

# Africa West Percussion Trio Performs this Wednesday at SWOSU

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A musical group that is dedicated to the performance of African and Afro-Caribbean styles of music in addition to western classical music for percussion will perform at Southwestern Oklahoma State University this Wednesday, September 23, on the Weatherford campus.

Africa -->West Percussion Trio is ensemble-in-residence at Baldwin-Wallace College and is dedicated to the concept of "Africa-->West" demonstrates not only the trio's interest in folkloric music but also how African and Caribbean music have been shaped by the experiences of Africans in the Western Hemisphere.

The group will participate in a series of events including the SWOSU Jazz Ensembles concert at 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center. The concert is free and open to the public.

Africa -->West Percussion Trio will be featured on six different pieces during the concert. Jazz Ensemble 'B' will kick off the concert performing classic jazz tunes including the Gershwin standard, *Embraceable You*, conducted by graduate assistant Alexander Davis, and a rendition of *C Jam Blues* with the AfricaàWest trio. Jazz Ensemble 'A', under the direction of Dr. Richard Tirk, will finish the evening featuring the guest artists with music by Sammy Nestico and original/arrangements by Michael Phillip Mossman.

Members of the trio are Dr. Jamie Ryan, associate professor of percussion at Eastern Illinois University; Ryan Korb, lecturer of jazz percussion at University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point; and Josh Ryan, assistant professor of percussion at Baldwin Wallace College.

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