

# SWOSU Celebrating 25th Anniversary of Panorama Series

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University and western Oklahoma will celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Panorama series during the 2015-16 school year, and a “Best of the Best” series is planned for the Weatherford campus.

Three favorite groups are invited back to perform and, in honor of the series’ many past speakers, a program on the First Amendment is planned:

All events will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center.

The **Oklahoma City Philharmonic**—along with Music Director Joel Levine and guest artist Renee Anderson—will perform Monday, September 14. This will be the OKC Philharmonic Orchestra’s 5<sup>th</sup> performance at SWOSU as part of the Panorama series.

Tickets go on sale August 3 and are available online at [stubwire.com](http://stubwire.com), 877.990.STUB (7882) or in the SWOSU Public Relations & Marketing Office, Room 205 of the Administration Building. Advance tickets are \$5 for SWOSU students, faculty/staff and emeriti; \$10 for the general public; and \$20 for all tickets purchased at the door.

The **Joy of Censorship** on Thursday, October 22, will feature Mad Magazine Editor Joe Raiola of New York City who takes a humorous approach to First Amendment issues. The free program is for mature audiences only. Ragging on politicians, religion and the media, Raiola’s program has earned him critical raves and comparisons to his comedy hero, George Carlin, for his sharp social satire.

**The Second City** has a special “Hooking Up” program planned Monday, February 8, just in time for the Valentine season. The show makes mirth out of missed connections, girls’ night out adventures and all the crazy things done for love. The theatre troupe from Chicago will entertain the audience with a modern mix of romance, rancor and everything in between. Tickets go on sale January 6.

Back by popular demand, **The Peking Acrobats** will present a stunning show on Tuesday, March 1, featuring daring maneuvers atop a pagoda of chairs, trick cycling, precision tumbling/gymnastics and more. This will be the group’s fourth appearance at SWOSU, and all three previous shows have sold out. Tickets go on sale February 1.

Former SWOSU President Joe Anna Hibler established the Panorama series in 1991 and for 25 years, Panorama has brought outstanding events to the Weatherford campus.

The first Panorama event was held March 4, 1991, with a performance of *King Lear* by the National Shakespeare Touring Group of New York City. Throughout the years,

students and area residents have enjoyed tremendous shows such as Jeff Dunham (twice), Bill Engvall, The Avett Brothers, The Capitol Steps, Drumline Live, George Plimpton, Harlem Gospel Choir, Kunal Nayyar, The Buried Life, Pauly Shore, STOMP, Jack Hanna, Switchfoot, Linda Ellerbee, George Carlin, Carrott Top and many, many more.

“It’s going to be another entertaining year,” said Brian Adler, chair of the Panorama Committee at SWOSU. “This series has been enjoyed by so many people over the years, and we look forward to this 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.”

Additional information about the Panorama series is available by calling the SWOSU Public Relations & Marketing Office at 580.774.3063.