

## **THE FOREST**

**WITH SPECIAL GUEST WARREN SMITH**

Wednesday, October 16, 2024, at 7:30pm

Foellinger Great Hall

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# PROGRAM

## THE FOREST

with J. D. Parran and special guest Warren Smith

### FIRST SET

**Blessing the Stage/ Blessing the Theater**

**Morning/ Midday (Omar Clay/ Warren Smith, New York 1979)**

Warren Smith (percussion)

J. D. Parran (woodwinds)

The Forest (percussion)

### Improvisation

Warren Smith and JD Parran

**Sippin' and Smokin' wif Milton (Warren Smith)**

From *5 pieces for Marimba and Vibraphone*

Gustavo Aguilar (marimba)

**A Composer's Conversation (Warren Smith, Lima, Peru 1991)**

*Dedicated to Fritz Hauser*

1. About Phrasing
2. On Air Drumming
3. About Melody
4. About Texture

Leah Bowden (multiple percussion instrument)

**Korean Tea Ceremony (Warren Smith, Korea 1990)**

Leah Bowden (piano and triangle)

### SECOND SET

**A Performance Etude (Warren Smith)**

Michael Wimberly (2 timpani, marimba, snare drum and cymbal)

### Improvisation

Michael Wimberly and Warren Smith

**Tuggie and Thorpe (Warren Smith)**

Andrew Drury, Warren Smith, and J. D. Parran

**African Sketches (Warren Smith, 1988)**

1. Liberte VI
2. La Porte de la Non Retour
3. Saba Saba

The Forest (percussion)

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*Presented by a partnership between WIS Percussion Theater and Continuum Culture & Arts, two non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations, this program is supported, in part, by the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Special thanks to Ricardo Flores, Josh Graham, Jason Finkelman, Andrew Giza, and Ellen Ruth Fred.*

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# PROFILES

Jazz drummer, conservatory trained percussionist, composer, arranger, bandleader, Loft Era proprietor of Studio WIS, and among the first generation of jazz educators at the university level, **Warren Smith** has performed on more than 3,000 record dates and countless performances with Aretha Franklin, Harry Partch, Miles Davis, Count Basie, Barbra Streisand, Harry Belafonte, Charles Mingus, Nat King Cole, John Cage, Julius Hemphill, Lena Horne, Quincy Jones, Rahsaan Roland Kirk, Marvin Gaye, Roberta Flack, Sam Rivers, and Joe Zawinul, to name a few. He was Janis Joplin's music director and a member of Leonard Bernstein's *West Side Story* orchestra and Tony Williams' Lifetime, and a founding member with Max Roach and others of M'Boom.

**J. D. Parran** has been a valued collaborator with Oliver Lake, Julius Hemphill, Anthony Braxton, Cecil Taylor, Amir Elsassar, Anthony Davis and others. Parran has collaborated and appeared on recordings with leading musical practitioners including Andrew Hill, Marty Ehrlich, Hamiet Bluiett, Douglas Ewart, James Jabbo Ware, Robert Dick, Ned Rothenberg, Jimmy Owens, Andrew Drury, George E. Lewis, Don Byron, Muhal Richard Abrams, Henry Threadgill, Wadada Leo Smith, Leroy Jenkins, Stevie Wonder, Lena Horne, John Lennon and Yoko Ono.

## THE FOREST

**Gustavo Aguilar** is an interdisciplinary artist who has performed at major festivals throughout the Americas, Europe, Asia, and the Pacific. Gustavo is Co-Artistic Director of Tug, an interdisciplinary arts collective that creates contact zones where people can generate insights about, and produce actions around, contemporary social issues. Gustavo is Associate Arts Professor at the Tisch School of the Arts at New York University and

faculty in the MFA Art Practice at the School of Visual Arts, New York City.

**Leah Bowden** has recorded and toured with The Forest, red fish blue fish, William Winant Percussion Group, Kid Millions, Secret Drum Band, I.C.E., Cosmo Gold, and Baby Bushka, among others. After completing an ethnographic dissertation study of Max Roach and M'Boom at UC San Diego, Leah became the official archivist for M'Boom co-founder Warren Smith. She also arranged and recorded the music of M'Boom with El Otro Lado, a bi-national percussion ensemble (USA/ Mexico). Leah is an adjunct music professor at Springfield College in Springfield, Massachusetts.

**Andrew Drury** mentored with Ed Blackwell from 1983–92 and has performed in 30 countries and on 80 recordings with musicians such as Wadada Leo Smith, Jason Kao Hwang, Myra Melford, Frank Lacy, Annea Lockwood, John Tchicai, Roswell Rudd, Satoko Fujii, Michel Doneda, Wayne Horvitz, Ingrid Laubrock, and James Brandon Lewis. Drury has produced over 200 Soup & Sound concerts, has led music projects with people in marginalized communities since 1989, and directs the nonprofit organization Continuum Culture & Arts.

**Michael Wimberly** has performed with George Clinton and Parliament Funkadelic, Paul Winter Consort, Steve Coleman, Henry Rollins, D'Angelo, Dionne Warwick, Charles Gayle, David Murray, and featured with Vienna's Rundfunk Symphony, Tonkuntsler Symphony, and Leipzig Symphony. Wimberly has composed for Urban Bush Women, Joffrey II, Alvin Ailey, Philadanco, Complexions, and The National Song and Dance Company of Mozambique. Wimberly has scored for HBO and independent films. He joined the music faculty at Bennington College in 2012.

