

SWOSU Announces "Journey On" Panorama Series

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The highest-ranking firefighter to survive 9/11, The Buried Life from MTV, comedian/magician Justin Kredible Willman and stage production The Art of the Drum provide a journey of adventure for the 2011-12 Panorama series at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

Panorama Committee Chairman Brian Adler said the organizing committee has a varied lineup with New York City firefighter Richard Picciotto kicking off the series on September 6, just five days before the 10th anniversary of the World Trade Center collapse. Dates for the events are:

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Picciotto will share his courageous story about that horrible day on September 11, 2001, in New York City. He was the highest-ranking chief and last fireman to escape. Picciotto is the author of the *New York Times* best-seller *Last Man Down*.

What happens when four guys set out in an old RV to complete a list of "100 Things We Want to Do Before We Die?" Find out when The Buried Life team shares their stories of the road on their journey to achieving dreams, big and small, and helping others do the same along the way. With a hit TV show on MTV, they have over 400,000 Facebook fans, 50,000 Twitter followers, and two million views per month on their website.

Entertainer Justin Willman will be at SWOSU on January 25 on his *Tricked Out Tour*. The magician, comedian and busy TV host may not pull a rabbit out of his hat, but he definitely knows how to pull off hit shows like *Cupcake Wars* and *Last Cake Standing* on the Food Network and *HubWorld* and *Scrabble Showdown* on the recently launched Hub Network. He's also well known as the witty correspondent on the *Rachael Ray* talk show with more than 20 appearances. He was voted "Entertainer of the Year" by *Campus Activities Magazine*.

The Panorama journey would not be complete without exotic music and dance. In the Art of the Drum, athletic bodies and contemporary costumes meet explosive Taiko

drumming and innovative choreography with extraordinary precision, energy, and stamina.

The stars of TAO live and train at a compound in the mountains of Japan and will bring their show to SWOSU on March 1.

Tickets for The Buried Life go on sale August 29.

Ticket prices are the same for all events except the Picciotto talk, which is free. Advance tickets for the other three events are \$5 for SWOSU students, faculty/staff and emeriti; \$10 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.