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Percussion Ensemble Concert

Edmonton – MacEwan University's Percussion Ensemble Concert features a dynamic group of musicians who use a cornucopia of musical instruments that are either struck or scraped. Often referred to as the 'backbone' or 'heartbeat' of an ensemble, these pivotal instruments are brought to the forefront by enthusiastic students.

"The concert will include 31 student percussionists playing a wide variety of instruments from around the world," says the band's conductor, Brian Thurgood, Department of Music. "The solo and ensemble music is specifically written or arranged for percussion and is very eclectic with a mix of familiar tunes, video game music and soundscapes."

Dylan Cave, who's in his second-year of the Jazz and Contemporary Popular Music program, says the rehearsals have been going very well. "Rehearsals are always interesting, you get to see a piece of music come together after hours of independent study and practice. In this concert I will be performing with a few types of percussion instruments, mostly mallet instruments, although I also have some auxiliary percussion and timpani parts."

"The big feature for me is be a piece written by Toby Fox for a video game called *Undertale* that was arranged for a percussion ensemble. It's titled *Orchestrations of the Underground* which I perform on the vibraphone," says Cave.

When: April 7, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Triffo Theatre, Allard Hall (11110-104 Avenue)

Tickets: tickets@macewan.ca

Adult: \$15, Senior (60+): \$10, Student: \$5

About MacEwan University's Bachelor of Music program:

Anyone familiar with the music scene in western Canada knows you can't go far without running into a graduate of MacEwan University's music program. But, before these talented, hard-working artists make records, light up stages and play clubs and concert halls, they spend years on campus learning their craft and developing their talent.

Spaces for teaching music have vastly different requirement from the average classroom. Ensemble rooms in Allard Hall allow groups of students learning the same instrument to gather for hands-on classes. Sound-resistant spaces, drum labs, teaching studios, recording studios and audio production suites, and other spaces designed with music students in mind will help kick start their careers.

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