

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

# Happy Birthday John Cage!

### featuring

## USA Percussion Ensemble Ground Floor Percussion Trio USA Prowlers Dance Team Luis Rivera, Matt Greenwood, Ben Fraley, percussion

This concert presented in collaboration with Mobile Museum of Art and The Rumor Union

Quartet (1935) John Cage III. Axial Asymmetry - Slow (1912 - 1992)Trio (1936) Second Construction (1940) Dance Music for Elfrid Ide (1941) I. II. III. 4'33" (1952) Ι II. Ш Child of Tree (1975) Chess Pieces (1943) transcribed by Margaret Leng Tan (2005) arranged by Brian Nozny (2009) Dream (1948) arranged by Matt Filosa (2013)

RECITAL HALL LAIDLAW PERFORMING ARTS CENTER Thursday, September 5, 2013 7:30 p.m.

#### **PERFORMERS**

#### **<u>USA Percussion Ensemble</u>** – Luis Rivera (director), Matt Greenwood (assistant director)

Ryan Boehme Ian Jones Luke Smith Steven Davidson Soren Odom Tyler Williams Ben Ivey Jacqie Rotch

#### **Ground Floor Percussion Trio**

Matt Filosa Tommy Dobbs John Thomas

#### **USA Prowlers Dance Team** – Meredith Ivy (director)

Jessica Thornton Meghan Saucer Brianna Lloyd Ashley Bigoney

John Cage challenged our very idea of music, renegotiated the role of the artist in a community, and unraveled all expectation of what determines art. His long-standing commitment to chance operations, as a means to removing personal ego, led to an inclusive and highly collaborative relationship with not only other artists, but the community as a whole. As a result, he broadened the field, tore down barriers between art, music and life, and expanded our idea of what it is to listen.

In the same collaborative and inclusive spirit, the Mobile Museum of Art, in collaboration with the Rumor Union and John Cage biographer Frans Van Rossum, have partnered with the Mobile Arts Council, Centre for the Living Arts, the Botanical Gardens, the University of South Alabama & Springhill College's art and music departments, Crescent Theatre, Alabama School of Math and Science Chess Club, Eastern Shore Art Centre as well as others to bring you a three day, multi-venue extravaganza. The events will be happening at various times and locations throughout the greater Mobile metropolitan area.

All of the collaborating artistic organizations have graciously given extra time to put this festival into action. Donations will be accepted online at www.happybirthdayjohncage.com/donate.html. For more information on the remaining events happening in Mobile, please visit www.rumorunion.com, www.mobilemuseumofart.com, or www.happybirthdayjohncage.com