

Press Release – Day of Percussion at Lehman College on March 29  
March 12, 2018

“Day of Percussion” 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Recital and Music Workshops on March 29 at Lehman College

Bronx, NY – The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the “Day of Percussion,” an annual joint recital with the Lehman College Percussion Ensemble and the Royal Irish Academy of Music Percussion Ensemble, will take place on Thursday, March 29, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the Music Building on the Lehman College campus. Each group will present several works, and then the two groups will perform together for the finale. Jérôme Goldschmidt, an award-winning percussionist with an international résumé, will be a guest performer.

Following the recital there will be two workshops / master classes: a drum set clinic at 3:30 p.m. led by Joe McCarthy, a Latin Grammy award winner and leader of the Afro Bop Alliance Big Band; and a multimedia jazz production and performance at 4:30 p.m. by vibraphonist-percussionist Allan Molnar, lecturer at Lehman College, director of the Lehman College Jazz Band and executive and artistic director of the Johnny Pacheco Latin Music and Jazz Festival at Lehman College.

“Day of Percussion,” which is open to the public with free admission, is being presented by Lehman College’s Department of Music, Multimedia, Theatre, and Dance.

Twenty years ago, Richard O’Donnell, a faculty member at the Royal Irish Academy of Music (RIAM), started bringing students to New York to play with students in classes being taught by Morris “Arnie” Lang at Brooklyn College and later at Lehman. (O’Donnell studied with Lang back in the 1980s.) Prof. Victor Rendón, director of the Lehman Percussion Ensemble and founding co-director of Lehman Latin Jazz Ensemble, has continued to organize the annual CUNY-RIAM collaboration since Lang’s retirement.

Lehman College of The City University of New York is located at Goulden Avenue and Bedford Park Boulevard in the northwest Bronx. The campus is accessible by public transportation (bus as well as the #4 and “D” subway lines.) Attended parking is also available.

For more information, contact the Lehman College’s Department of Music, Multimedia, Theatre, and Dance by calling 718-960-8247, emailing [music.department@lehman.cuny.edu](mailto:music.department@lehman.cuny.edu), or visiting [lehman.edu/music](http://lehman.edu/music).

**Who:** The Lehman College Percussion Ensemble and the Royal Irish Academy of Music Percussion Ensemble with guest performer Jérôme Goldschmidt, plus workshop leaders Richard O’Donnell and Allan Molnar

**What:** The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the “Day of Percussion”—free recital and musical workshops

**When:** THURSDAY, MARCH 29 at 2:00 p.m.; workshops begin at 3:30 p.m.

**Where:** Herbert H. Lehman College  
Music Building, Hearth Room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

250 Bedford Park Boulevard West  
Bronx, NY 10468

*Note: For directions and an up-to-date view of the Lehman campus, here is a [link to a map](#).*