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Gamelan Sari Pandhawa. The **UO Percussion Ensemble** (led by Charles Dowd, who knew and worked with Lou for 35 years) will also perform two of Harrison's landmark percussion pieces, and another friend, master pianist **Art Maddox**, will play Harrison's potent third piano sonata. Please join me, Maddox and Profs. Dowd and Kyr in a pre-concert discussion of Harrison's remarkable life and music in Room 198 of the UO music school; audience members who knew Lou will be invited to share stories about him.

The 100th Monkey Ensemble features the powerful music of two of Harrison's friends and inspirations, Charles Ives and Alan Hovhaness, on Tuesday, April 15. The festival brings one of the season's best new music concerts on Wednesday, April 16, when the award-winning piano duo **Quattro Mani** (augmented by percussion), performs contemporary music by UO faculty member **David Crumb, Stephen Scott**, and others. And another estimable instrumental duo appears on Thursday, April 17, when percussion masters **Charles Dowd** and **Tracy Freeze** play a delectable program of

vibraphone and marimba in music by Keith Jarrett, Charlie Parker, Chick Corea and Gary Burton, and others, including a couple of Dowd originals.

At a time when conservatism seems to dominate American artistic and political realms, one way to push for progress is to support these exciting concerts and the human creativity and ideals they represent.

Portland also offers terrific opportunities to hear contemporary sounds this month, including the Portland Opera's impressive production of one of the most acclaimed American operas in recent years, *A View from the Bridge*, by Northwest native William Bolcomb. Based on the Arthur Miller play, this is the West Coast premiere of the much-praised production that opened at the Metropolitan Opera last fall.

And April 10-13, the Firehouse Cultural Center (see www.NorthPacificMusic.com) presents a 20-year retrospective of the compelling electroacoustic soundscapes of one of Oregon's most intriguing composers, Jack Gabel, in a mixed-media release concert/event. **EW**



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