
JPERCUSSION

Local composer and percussionist Jay Rosenthal will be performing in JPERCUSSION, a solo and ensemble concert, on June 24th. The concert will take place in the Kreeger Auditorium at the JCC of Greater Washington in Rockville, Maryland. The concert will feature quartets by local composers Chappell Kingsland and Rosenthal's former teacher, the late Nora Davenport. There will also be duets by Steve Reich and Rosenthal, and solos by Gary Burton, Nebojsa Jovan Zivkovic, Iannis Xenakis, N. Scott Robinson, Ney Rosauero, and Rosenthal.

JPERCUSSION features music performed on vibraphone, marimba, xylophone, drumset, conga, bongos, woodblocks, bass drum, tom-toms, roto-toms, chimes, wind chimes, Mideastern tar, Spanish castanets, African log drum, African djembes, Chinese gongs, thunder sheet and more. The large array of instruments will be played with bare hands, 2 mallets, 4 mallets, and 5 mallets. Listeners will be treated to masterful performances that demonstrate the depth and variety of the percussion family in a variety of musical styles including Jazz, Rock, Funk, Brazilian, African, Classical, Minimalist, and Go-go.

Rosenthal will share the stage with Mike Smirnoff, drummer for local rock band Welbilt and percussion professor at Morgan State University. Also performing are Marty Grossman from Chicago-based band HotHeelsRecords and Tom Wagner, who has performed with the New World Symphony and Baltimore Symphony.

Critics have called Rosenthal's performances "unique" and "utterly breathtaking." For his senior recital at the University of Maryland, Rosenthal commissioned and premiered Chappell Kingsland's *The Labyrinth* for solo vibraphone. The piece subsequently won the Percussive Arts Society's 2004 Prize for Composition.

Rosenthal has recently returned to the DC metro area after touring China as principal percussionist with the Mantovani Orchestra, where he performed at The Great Hall of the People in Tiananmen Square, Shanghai Oriental Arts Center, and concerts in Wuhan, Shenzhen, and Guangzhou.

For more information and tickets please visit **www.jpercussion.com** or call **301-351-9406**.

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