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MUSIC**



# **PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE**

**Ben Wahlund**  
Director

**DEC 4, 2024**



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## Welcome to the MAC! Your home for entertainment.

I have worked in the performing arts for the entirety of my career and after 10 seasons at the MAC, I can unequivocally say our patrons are ***Simply the Best!*** The support you provide and the sense of community you have fostered make the

MAC such a special place for all who step through the doors. In honor of our patrons, the MAC is bringing you ***Simply the Best*** in the 2024-2025 season. Get ready for an incredible year with the best shows.

Join us for a complimentary pre-show MAC Chat or Q&A following specific performances. Our arts center, located in a community college, offers over 60 student productions supported by professional lighting, sound, and costumes. These can be enjoyed at affordable costs, or you can attend our FREE programs like Music Fridays at Noon and our free International Global Film series in February. We hope to exceed your expectations with excellent service and special pre- and post-show engagement opportunities. These will help you connect with the artists and art forms more deeply. While you are here, don't forget to visit the Cleve Carney Museum of Art in the lobby to experience cutting-edge contemporary art. You can also enjoy our full-service concession area and gift shop.

After your visit, please stay connected with us by joining us on Facebook (AtTheMAC) or subscribing to our e-newsletter to find out about added shows, events, and special offers ([www.AtTheMAC.org](http://www.AtTheMAC.org)). We challenge you to try something new at the MAC and expand your cultural palate. Come see the New Philharmonic Orchestra or a Buffalo Theatre Ensemble play. Or join us this summer for the Hokusai exhibit. We are grateful for your presence here and we want to ensure that your visit is enjoyable. If you need anything, please don't hesitate to ask any of the staff and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Thank you for being a part of our community of arts enthusiasts and being ***Simply the Best!*** We can't wait to share these unforgettable experiences with you and hope you have a wonderful time. We look forward to entertaining you and seeing you at the theater.

Enjoy the show!

Diana Martinez  
Director, McAninch Arts Center



## **Music at the MAC**

Welcome to a place where music is performed, studied, explored and shared!

In the McAninch Arts Center at College of DuPage, students and community musicians explore the musical arts, hone their skills, and entertain audiences. You can walk through our hallways and hear the sounds of instrumental and vocal ensembles, private lessons in all instruments and voice, music classes, and performances like the one you are enjoying today.

We hope you enjoy the broad range of music we make with collaborations of eager musicians and experienced faculty in classical, jazz and unclassifiable styles. All of our ensembles welcome new members at the start of every semester and perform regularly.

Music has thrived at COD for over four decades. While faculty, students, and audiences change, we are part of a legacy of music as an essential form of human expression from the very beginning of human life. The primacy of musical expression continues to this day, despite all obstacles.

We hope you enjoy tonight's concert. Drop in on our free Music Fridays @ Noon in MAC 140. Join us on Facebook (AtTheMAC) or join our e-newsletter for news about all the events at the MAC ([www.AtTheMAC.org](http://www.AtTheMAC.org)).

Thank you for joining us for these concerts. Enjoy the music!

## **The Music Faculty at College of DuPage**

McAninch Arts Center  
at College of DuPage  
presents

*College of DuPage*  
*Percussion Ensemble*

**Ben Wahlund, Director**

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2024  
Belushi Performance Hall, 7:30 p.m.



# MAKE MUSIC WHERE MUSIC THRIVES

## Continue your journey at College of DuPage

Located only 25 miles west of Chicago's Loop, College of DuPage brings 50 years of training and supporting musicians like you in whatever it is you want to do.

With a staff of 25 private music instructors, nine ensembles, and four degree and certificate programs, COD is the first choice of serious musicians from the western suburbs and beyond.

### **For more information**

Contact Thomas Stark at (630) 942-2391 or [starkt1620@cod.edu](mailto:starkt1620@cod.edu).

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## PROGRAM

*Back Talk* ..... Harry Breuer, arr. Richard Gipson  
Featuring Ellie Krueger, Xylophone

*Butsu Mutandari* ..... Traditional, arr. B. Michael Williams

*Tinsel* ..... Traditional, arr. Wahlund

### *A Completely Ridiculous Yuletide Interlude*

*Coventry Carol*.....Traditional, arr. COD Percussion Ensemble

*The First Noel* ..... Traditional, arr. Wahlund  
Ben Wahlund, Marimba

*Moving Mountains*..... Adam Hopper

## PERSONNEL

**Ben Wahlund, Director**

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No donation is too small.

