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The OSU Percussion Ensemble is an active chamber group comprised of freshmen to doctoral percussion majors. This ensemble frequently collaborates with other artistic disciplines including dance, theater and art. Drums Downtown, a yearly event held in one of Columbus’ premier performance venues, showcases the percussion area alongside OSU’s Department of Dance. In 2005, the OSU Percussion Ensemble was selected to perform at both PASIC and the Midwest Clinic. In 2007, the ensemble will release a CD recording that includes works by Nigel Westlake, Christopher Rouse, Michael Daugherty, Amadeo Roldan and Rolf Wallin.

Annually, the department hosts the OSU Percussion Ensemble Festival Weekend, highlighting the talents of internationally recognized guest artists. Recent clinicians/participants at Ohio State include: Michael Burritt, Anders Astrand, Robin Engelman, John Beck, Bill Cahn, James Campbell, Neil Grover, Steve Houghton, Christopher Norton, Linda Maxey, John Tafoya and Anthony Cirone.

Percussion students are also offered opportunities to explore the traditions of rudimental drumming through participation in the newly-formed OSU Fife & Drum Ensemble. Complementing the studio is the Pendulum Duo, comprised of Susan Powell and Joseph Krygier. The professional ensemble the Pendulum Duo, comprised of Susan Powell and Joseph Krygier, through participation in the newly-formed OSU Fife & Drum Ensemble.

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Susan Powell, Associate Professor of Percussion, joined the OSU faculty in 2000. She holds degrees from the Eastman School of Music (BM), Northwestern University (MM, DM) and The Ohio State University (PhD). Powell’s research includes the development of methods for teaching the three mallet families and the design of mallets. Her students have gone on to successful careers in music performance and education. Powell is an active member of the Percussive Arts Society and a founding member of the Percussion Studies Program at The Ohio State University.

Joseph Krygier, Lecturer in Percussion, received his Bachelor’s Degree in Percussion from the Eastman School of Music and his Master of Music Degree from Northwestern University.

2006 – 2007 Season Schedule

Pendulum Percussion Duo Recital
Tuesday, October 17
8 pm - Wadsworth Auditorium - Tickets *

OSU Percussion Ensemble
Monday, November 20
8 pm - Wadsworth Auditorium - Tickets **

Drums Downtown IV
Friday, February 23 & Saturday, February 24
8 pm - Capitel Theater, Votaw Center

Greater Columbus Youth Percussion Ensemble With the Columbus Youth Choral
Monday, February 26
3:30 pm - Wadsworth Auditorium - Free

Fifth Annual OSU High School Percussion Ensemble Festival Weekend
Friday, March 2 – Saturday, March 3
Wadsworth Hall
Featuring guest artist John Beck, Professor of Percussion, Eastman School of Music. This two-day event showcases percussion ensembles from Ohio and surrounding states to the OSU campus for performances, clinics, masterclasses and panel discussions. For more information: 614-292-8252 or visit percussion.osu.edu

Guest Recital: Global Percussion Network
Tuesday, March 27
8 pm - Wadsworth Auditorium - Tickets *

Percussive Arts Society Ohio "Day of Percussion"
Saturday, March 31
Wadsworth Hall - Classroom TBA

OSU Percussion Ensemble Prism Concert
Monday, May 21
8 pm - Wadsworth Auditorium - Tickets **

OSU Percussion Ensemble Spring "Pages" Concert
Featuring the OSU ragtime mallet ensemble.
Tuesday, May 29
8 pm - North Oval (across from Weigel Hall) - Free

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