

# SWOSU Announces Show-Stopping Panorama Series

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Cult phenomenon The Dan Band, theatrical stage production DRUMLine Live, acrobatic troupe Peking Acrobats and adventurer/author Aron Ralston create a show-stopping 2010-11 Panorama series at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

Panorama Committee Chairman Brian Adler said the organizing committee is very excited about the lineup with The Dan Band kicking off the series in September. Dates for the events are:

September 14	The Dan Band
October 18	DRUMLine Live
February 2	Peking Acrobats
March 3	Aron Ralston

The Dan Band has caught America's attention with performances in the movies *Old School*, *Starsky & Hutch*, and lately *The Hangover*. Lead singer Dan Finnerty performed his infamous rendition of *Total Eclipse of the Heart* in *Old School* and stole the ending of *The Hangover* with his hilarious performance of *Candy Shop* at Tracy and Doug's wedding reception. The Dan Band is playing to sold-out crowds on its national tour, "The Still Hungover Tour."

Area residents and students will be in for a treat on October 18 when DRUMLine Live brings black marching band tradition to the theatrical stage at SWOSU. DRUMLine Live is an international tour featuring a cast of 39 members from some of the most outstanding marching band programs across the southern United States.

Peking Acrobats are coming back to SWOSU as part of its gala 25<sup>th</sup> Silver Anniversary North American Tour, which will also feature The Women's Peace Orchestra of China. The Peking Acrobats have performed to two sold-out audiences at SWOSU during previous visits, and this year's performance will once again feature some of China's most gifted tumblers, contortionists, jugglers, cyclists and gymnasts.

The final Panorama event of the 2010-11 year will be a March 3 talk by Aron Ralston. Most people know him as the mountain climber who was pinned by a half-ton boulder for nearly a week and finally escaped by amputating his right forearm with a dull pocketknife. His best-selling book is *Between a Rock and a Hard Place*. In his presentation, Ralston tells his story and explains why his incident was the greatest gift of his life.

Tickets for The Dan Band go on sale August 1.

Ticket prices are the same for all events except the Ralston talk, which is free. Advance tickets for the other three events are \$10 for SWOSU students, faculty/staff and emeriti; \$15 for others; and \$20 for all tickets at the door. All events begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center on the SWOSU campus.

Tickets will be available at the SWOSU Public Relations & Marketing Office, Room 205 of the Administration Building, and at the SWOSU Business Office, Room 109 of the Administration Building. Tickets can also be purchased with a credit card by calling 580.774.3019.

SWOSU's Panorama series has been bringing outstanding events to the Weatherford campus since 1991. Panorama is partially supported by an endowed lectureship sponsored by SBC.

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