Overview of Performing Arts Presenting | October 18, 2016
Explore current trends and best practices in the presenting industry. Topics will include a history and overview of the arts industry; roles and responsibilities of presenters, agents, artist managers, and producers; unique differences of presenting categories and organizations; a review of presenting arts agencies, presenting associations, regional and national booking conferences; and other relevant resources.

Instructor: Darrel Kau has over 15 years of experience presenting and marketing cultural events. Previous arts management positions held include: Director of the Cultural Forum at the University of Oregon; Presenting Program Manager for the Hult Center for the Performing Arts; Marketing Director for the Eugene Ballet Company; Marketing & Development consultant for the Eugene Concert Choir. He has been a grant review panelist for the Western States Arts Federation’s Tour-West Program, the Oregon Cultural Trust, and the Oregon Arts Commission. Mr. Kau serves on the Arts Foundation of Western Oregon Board of the Oregon Community Foundation. He is an adjunct faculty member of the University of Oregon’s Arts & Administration Program where he teaches courses on marketing, arts presenting and event management.

Arts and the Law | November 15, 2016
Get acquainted with the nature and scope of legal issues arising from the arts sector. Topics highlight the current issues within the music, theater, dance, visual arts and film industries. The course also summarizes some of the basic contractual relationships and intellectual property interests among arts industry players.

Instructor: Brian Taylor Goldstein, named a “Top Entertainment Lawyer” by Washingtonian Magazine, is a partner in Goldstein & Guilliams PLC. His law practice concentrates on providing legal, consultation, and management services to clients in the fields of entertainment and the arts—including the performing arts, music, television, motion pictures, the fine arts, publishing, graphic design, and nonprofit arts related organizations—with regard to such matters as copyright, trademark, rights and licenses, commissions and collaborations, recording, production, merchandising, distribution, promotion, touring, booking, arts and artist management, business formation and practices, contracts and negotiation, and the tax and immigration needs of foreign artists and performers. He also serves as Legal Affairs Advisor to North American Performing Arts Managers and Agents (NAPAMA), U.S. Legal Advisor to IAMA (International Artist Managers Association), and U.S. Legal Advisor to the Association of British Orchestras.

Planning for Success: Profit and Not For Profit | January 10, 2017
Engage in an intensive review of the processes of idea conception, business modeling, types of business structure, financial feasibility, business viability, asset selection and acquisition, start-up costs, capital requirements, revenue sources, costs of sales, income and expense projections, economic and market assumptions, business planning, bank loans and other borrowings, vendor credit, insurance, management structures, and other topics pertinent to the establishment of for-profit business in arts administration.

Instructor: Michael Wilkerson is Director of Arts Administration Programs at Indiana University Bloomington. He has worked as a university administrator, freelance writer; director of two multidisciplinary artists’ residency programs, and been a founding chair of a national service/advocacy organization, and a founding editor of a national literary magazine. Additionally, he has taught writing, arts management, literary interpretation and other subjects for more than two decades, at Indiana, DePauw, American and Wisconsin Universities and at the School of the Art Institute in Chicago. Michael has served as a grants panelist for the National Endowment for the Arts and many other organizations, and specializes in cultural policy and artists’ support systems.

Artful Negotiating 101 | February 14, 2017
The word “negotiation” can conjure up images of used car salesmen, and often makes people feel uneasy. The truth is that our professional and personal lives are filled with daily negotiations. Negotiations can be fun! Years of research from institutions like the Harvard Negotiation Project tell us there are methods for negotiating that you can learn and trust, and which reliably lead you to better outcomes and relationships. Learning the tools helps us approach negotiations more confidently and emerge more successfully. The course will include an introduction to theoretical concepts and hands-on skill building exercises (requires access to a cell phone or Skype). Learning outcomes include a grasp of basic negotiation theory and some experience using a model which can be repeated in future negotiations.

