

Fredonia Percussion Ensemble to perform in Holmes Auditorium

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The Fredonia Percussion Ensemble is returning to AU to perform on Friday, March 27, at 7 p.m. in Holmes Auditorium, Harder Hall, on the Alfred University Campus. This program is open to the public free of charge. Led by Musical Director Dr. Kay Stonefelt and Tiffany Nicely, director of The Mexican Marimba Ensemble and adjunct lecturer in theory and percussion, the ensemble will perform a variety of selections ranging from Ragtime, to West African drumming, to Mexican Marimba, to Ugandan xylophones. There will also be two solos performed by Kelly Rotterman and Doug Feig. Stonefelt is a recipient of a 2006 State University of New York (SUNY) Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. She is a professor of music and chairwoman of the percussion area at SUNY Fredonia. She has performed in Germany, France, and the former USSR with the Stuttgart Opera Orchestra, and also was a member of the Baltimore Symphony percussion section as well as a New York City musician performing in over 20 Broadway and Off-Broadway shows. Nicely has bachelor's degrees in both percussion performance and music theory/composition from the University of New Mexico. She performs in many local groups such as Maelstrom Percussion Ensemble, and The Twelve Eight Path Band. Nicely has also made percussion study trips to Salvador, Brazil, and to Mexico City where she studied Mexican Marimba with the Nandayapa family.