Oregon Percussion Ensemble

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Beall Concert Hall Saturday, March 7 | 3 p.m.

PROGRAM

Rain Tree

Toru Takemitsu

Aaron Howard, Kathie Heish, Tim Mansell

Consumed

Avner Dorman

Crystal Chu, Adam Dunson, Todd Bills, Leila Hawana

String Quartet No. 6

W. A. Mozart

Andante grazioso

Mason Caldwell, Daniel Surprenant Oscar Watson, Kevin Yatsu

Allegro

Nicholas Baron, Chloe Duerr Alistair Gardner, Matthew Valenzuela

Rondo/Allegro grazisoso

Mason Caldwell, Calvin Davis Andy Georghiu, Matthew Valenzuela

Postludes

Elliot Cole

#5

#6

#7

Chloe Duerr, Alistair Gardner Oscar Watson, Kevin Yatsu

Heaven and Earth

Pius Cheung

Crystal Chu, Adam Dunson, Leila Hawana, Todd Bills Matthew Valenzuela, Kathie Heish, Aaron Howard, Tim Mansell Oscar Watson, Mason Caldwell, Daniel Surprenant Andy Gheorghiu 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.