Third Coast Percussion to premiere commissioned work in concert with Carthage ensembles

KENOSHA, Wis. – Known for its groundbreaking collaborations with engineers, architects, and astronomers, Third Coast Percussion will join the Carthage College Wind Orchestra and Concert Band to perform a program of music titled “Primarily Percussive” at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 13.

The final concert in the college’s 2015-16 Chamber Music Series, it will take place in the A. F. Siebert Chapel on the Carthage campus, 2001 Alford Park Drive. Admission is free, and the public is welcome.

Designed to explore compositions that feature percussion instruments, the concert will include solo works for Third Coast, Carthage percussion instructor Michael Kozakis, and senior music major Justin Hall. The concert will feature the premiere of a new transcription of David Little’s “Radiant Child.”

Kozakis is featured on “Raise the Roof” by Michael Daugherty, a timpani solo with band that employs six drums and extensive pedaling techniques. The piece requires the performer to use a variety of mallets and cymbals, as well as his hands alone. Kozakis plays frequently with the Chicago Symphony, Lyric Opera and Rockford Symphony orchestras as an extra percussionist.

Conductors will include Edward Kawakami, director of orchestral studies at Carthage, as well as Kozakis and several students.

Formed in 2005, Third Coast Percussion explores and expands the sonic possibilities of the percussion repertoire. In addition to the joint concert, the four-member ensemble will perform on its own at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, in the chapel.

Both performances are made possible by the Racine Community Foundation.

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