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 Varése, 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 memoriam; 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.

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Pius Cheung, instructor Sean Wagoner, instructor

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PROGRAM ABOUT

Ku-Ka-Ilimoku (1978)

Christopher Rouse (b. 1949)

Colin Hurowitz, Matthew Valenzuela, Leila Hawana, Sean Surprenant

Momentum (1966)

William Kraft (b. 1923)

Kelsey Bleck, Mason Caldwell, Alistair Gardner, Kathie Hsieh, Aaron Howard, Tim Mansell, Michael Morris, Daniel Surprenant

Anthony Cirone Three Phases for Marimba Quartet (1996) (b. 1941)

> Mason Caldwell, Kathie Hsieh, Aaron Howard, Daniel Surprenant

Duo de Amor, arr. Adam Dunson

Astor Piazzolla (1921-92)

Adam Dunson, Leila Hawana

Coffee Break (2013)

Mark Ford

(b. 1958)

Ewelina Bernacka Ford

(b. 1983)

Alistair Gardner, Kathie Hsieh, Aaron Howard, Tim Mansell, Daniel Surprenant

OKHO (1989)

Iannis Xenakis (1922-2001)

Adam Dunson, Crystal Chu, Peter White

Princess Chang Ping (2012)

Pius Cheung (b. 1982)

Crystal Chu, Colin Hurowitz, Peter White, Sean Surprenant, Matthew Valenzuela