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Tuesday Noon Concerts Series Opens Sept. 16 at Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art

NORMAN – Lunch goers in search of something different need look no further than the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art at the University of Oklahoma. The museum's free weekly Tuesday Noon Concerts series kicks off Tuesday, Sept. 16, in the Sandy Bell Gallery.

"The idea is to build audience appreciation for art and music," said Mary Jane Rutherford, community relations officer for the museum. "Art patrons enjoy listening to music in the museum, and music patrons have an opportunity to enjoy art while listening to music."

A collaboration of the OU School of Music and the FJJMA, Tuesday Noon Concerts offer a 30-minute concert each Tuesday through Dec. 2 featuring OU music students and faculty.

Museum admission is free on Tuesdays.

"It's a mutually beneficial concert series because we believe that people who come to the concerts also will visit the artwork, and those who come for the music will join us for the concert," said Steven Curtis, director of the School of Music at OU. "It has been very popular and well attended and something that has been a very successful endeavor for both of us."

Ricardo Souza of the Percussion Department heads up the series Sept. 16, followed by the John Schwandt Organ Studio on Sept. 23 (held in Gothic Hall in the Catlett Music Center) and the Jane Magrath Piano Studio on Sept. 30.

Rutherford said the concert series is ideal not only for campus faculty and staff, but local residents as well.

“Visitors are able to attend a concert and then go have a short lunch before returning to work,” she said. “We have had a devoted number of regulars in the audience, some retired folks and university professors from numerous disciplines. Also, many music students attend to hear their professors and fellow students perform.”

A complete listing of upcoming Tuesday Noon Concerts dates and performers is available online at www.ou.edu/fjma.

The Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art is located on the corner of Elm Avenue and Boyd Street, at 555 Elm Ave., on the University of Oklahoma Norman campus.

Admission to the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art is free to OU students with a current student ID and museum association members, \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, \$3 for children 6 to 17 years of age, \$2 for OU faculty/staff, and free for children 5 and under. Admission is free to all on Tuesdays. The museum’s Web site is www.ou.edu/fjma. Information and accommodations on the basis of disability are available by calling (405) 325-4938.

PHOTO OUTLINE

Tuesday Noon Concerts are back at the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art on the OU Norman campus. Beginning at noon Sept. 16 in the downstairs Sandy Bell Gallery, visitors are invited to attend the free 30-minute concert series each Tuesday. OU School of Music students, shown here from a previous concert, and faculty are scheduled to perform throughout the fall series.