



MIM Acquires Drums from Howard Family Collection

Rare collection to be installed in galleries throughout the year

At the end of 2016, MIM acquired twenty-nine drums from mid-twentieth-century Latin America, Asia, Oceania, and the Middle East. The drums came from the Dr. Joseph H. Howard Family Collection, which is the largest private collection of drums in the United States, consisting of nearly eight hundred drums and related percussion.

Howard, who was an oral surgeon by profession and an amateur percussionist by avocation, traveled the world collecting drums and other musical instruments as well as related artifacts over the course of about forty years. Growing up in Chicago, he was intrigued by drumming and followed the tradition throughout his life. Born in Venezuela of African, European, and East Indian descent, Howard felt compelled to explore and understand his multicultural background through drumming.

Parts of Howard's collection were included in the Smithsonian Institution's exhibition *Ritmos de Identidad / Rhythms of Identity* in 2000, as well as in other displays at such museums as the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York and Craft and Folk Art Museum in Los Angeles. In 1967, Howard wrote *Drums in the Americas*, which has become a classic in musical instrument studies.

Many of the new pieces are uniquely beautiful and rare in MIM's collection. A select few have been on display behind the [Conservation Lab](#) window since the

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February 27

[Mr. Ho's
Orchestrotica](#)

March 1 & 2

[Jimmy Webb: The
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Symphony present
Mendelssohn, Finzi,
and Cerrone](#)

March 8

[Davina and the
Vagabonds](#)

March 9

[Willy Porter and](#)

beginning of the year. Starting with the Haiti exhibit in March, MIM curators will gradually integrate the drum acquisitions in the appropriate Geo-Galleries.



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Experience Ireland

Join us for a celebration of Irish music and culture

Experience the luck o' the Irish at MIM for our sixth annual celebration of Irish music and culture on [Saturday, March 11](#), and [Sunday, March 12](#). Throughout the day, guests can enjoy music, crafts, Irish dancing, cultural talks, and more.

Craft your own *bodhrán*, a traditional Irish drum, out of recycled materials, then play some Irish rhythms. We will also be offering a Celtic harp workshop where guests can learn how to play the harp. Space is limited at this workshop as there will only be approximately fifteen instruments; first come, first served.

Listen to an Irish fiddle performance and hear Michael McCall sing traditional Irish melodies and musical folk tales. See authentic Irish dancing by students from the Maguire Academy of Irish Dance in our main courtyard.

Stop by [Café Allegro](#) for an Irish-inspired lunch featuring lacquered corned beef, bangers and mash, and tasty Guinness and orange chocolate cake.

Malik's Make-A-Wish "Wish Reveal"

Arizona teen granted wish of his own mini recording studio

Every year, [Make-A-Wish Foundation](#) grants wishes to thousands of children diagnosed with life-threatening conditions, and on Saturday, February 18, MIM had the honor of hosting a Make-a-Wish "wish reveal."

Arizona native Malik is a gifted musician who plays and composes by ear and memory, but he lives with a chronic illness. With such a passion for music, his one true wish was to have his own mini recording studio with special technology to translate his compositions into sheet music.

When Malik and his immediate family arrived at MIM, they went on a tour of the museum and had a chance to speak with Colin Pearson, curator for Asia, Oceania, and the Middle East, at the [Asia Gallery](#). Malik asked Pearson questions and learned more about his favorite country, Japan.

After the tour, Malik sat down to play the Steinway piano at El Río, near Guest Service. As he looked up after playing a few original compositions, he

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was surprised to see his entire family surrounding him. Malik then learned that his wish for a studio had been granted and that it had been installed at his house during his MIM visit.



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Noteworthy

New Concerts Just Announced

The following concerts will go on sale this week: **Tom Paxton and the Don Juans** on Thursday, March 30; **Germán López Flamenco and Music from the Canary Islands** on Friday, March 31; **Amy White and Al Petteway** on Friday, April 7; and **Lizz Wright** on Monday, May 1. Tickets will go on sale to [Circle of Friends](#) members starting at noon on Tuesday, February 28, and can be purchased in person, by phone, or through MIM's [member portal](#). Tickets will go on sale to the public starting at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 2, when they can be purchased in person at MIM, by calling 480.478.6000, or online at [MIM.org](#). *Circle of Friends* members who give \$500+ annually are eligible for 10 percent off concert tickets.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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[Martha Redbone](#)

Friday, March 3
7:30 p.m.

\$33.50–\$45.50

Powerful blues and soul singer Martha Redbone explores the music of Appalachia in her latest roots project.



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[MIMkids Mini Music Makers](#)

Saturday, March 4
9:30–11:45 a.m.

\$12 each or 4 for \$40

Introduce your child to the wide and wonderful world of music through MIM's early childhood music-and-movement courses. This session's classes will focus on European sounds.



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[Noam Pikelny](#)

Opening Act: TBA
Saturday, March 4
7:30 p.m.

\$28.50–\$35.50

Founding member of Punch Brothers, Noam Pikelny is hailed by the *Chicago Tribune* as the "pros' top banjo picker."



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