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UCSB PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE PRESENTS "OLD AND NEW: TRANSCRIPTIONS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR MALLET ENSEMBLES"

Original works and arrangements by Claude Debussy, Dmitri Shostakovich, Georges Bizet, Phillip Richardson, David Skidmore, Chick Corea, and more

(SANTA BARBARA, CA) January 25, 2018—Under the direction of Dr. Jon Nathan, the UCSB Percussion Ensemble will present “Old and New: Transcriptions and Compositions for Mallet Ensembles” on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in Karl Geiringer Hall. The ensemble shows its love for mallet instrument music on this Valentine’s Day concert, with the first half featuring transcriptions for mallet ensemble including Debussy’s Golliwog’s Cakewalk, Shostakovich’s “Polka” from the ballet The Golden Age, and a suite of music from Bizet’s Carmen, as arranged by the legendary Clair Omar Musser, father of the modern marimba. The second half of the concert features recently composed music for mallet ensemble including Phillip Richardson’s Transmigration, David Skidmore’s Torched and Wrecked, and Nigel Westlake’s epic Omphalo Centric Lecture.

Other featured performances include Brian Morones and Cole Williams as vibraphone soloists on the first movement of Bach’s Double Violin Concerto in D minor, Megan Cavanaugh performing an excerpt from Paul Smadbeck’s Rhythm Song, and a repeat performance of Owen Clayton Condon’s Fractalia, recently featured as part of Santa Barbara Dance Theatre’s January series of concerts at the Hatlen Theatre, as choreographed by company artistic director Christopher Pilafian. Also featured are a number of duets by ensemble members, principally a number of Chick Corea’s “Children Songs,” a collection of piano works.

Ensemble members include director Jon Nathan, Dominick DiCesare, Megan Cavanaugh, Brian Morones, Cole Williams, Christina Tao, Zac Erstad, Dominique Cuello, and Joey Goodman.

Performance Dates and Times

Wednesday, February 14, 2018 | 7:30 p.m. | Karl Geiringer Hall

Tickets

General admission ($10), non-UCSB students with ID ($5), UCSB students with ID (FREE), children under 12 (FREE). Tickets may be purchased at the door, at the Associated Students Ticket Office window (UCEN Room 1535, across from Corwin Pavilion), online at music.ucsb.edu/news/purchase-tickets, or
by calling the Associated Students Ticket Office at (805) 893-2064. Youth and UCSB student tickets may be reserved in advance by visiting the Associated Students Ticket Office window on the UCSB campus (UCEN Room 1535, across from Corwin Pavilion) or by contacting the Associated Students Ticket Office at ticketoffice@as.ucsb.edu or (805) 893-2064.

**Directions and Parking Information:** music.ucsb.edu/about/maps

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