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HEADLINE: YSU Percussion Ensemble and Concert Band in Concert on Monday, February 23, 2015 Stambaugh Auditorium | 7:30 p.m.

Youngstown, OH...The Dana School of Music presents a concert by the Percussion Ensemble, Dr. Glenn Schaft, Director, and Concert Band, Dr. Brandt Payne, Conductor, titled "Foundry" on Monday, February 23, at 7:30 p.m. in Stambaugh Auditorium, 1000 Fifth Avenue, Youngstown, OH.

The concert begins with the Percussion Ensemble featuring a repertoire that includes eclectic music using a variety of percussion instruments. *Scratch*, composed by Eugene Novotney, features four players playing scrapers or guiros; *Mallet Quartet* by Steve Reich is scored for two vibraphones and two five octave marimbas; and *Kpanlogo* is a traditional Ghanaian piece featuring recreational dance and drumming.

The YSU Concert Band opens with Dana Wilson's *Shortcut Home* and continues with *Ballad for Band* by Morton Gould; *Foundry* by John Mackey; *Canzona* by Peter Mennin, conducted by Graduate Assistant Kevin Scales, and concluding with Sousa's popular *El Capitan*.

The concert title came from composer John Mackey's program notes for his composition. He said, "The idea with *Foundry* was to make a piece that celebrates the fact that percussionists have this ability to make just about anything into an 'instrument.' Snare drums and bass drums are great, but why not write a whole piece featuring non-traditional percussion — things like salad bowls and mixing bowls and piles of wood? It won't be surprising that *Foundry*, for concert band with 'found percussion,' much of it metallic, ends up sounding like a steel factory."

Tickets may be ordered by phone at 330-259-0555, in person at the Box Office, or online at www.stambaughauditorium.com and at the door. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$4 for students and senior citizens. Those with a YSU ID are free. For more information, call the Dana School of Music Office at (330) 941-3636.

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