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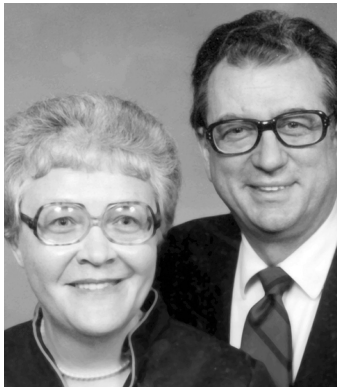
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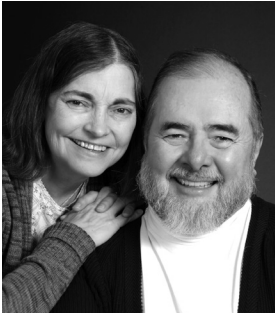
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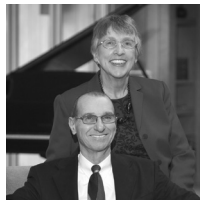
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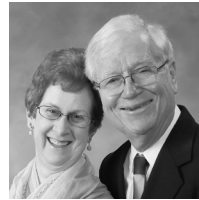
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If you or a companion needs medical assistance, contact an usher or other staff member.

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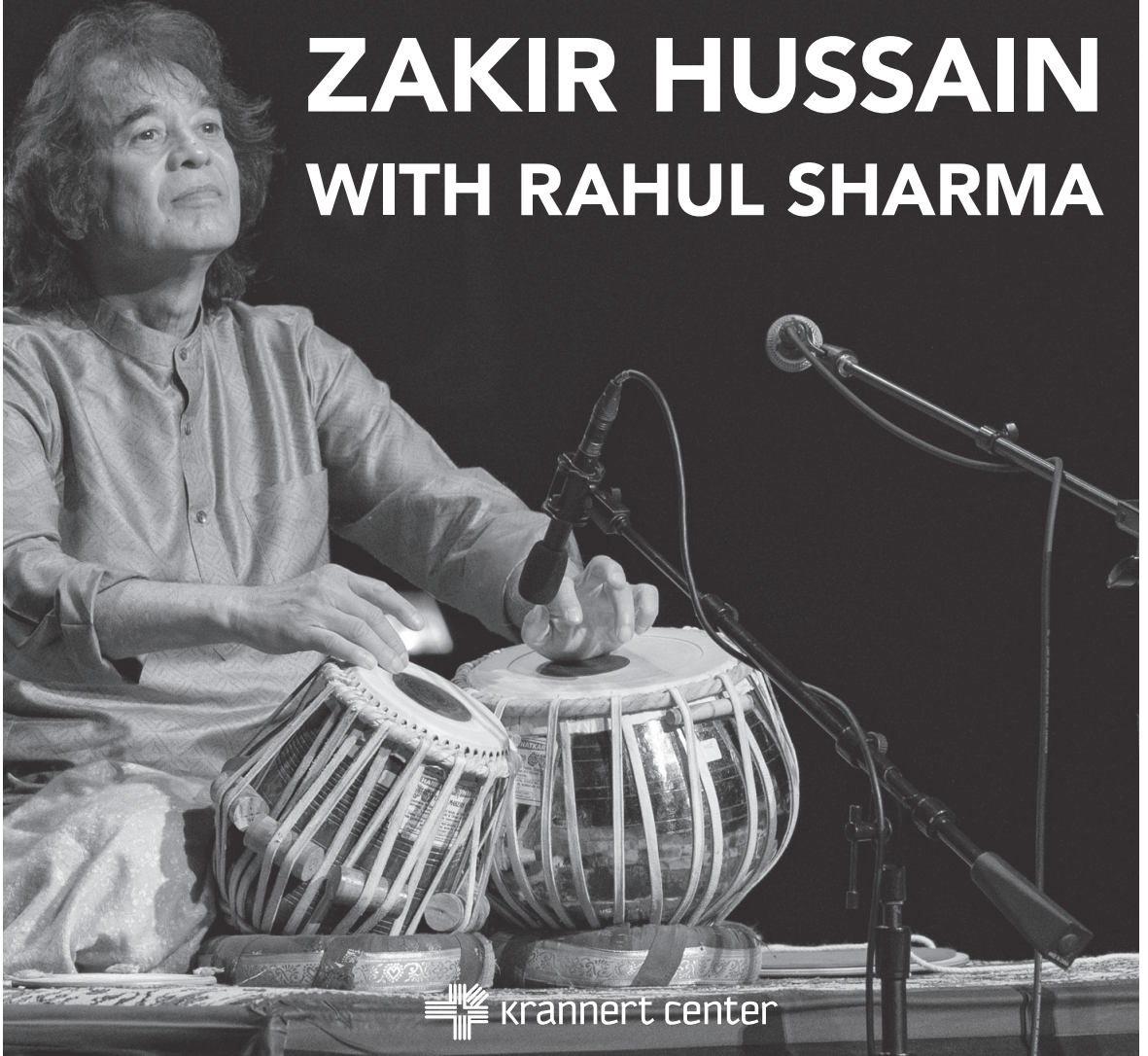
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