



**COLLEGE
MUSIC**



PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

Ben Wahlund
Director

DEC 10, 2025

Welcome to the McAninch Arts Center!



Dear Friends,

It is always a joy to welcome you to the McAninch Arts Center. Each season, our stage becomes a home for extraordinary artistry from around the world, and we are thrilled to share these experiences with you. From unforgettable music and breathtaking dance to thought-provoking theatre and laugh-out-loud comedy, our touring performances bring the very best of the arts right here to DuPage County.

Your presence here is more than just attending a show—it is a celebration of the arts and a vital part of keeping them alive in our community. Every ticket purchased, every standing ovation, and every shared moment in this theater helps us fulfill our mission to make the arts accessible, engaging, and transformative.

As you enjoy today's performance, I encourage you to explore everything the MAC has to offer—from our gallery exhibitions and educational programs to our local and international collaborations. Whether this is your first visit or your fiftieth, we are honored to share this experience with you and look forward to making you feel right at home.

If you enjoy coming to the MAC, the greatest help you can offer us is to share your experiences with friends and neighbors. Word-of-mouth is one of the most powerful ways to keep the arts thriving in our community. If there is anything we can do to make your experience more enjoyable, please do not hesitate to let us know.

We look forward to entertaining you this evening, and we thank you sincerely for your support of the MAC.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Diana'.

Diana Martinez
Executive 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).

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

*In an effort to support our students, \$2 of each ticket goes to the
John Belushi/Second City Scholarships for Music and Theater
Students. For more information or to donate, visit
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Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2025
Belushi Performance Hall, 7:30 p.m.

PROGRAM

<i>A La Samba</i>	Mitchell Peters arr. CODPE
<i>Etude No. 1</i>	Paul Smadbeck featuring Logan Sardina, marimba
<i>Szyzgy</i>	Matthew Curley
<i>Yellow After the Rain</i>	Mitchell Peters featuring Angel Gamardo, marimba
<i>St. Thomas</i>	Charlie Parker arr. Wahlund
<i>Etude in C Major</i>	Clair Omar Musser featuring Jenna Brown, marimba
<i>Silent. Night</i>	Franz Xaver Gruber arr. CODPE
<i>Alfonso Muskedender</i>	Todd Terje Wahlund

PERSONNEL

Percussion Ensemble

Ben Wahlund, *Director*

Jenna Brown
Angel Gamardo
Matthew Heidorn
Ellie Krueger
Perci Michalski
Connor Nolan

Vanessa Osorio
Mikayla Ryan-Hicks, *electric bass*
Logan Sardina
Matthew Steiner
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Want to Help Support COD Music Students?



The College of DuPage Foundation has started a new initiative fund for music students who can't afford private lessons. Stop by the Box Office for more information or call the COD Foundation at (630) 942-2462 to make a donation.

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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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.

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The Friends of the MAC is a family of those who have decided that a world-class performing and visual arts center should reside in their community. Ticket sales provide only 42 percent of our \$4 million operating budget. It is through the support of College of DuPage and through the generous gifts from patrons and local businesses that we can keep art in our museum and on our stages.

Your Gift to the MAC

- 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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Donor may choose to direct gifts to the Arts Center Endowment or the MAC-tastic Treat Seats – Tickets for Kids & Families Endowment. Donations made to these MAC Endowments, our “savings accounts,” go into principal secured, invested accounts that will provide ongoing support for arts programs and arts accessibility for years to come.

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.

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- 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 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.*

MAC STAFF LISTING

MAC Administrative Staff

Director of the McAninch Arts Center.....	Diana Martinez
Business Manager.....	Molly Junokas
Assistant Business Manager.....	Linda Sharbaugh
Curator, Cleve Carney Museum of Art.....	Justin Witte
Assistant Curator.....	Julia Walker
Gallery Assistant.....	Madelene Przybysz
Marketing and Patrons Services Coordinator.....	Janey Sarther
Graphic Designer.....	Wendy Melgar
Director of Development for Cultural Arts.....	Jon Nadel
Education and Community Engagement Coordinator.....	Mandy Rakow
Project Manager.....	Kari Schoettle
Office Manager/Events Coordinator.....	Morgan Bainbridge
Student Graphic Design Assistant.....	Claudia Mah Eng Muzuquiz
Student Clerical Assistant.....	Kate Cadag

MAC Box Office and Front of House Staff

Box Office Manager.....	Julie Elges
Assistant Box Office Supervisors.....	Daniel Arzola, Elise Wash
Box Office Assistants.....	Patrick Garon, Joanne Hunt
Patron Services Manager.....	Tom Murray
House Manager/Volunteer Coordinator.....	Rob Nardini

MAC Resident Professional Ensembles

Buffalo Theatre Ensemble, Managing Artistic Director.....	Gus Menary
Buffalo Theatre Ensemble, Associate Artistic Director.....	Daniel Millhouse
Buffalo Theatre Ensemble, Business Manager.....	Bryan Burke
New Philharmonic, Music Director and Conductor.....	Kirk Muspratt
New Philharmonic, Associate Conductor and Librarian.....	Benjamin Nadel
New Philharmonic General Manager.....	Paula Cebula
New Philharmonic Personnel Manager.....	Karen Dickelman
New Philharmonic Assistant Librarian.....	Ryan Michel

MAC Design and Technical Staff

Technical Production/Lighting/Sound Coordinator.....	Richard Arnold, Jr.
Technical Theater Supervisor.....	Sabrina Zeidler
Costume and Make-up Design Coordinator.....	Kimberly G. Morris
Assistant Costume Coordinator and Stitcher.....	Gretchen Woodley
Production Manager.....	Joe Hopper
Sound and Lighting Specialist.....	Ben Johnson
Lighting Production Specialist.....	Elias Morales
Audio Production Specialist.....	Fisher Parsons
Events Production Specialist/Tech. Director – BTE.....	Caitlyn Woods
Stage Hands.....	Bobby Bryan, Zak Zubka