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 throught 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. Dowds 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, 144th program



SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND DANCE

Beall Concert Hall 3:00 p.m.

Saturday afternoon March 17, 2008

THE CHARLES DOWD 33rd ANNIVERSARY REUNION PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE CONCERT

featuring

Reunion Students of Charles Dowd

Anthony J. Cirone, Hall of Fame, Percussive Arts Society

Steve Owen, U.S. Marine Band "The President's Own" Washington, DC

Tracy Freeze, Emporia State University, Kansas

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PROGRAM

The Four Humors* (2006) Steve Owen (West Coast Premiere) (b. 1972)

Despair Whimsy Repose Defiance

Steve Owen, timpani

INTRUSIONS for Ten Percussionists

John Serry

(revised 1986) (b. 1954)

The Oregon Percussion Ensemble

Tribeca Sunflower (1988)

Julie Spencer
(b. 1962)

Tracy Freeze, marimba

Marimba Quartet (1987)

Daniel Levitan
(b. 1953)

The Reunion Marimba Quartet

Reunion Drumset Spotlight (2008) Charles Dowd

(b.1948)

Reunion Jazz Drummers

16 / 16 for Sixteen (1968/2008) Anthony J. Cirone

(b. 1941)

Reunion Percussionists

Keynote Address (2008) Anthony J. Cirone

Anthony J. Cirone, keynote speaker

Samba Model Piece No. 1 (1994) Daniel Sabanovich

(b. 1948)

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The Oregon Percussion Ensemble

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THE 33rd ANNIVERSARY REUNION PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE PERSONNEL

Prof. Charles Dowd, Music Director & Conductor Robert Kempf, Chair; Dr. W. Sean Wagoner, Co-Chair

Robert Kempf Nick Papador Sean Wagoner Brian Gardiner Steve Owen Chris Whyte Alan Keown **Aaron Trant** Aaron Jester Jim Reinking Tracy Freeze Paul Owen Tim Cogswell Teun Fetz Erica Drake Alex Singer

David Constantine Mike Launius

THE OREGON PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE 2007-2008 Season Prof. Charles Dowd, Music Director & Conductor Dr. W. Sean Wagoner, Assistant Conductor

Nina Calhoun
Donny Ebel
Grayson Fiske
John Glade
Aaron Jester
Cory Miner

Paul Owen
Torrin Rosegold
Bryan Schuster
Merlin Showalter
Alexander Singer

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