

DAVIS-WALDORF
PERFORMING ARTS SERIES | **DWPA**
25TH SEASON



GRAND OL' CHRISTMAS SHOW

Thursday, Nov. 20th, 2025 | 7:30 p.m.

Te Ata Memorial Auditorium

This season is a perfect celebration of USAO and the 25 years the Davis-Waldorf Performing Arts Series has been a part of our campus and community. Under the leadership of our president, Dr. Kayla Hale, we have seen the community embrace us. This season we are celebrating the past and anticipating the growth that is headed our way as we celebrate 60 years of OCLA. Similarly, the artist roster for the coming year offers the return of some unforgettable performances from past seasons, blended with an introduction to new experiences.

This project of the USAO Foundation continues to be one of the most vital ways that our campus mission engages with the community at large; we love the impact that the performing arts have on our local economy, on the creative culture of our town and on the dreams of students, both on campus and in our K-12 schools. Whether you are returning here as a continuing member, or you are a new addition to the DWPAS family, we hope this season is filled with wonder, delight, nostalgia, and fun.

Welcome to our campus and welcome to our 25th season.

Emily Hector Godwin, M.A.,

Davis Waldorf Performing Arts Series Executive Director

Adjunct Professor of Dance & Drover Dancer Coach

DAVIS-WALDORF PERFORMING ARTS SERIES



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2025
6:30 P.M.

CHICAGO TAP THEATRE

UNLEASH THE BEATS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025
7:30 P.M.

GRAND OL' CHRISTMAS SHOW

CHRISTMAS CLASSICS AND SKETCH COMEDY ANTICS



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026
6:30 P.M.

MOJO & THE BAYOU GYPSIES

ALL-ORIGINAL AMERICAN ROOTS MUSIC & STORIES IN THE LOUISIANA BAYOU TRADITION

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026
6:30 P.M.

THE PEKING ACROBATS

CHINESE ACROBATS PUSH THE LIMITS WITH DARING MANEUVERS



SEASON TICKETS \$90

ADULT SINGLE TICKET \$25

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Saturday, November 22, 2025



Soft Hands

Our featured Oklahoma Talent

Friday, January 30, 2026



Alias Brass

Saturday, March 28, 2026

Concerts at 7:30 pm Simmons Center, Duncan, OK



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Davis-Waldorf Performing Arts Series is to regularly present professional performing arts events, facilitate student attendance at these shows as an important part of a liberal arts education, provide affordable entertainment for our college family and our community, and lead local arts education by creating access to high-quality, relevant, culturally diverse programming that broadens the aesthetic of each audience member.

STEERING COMMITTEE

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Grand Ol' Christmas Show

Grand Ol' Christmas Show:

Step back in time for a raucous, rollicking, retro radio show broadcasting live from the 1225 AM N-O-E-L Radio Studios!

This show's story began in 2003, when friends Will Hearn, Greg Essington, and Zac Kibodeaux developed a concept to combat the stale, overly commercialized Christmas entertainment of the time. They created "progressive nostalgia," a musical variety show performed through the framework of a live-audience retro-radio broadcast, blending the comfort of the familiar with the excitement of the new.

What started as a one-night-only sold-out fundraiser has since blossomed into an inspiring holiday tradition. The show features your all-time favorite festive classics like you've never heard them before, paired with hilarious sketch comedy antics. This unforgettable production progressively and cleverly blurs the lines between nostalgia and satire. Made for music and comedy lovers alike, Will Hearn's Grand Ol' Christmas Show is a unique holiday experience – what better way to celebrate Christmas than laughing with the entire family!

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