Instructor: Andrew Maxfield directs the Influencer Institute, a strategy consulting firm for the nonprofit sector. He also serves as adjunct faculty at Brigham Young University, where he helps students in artistic disciplines learn and practice the foundations of entrepreneurship. A graduate of the Bolz Center for Arts Administration at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Andrew was previously an associate at the Consensus Building Institute, a leading negotiation training and research firm based in Cambridge, MA.
Raising the Money  March 14, 2017

Learn about fiscal planning and funding sources for events, tours, and institutional sustainability. Emphasis will be placed on developing realistic and “stress-free” budgets as well as diversifying earned and contributed income. Additional topics will include: developing new revenue streams (maximizing assets), getting grants, crowd-sourced funding, and creative cost-cutting. To make a more engaging seminar, participants are encouraged to provide specifics about their own organizations and experiences and interact with each other and the instructor. Some session time will also be devoted to simple budget and strategic funding planning exercises. *Entrance survey requested.

Curating a Series: Building a Roster  April 11, 2017

The thoughtful work of programming a performing arts series frequently has the word “curation” attached to it, as does the work of creating and maintaining an agency or management roster. Although presenters, agents, and managers have different imperatives, there are some remarkable similarities in the work of choosing artists to present or to represent, advocating for those artists, and building an audience for those artists. Instructors will lead a discussion exploring the philosophies behind programming and roster development and the strategies to achieve these goals. Importantly, both areas are intimately connected to the mission and business strategies of an organization. In this session, you’ll get the keys to unlock the secrets of programming and artist representation—and mastering the art of the relationship between them.

Instructor: Elaine Lipcan holds a BFA from Allegheny College and currently serves as Vice President, Concert Booking & Administration and Manager, Artists & Attractions for Opus 3 Artists, LLC. She began her career as General Manager and Director of Booking for the renowned Nikolais Louis Dance Company, managing all aspects of the company’s Joyce Theater and Henry Street Settlement seasons in New York. She was responsible for managing institutional projects, general operations and negotiation of international performance booking, and assisted with the transfer of the Alwin Nikolais archive to Ohio University Libraries. Ms. Lipcan later served as Associate with Micocci Productions and was an integral part of the company’s management, producing and booking of North American performances for a roster of avant-garde theater directors and international companies. At Opus 3 Artists, she has been East Coast agent, negotiating with presenting organizations and symphony orchestras on behalf of Opus 3 Artists’ roster of classical musicians, performing artists and ensembles. Currently, she directs personnel and strategic planning aspects of the company’s North American booking department and is responsible for marketing. In addition she manages the international touring careers of the Parker Quartet, Jamie Bernstein and Tomàš Kubínek.

Kendra Whitlock Ingram serves as Vice President of Programming and Education for Omaha Performing Arts. She oversees the artistic direction of OPA’s season as well as all education and community engagement initiatives. Ingram has held senior leadership positions with several major performing arts institutions including: Managing Director of Shenandoah Conservatory, Vice President and General Manager of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and Director of Pops and Special Programming for The Detroit Symphony. She holds a Master in Business Administration from University of Nebraska Omaha and a Bachelor of Science in Music Education from Duquesne University. She is also an alumna of the League of American Orchestras’ Orchestra Management Fellowship Program. Ingram has served as an adjunct faculty member at Wayne State University in its Music Management Program, and has also served as a grant review panelist for the National Endowment for the Arts and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. Ingram currently serves as board chair for the non-profit organization Hear Nebraska. She is a member Women’s Fund of Omaha Circles, Women of Color in the Arts and the Broadway League’s diversity committee.

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Instructor: Dawn Gibson-Brehon is a graduate of the University of Hartford / Hart School of Music and the University of Wisconsin/Madison, Bolz Center for Arts Administration, majoring in Music Management and Arts Administration, respectively. Mrs. Gibson-Brehon currently serves as an Assistant Professor in the Practice of Arts Management and Entrepreneurship, teaching classes in arts management, funding the arts, and business planning. In 2009 she launched Gibson & Brehon & Company, a consulting firm dedicated to supporting nonprofit organizations in their own development. Her current and past client base includes: The Apollo Theater, The Philadelphia Dance Company, the New York Foundation for the Arts, and the National Black Arts Festival, among others. In addition to managing GBCo, Mrs. Gibson-Brehon was a Peer Advisor through the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism and a Mentor with the Kennedy Center’s Arts in Crisis program.

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Finale  May 9, 2017

The final session of the CPAE course will present an overview of the industry, including an in-depth look at the agent-presenter relationship and the many ways in which it can be fostered, further professional development suggestions, dealing with ethical situations, an intimate examination of the daily life of an agent or presenter, and, finally, a consideration of what the future holds for the industry.

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