#### SCHOOL OF MUSIC COMING EVENTS

For more information on any of these events, or to be on the UO Music mailing list, call the music school's Community Relations Office, weekdays, at 346-5678.

Friday, Feb. 27 • 8 p.m., Beall Hall JACOB COLEMAN , Collaborative Piano

Master's Recital; Free

Sunday, March 1 • 4 p.m., Silva Hall UO ENSEMBLES at the HULT

Special Event; \$10, \$5 Featuring the University Symphony, Oregon Wind Ensemble, University Singers, Chamber Choir, and Repertory Dance Co. Tickets at 682-5000.

Tuesday, March 3 • 7:30 p.m., Beall Hall ANGELA HEWITT, Piano

Oregon Bach Festival Guest Artist; \$33, \$29, \$25, \$16 Gramophone magazine's 2006 Artist of the Year performs music by Bach, Beethoven, Faure, Barber.

Wednesday, March 4 • 8 p.m., Beall Hall CAMPUS BAND

 $UO\ Ensembles; Free$ 

Thursday, March 5 • 1 p.m., Beall Hall STUDENT FORUM

Student Recital Series

Thursday, March 5 • 8 p.m., Beall Hall OREGON SYMPHONIC BAND

UO Ensemble; \$7, \$5

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## SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND DANCE

Beall Concert Hall 8:00 p.m.

Thursday evening February 26, 2009

# EUGENE CONTEMPORARY CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

Sam L. Richards, director

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109th Season, 68th program

#### **PROGRAM**

#### Dimitri's Troika

Joshua Bornfield

"Do not disappoint Russia and her expectations. Our fatal troika dashes on in her headlong flight perhaps to destruction and in all Russia for long past men have stretched out imploring hands and called a halt to its furious reckless course. And if other nations stand aside from that troika that may be, not from respect, as the poet would fain believe, but simply from horror. From horror, perhaps from disgust." — From The Brothers Karamazov (1880); Fyodor Dostoevsky (1821-1881).

Heidi Wait, flute Kristin Harris, violin Benjamin Krause, piano Gracin Dorsey, cello Jennifer Love, clarinet

### **Disbelief & Suspensions**

Dale Trumbore

Disbelief Suspension 1

 $Suspension\ 2$ 

Suspension 3

Suspension 4

The title of *Disbelief and Suspensions* comes from the concept of "suspension of disbelief" — that is, the willingness to suspend judgement/skepticism while experiencing a work of art, in order to temporarily experience that art as reality. After the first movement, called "Disbelief," each of the four subsequent movements gradually transform the frantic, furiously cynical atmosphere of the first movement into the calmer, peaceful acceptance of the final movement, in which all four instruments are heard together for the first time. *Disbelief and Suspensions* placed first in the 2008 Walsum Award composition contest at the University of Maryland, College Park. — Dale Trumbore

Anna Waite, clarinet Ralph Stricker-Chapman, cello Jacob Coleman, piano Scott Dinsfriend, violin

#### The Phases of The Moon

Sam L. Richards

New Moon Waxing Crescent First Quarter Waxing Gibbous Full Moon

Gossamer siren of the celestial sphere; crystalline, buoyant and rising into the night's highest heaven, it breathes, in chant, and speaks; swelling upwards, humming along it's resonant bow. Moon, the designated ruler of the darkening sky, the divider between daylight and dreams; below, a barren atmosphere; behind, the firmament glitters, in awe and utter trembling. All this, while I gaze up through mist translucent, breathe, and wonder, as the wan glowing orb waxes on. — Sam L. Richards

Sarah Viens, trumpet Andrew Rowan, trumpet John Dodge, french horn Ryan Chaney, trombone Seth Horner, tuba

#### Nonet

Paul D. Szpyrka

Adagio, molto espressivo Allegro moderato Impetuoso—Allegro vivo Grave, sostenuto

Written in 2007, this piece marks a decent into despair. The first movement begins with nostalgic naïveté. The second movement is dominated by a more "demented" and frantic atmosphere in which a mood of suppressed aggression might be noted. This leads to the violent outburst that is the third movement and ends with the despair of the fourth movement. — Paul D. Szpyrka

Avril Javel, violin
Jenelle Roskelley, violin
Kristin Harris, violin
Erin Howe, violin
Kate Rogers, viola
Jayme Kurland, viola
Joey Howe, cello
Ralph Stricker-Chapman, cello
Simon Hutchinson, double bass
Sam L. Richards, conductor

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