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**Oregon
Percussion
Ensemble**

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Season 114, Program 26

Beall Concert Hall
Tuesday, November 25, 2014 | 7:30 p.m.



Ionization

Edgard Varèse

Adam Dunson, Todd Bills, Oscar Watson, Leila Hawana
Andy Gheorghiu, Michael Morris, Tim Mansell
Daniel Surprenant, Alistair Gardner, Mason Caldwell
Kelsey Bleck, Nick Baron, Calvin Davis
Conducted by Crystal Chu

Double Music

John Cage/Lou Harrison

Aaron Howard, Kevin Yatsu, Kelsey Bleck, Andy Gheorghiu

Songs of Quetzalcoatl

Lou Harrison

Aaron Howard, Matthew Valenzuela, Kathie Hsieh, Kevin Yatsu

Fugue

Lou Harrison

Aaron Howard, Chloe Duerr, Kathie Hsieh, Matthew Valenzuela
Conducted by Crystal Chu

2nd Construction

John Cage

Adam Dunson, Leila Hawana, Todd Bills, Oscar Watson

3rd Construction

John Cage

Daniel Surprenant, Tim Mansell, Mason Caldwell, Alistair Gardner

The Oregon Percussion Ensemble is a consortium of percussionists specializing in the performance of modern classical percussion chamber music. In 1996 The Oregon Percussion Ensemble and Charles Dowd were nominated for the Laurel Leaf Award of the American Composers Alliance in New York City for distinguished achievement in fostering and encouraging American music.

Founded in 1974, the group is known for its performances of the music of Frank Zappa, John Cage, Lou Harrison, Edgard Varèse, Steve Reich, Iannis Xenakis, Edison Denisov, Meyer Kupferman, and for premieres of cutting edge, avant-garde composers. Broadcast performances include WGBH Boston's *The Art of the States*, heard in 40 countries, and an NPR national broadcast of a Dowd composition for Gamelan Suranadi Sari Indra Putra. Past performances include Percussive Arts Society International Conventions in Los Angeles and San Jose (by competitive audition); a 1992 John Cage memorial; a 1992 Lou Harrison 75th birthday tribute in Portland; Seattle and Portland Percussion Festivals; and the 1984 International Society for Music Education at Silva Hall.

The group has had touring performances in Palo Alto, San Jose, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Boise, Spokane, Seattle, Ellensburg, Portland, and throughout the Northwest. All members of the ensemble are graduate or undergraduate percussionists majoring in music at the University of Oregon. Ensemble alumni hold graduate degrees from Juilliard, Eastman, Peabody, New England Conservatory, Manhattan, and USC, and perform in opera houses and recording studios in the United States, Canada, and Europe.