University Museums Collaborates with Composer Jeff Prater and ISU Symphony Orchestra for 40th Anniversary Performance

Ames, IA – Celebrating the 40th anniversary of the University Museums in 2015 continues with an exciting special event on Friday, October 9th. University Museums has collaborated with the ISU Department of Music & Theater for several decades. To commemorate this long-standing relationship, a musical composition “On the Shoulders of Giants” was commissioned from Jeff Prater, Professor Emeritus of Composition and Theory at Iowa State.

On October 9th, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. the composition will be performed for the first time by the ISU Symphony Orchestra in a concert directed by Dr. Jacob Harrison, Director of Orchestral Activities, and hosted by the ISU Department of Music & Theater and University Museums. The concert is a ticketed event and will be held in the Martha-Ellen Tye Recital Hall, Music Building, Iowa State University campus. Tickets are $5 for adults / $3 for students and can be purchased in advance at the Department of Music, 149 Music Hall, Iowa State University, (515) 294-3831 or on a first come, first serve basis at the door. Seating is limited.

The performing and fine arts legacy at Iowa State University was founded in the early days of campus aesthetics. In the 1960s, this legacy continued through the eyes of Iowa State President James H. Hilton’s vision for juxtaposing the performing and fine arts in a group of world-class facilities, what would become the Iowa State Center. This relationship between music and the arts are celebrated in “On the Shoulder of Giants”, University Museums’ fifth commission from Prater. Prater was, “inspired by all the great giants in many fields – art, politics, agriculture, engineering, research, and writing – that have shaped, and continue to shape, our world.” These pioneering giants, both quiet and loud, are reflected in Prater’s newest dynamic composition.

The performance will be live cast on the web at:
http://www.music.iastate.edu/feeds/recital/

On the Shoulders of Giant is a gift of the composer, Jeffrey Prater, with generous support from Louis and Pat Banitt, Roger and Kay Berger, Ferne Bonomi in memory of Wayne P. Davis, James and Carolyn Cornette, H. Dieter and Renate Dellmann, Deborah Gitchell, Carole Horowitz, James and Frankee Oleson, Bion Pierson, Steven and Dorothy
Prater, Stephen and Lee Anne Willson, Suzanne Zaffarano, and University Museums Membership.

For any changes to events, weather cancellations, along with any questions or concerns please check our website www.museums.iastate.edu, social media outlets or call 515-294-3342.

**Media Information**
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