Thank you for your consideration.

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## PROFILES

**College of DuPage Percussion Ensemble** is a chamber ensemble that studies and performs repertoire written specifically for the percussion family as well as transcriptions adaptable to percussion. No audition necessary.



**Ben Wahlund** (b. 1977) is a Grammy-nominated music educator, composer, and performer who serves as full-time percussion instructor at Northern Illinois University (DeKalb, IL) and the Director of Percussion at the College of DuPage (Glen Ellyn, IL) where he was awarded the College-Wide Outstanding Faculty Award.

Mr. Wahlund's engaging teaching style has availed him of the opportunity to work for years with the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestra as percussion ensemble director, director of a number of high school regional camps and workshops, and university residencies across the country. His music compositions have won numerous international awards and are performed by professionals around the world. His works are distributed by C. Alan, Musicon, Bachovich, and HoneyRock Publications.

Mr. Wahlund has performed a number of times at the Percussive Arts Society International Convention, state music educator association conferences, and schools across the country. He has been awarded and served long-term artist residencies on the island of Key West, Florida, and Gettysburg National Military Park in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

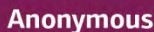
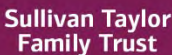
Mr. Wahlund received his Masters of Music degree in music theory/composition and Performance Certificate in percussion from Northern Illinois University and Bachelor's Degrees in Music Education and Music Performance with minors in math and philosophy/theology from the University of Mary in Bismarck, North Dakota. Mr. Wahlund is a member of the Yamaha Performing Artist roster, the Zildjian Artist Program, and endorses Innovative Percussion Sticks and Mallets.



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MAC dining partners

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- Brings nationally and internationally renowned artists to our community
- Supports our SchoolStage program that annually offers affordable arts experiences to thousands of schoolchildren
- Provides students and community members the opportunity to interact with artists
- Enhances quality of life in our community

Without the generous support of the Friends of the MAC, we would not be the beacon for the arts in DuPage County. We gratefully thank our friends, and we invite others to join them.

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The McAninch Arts Center and the College of DuPage Foundation can also provide you with information on planned giving options, gifts of stock, IRA Charitable Rollovers and other giving opportunities.

**For complete details, visit the MAC Box Office or contact the College of DuPage Foundation at (630) 942-3088 or [foundation@codfound.org](mailto:foundation@codfound.org).**

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Volunteers provide invaluable service by assisting guests to their seats, answering questions and most importantly creating a welcoming environment for our guests.

Volunteers are unpaid, but that doesn't mean you won't be rewarded. The cultural perks you'll enjoy as a volunteer include vouchers for every shift worked offering discounts to use at the MAC Box Office and invitation to our annual volunteer appreciation dinner including prizes and gifts.

Visit [AtTheMAC.org/Volunteer](http://AtTheMAC.org/Volunteer) to fill out an online application and for more information on requirements and qualifications. Applications accepted year-round.

Questions or for more information, contact Volunteer Coordinator Rob Nardini: email [nardinir@cod.edu](mailto:nardinir@cod.edu), phone (630) 942-3705.





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- Cameras and recording devices are not allowed in the theater and are prohibited by our contracts with the artists.
- Smoking is not permitted in the theater or on campus.
- For your comfort and security, all backpacks and large bags must be checked.
- Please turn off all cell phones and any other alarms while in the theater.
- Emergency phone number at COD Police Department for after-hour calls is (630) 942-2000.
- Latecomers seated at discretion of the House Manager.
- Groups of 10 or more may contact (630) 942-3026 or [grouptix@cod.edu](mailto:grouptix@cod.edu) to arrange for group discounts.
- If you notice a spill in the theater, please notify an usher.
- McAninch Arts Center volunteers are people who assist the house staff in areas of ticket taking, ushering and general management during performances. To get involved, call (630) 942-3705.
- For **Americans With Disabilities Act** accommodations, call (630) 942-2141 (voice) or (630) 858-9692 (TDD).
- **Infrared Assistive Listening Devices:** For audience members who desire audio amplification of performances, headsets with individual volume controls are now available. You may check out the headsets at the Box Office with a driver's license. *Underwritten by a generous gift from The Knowles Foundation.*

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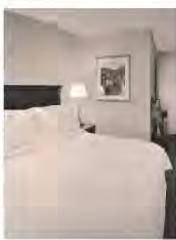
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