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CROSS-CULTURAL COLLABORATIONS WITH THE KNIGHTS AND WU MAN

Collaborative classical orchestra The Knights, and Wu Man, virtuoso of the Chinese folk instrument the pipa, will perform together on Saturday, February 9th, at Mills Hall as part of the Wisconsin Union Theater’s Concert Series. Call the Box Office at 608-265-ARTS (2787) for more information. Tickets are: $25 General Public, $21 Union Members, UW-Madison Faculty & Staff, and non UW-Madison Students, $10 UW-Madison Students, $14 youths age 6-18 (up to two youth tickets with purchase of an adult ticket). Buy online, call the Box Office at 608-265-ARTS (2787), or purchase in person at the Campus Arts Ticketing box office in Vilas Hall, 821 University Ave. Please note that there is a Men’s Hockey and a Men’s Basketball game on Saturday, February 9th, so audience members should plan extra time to find parking.

In their own words, The Knights are “an orchestra of friends” whose collaboration began at late night chamber music parties in New York. Many of the orchestra members, graduates of the world’s elite music schools, belong to the nation’s best symphony orchestras, but performing with The Knights, they say, is an opportunity to have fun, and for each member to contribute something to the music. They play a wide range of music, from classical to jazz to Klezmer to pop and indie rock.

Wu Man is a virtuoso of the pipa, a Chinese lute. The stringed instrument has a nearly two-thousand year history, making it an important aspect of Chinese musical culture. Wu Man is cited as the artist most responsible for bringing the pipa to the western world, and she is also the first Chinese musician to perform at the White House. Besides performing with The Knights, Wu Man has also collaborated with Yo-Yo Ma, the New York Philharmonic and the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

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