble

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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.

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THE OREGON PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE 2006-07 Season

Charles Dowd, Music Director & Conductor

W. Sean Wagoner, Assistant Conductor

Erica Drake, Administrative Assistant & Librarian

Alexander Singer, Equipment Manager

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Paul Herrick
Aaron Jester*#
Jon Koenig*
Cory Miner
Christine Mirabella
Paul Owen*
Alex Patterson

Bryan Schuster
Merlin Showalter
Alexander Singer*
Christopher Whyte*

* member PRAXIS Marimba
Quartet Plus Two
co-principal percussion