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CAL PERFORMANCES AND STUDENT MUSICAL ACTIVITIES PRESENT
CALEIDOSCOPE
A FREE, LIVE, NONSTOP PERFORMANCE
BY UC BERKELEY STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF, AND ALUMNI
IN ZELLERBACH HALL
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2019 AT 8PM

Berkeley, January 25, 2019 — Cal Performances and Student Musical Activities announce **Caleidoscope**, an exciting new event celebrating the very best of the performing and fine arts at UC Berkeley. Featuring a cast of Berkeley students, faculty, staff, and alumni, **Caleidoscope** will take place on Friday, February 8 at 8pm in Zellerbach Hall, and consist of brief (approximately 2–4 minutes each) performances of music, dance, storytelling, and more, presented back-to-back—without applause, announcements, or other interruptions—in a seamless, dramatically conceived production. The vignettes will make use of the entire auditorium, taking place throughout the hall: on stage, in the balconies, in the aisles, and perhaps even in the lobby before or after the performance. **Caleidoscope** is co-directed by Director of Bands Matthew Sadowski and Director of UC Choral Ensembles Mark Sumner.

Says Sadowski, who brought the idea to Berkeley after he had experienced it on other college campuses, “There are so many talented people here at Cal that I thought it would be great fun to bring everyone together in a rapid-fire collage-like showcase, taking full advantage of every available space in Zellerbach Hall. As far as I know, nothing like this has happened on campus before. The **Caleidoscope** audience is going to be in for some really fun surprises!”

Co-director Sumner adds, “As the director of UC Choral Ensembles, I have been a part of hundreds of programs on the Berkeley campus in my 22 years, but this will be the first concerted effort to

‘shock and awe’ an audience with an ever-changing sound and landscape of artfulness that transcends any one discipline. Fasten your Zellerbach Hall seat belts; it’s going to a fabulous event!”

Over the course of the captivating evening, audiences will be treated to an eclectic sampling of performances ranging from classical, pop, and French café music to *musica norteña*, beatboxing, bagpipes, and Broadway favorites. **Caleidoscope** will even feature a talented holder of multiple world records! Among the groups chosen by the 12-person selection committee, some of those confirmed to perform include members of the **Berkeley Nu Jazz Collective**, **UC Berkeley Wind Ensemble**, **Candace Johnson** (Dept. of Music faculty), and **Takiyah Franklin** (UC staff), as well as **Caña**, **The Intermission Orchestra**, **UC Alumni Chamber Chorus**, and **DeCadence A Cappella**.

Cal Performances, the performing arts presenting, commissioning, and producing organization at UC Berkeley, presents nearly 100 performances annually in classical, early, and new music; world music and dance; contemporary and classical dance; jazz; and theater, and reaches close to 120,000 people each year through its artistic programming and education and community activities. As an integral part of the university community, Cal Performances supports the thriving extra-curricular life at Berkeley by overseeing Student Musical Activities (SMA), including the University of California Marching Band, UC Jazz Ensembles, and UC Choral Ensembles.

Admission to **Caleidoscope** is free and the event is open to the public. No advance reservations are required. More information can be found at calperformances.org/caleidoscope.

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Ticket Information

Admission to **Caleidoscope** is free and the event is open to the public. Doors open at 7pm.

