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The Smith Center at  
**OHLONE COLLEGE**



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**THE SMITH CENTER** and **OHLONE COLLEGE** welcome you to another season of performances with some of the most well-known and highly talented group of professionals that we have yet offered on our three stages. This season we have:

**BARRY HENLEY**, a multi-talented professional actor whose credentials include many of the most popular television comedies and dramas, with an impressive resume that also extends across multiple films and theater productions. Henley's performance will include vignettes from his award-winning play, *Jungle Bells*, and will review the history of black theater, television and film artists and performers in America.



Making a return visit to the Smith Center this season is **SWEET CAN CIRCUS**. If you've ever seen them, you know that a "circus act" is an inadequate description for this eclectic ensemble. They are so much more. Sweet Can blends aspects of dance and drama, interweaving classic circus feats that will leave the audience breathless with surprise.



Speaking of breathless, the fast-paced improv comedy of **COMEDYSPORTZ** leaves you gasping with laughter. The longest running show in the South Bay, there's a reason their audiences keep coming back — this group is just plain funny! With humor geared for all audiences, you can bring the whole family and have a great time.



We have two great musical events featured as well,

the **SPANISH BRASS**, exploring the possibilities of the brass quintet repertoire, from Bach to Dixieland, **PAUL POSNAK**, a classically trained pianist who is equally comfortable in the jazz tradition and has transcribed note for note the playing of piano greats Fats Waller and George Gershwin. **IT WILL BE A FABULOUS SEASON.**

*We hope you will join us!*



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# 2011 2012 Calendar

## Smith Center Presents! **COMEDY SPORTZ**

**Improv Comedy**  
**SEP 9** Fri at 8pm  
SMITH CENTER AMPHITHEATRE

Not comedy about sports, but comedy as a sport! Clean, fast and fun improv comedy for all audiences. ComedySportz is the award-winning interactive comedy show where two teams of "act-letes" compete for audience laughs and points while improvising scenes, games and musicals based on audience suggestions.

**Named Editor's Choice by *The Wave Magazine*, and Best Local Theatre and Best Comedy by *Metro Magazine***

**Bliss Dance Company**  
**SEP 16-17** Fri-Sat at 8pm  
SMITH CENTER AMPHITHEATRE



**Fremont Symphony**  
**From the New World**  
**SEP 24** Sat at 8pm

Copland's *A Lincoln Portrait* narrated by award-winning actor **Aldo Billingslea**; Dvorak's *New World Symphony*; Tchaikovsky's *Piano Concerto No. 1* with soloist **Iris Hsu**, 2011 Young Artist Winner.

**Ohlone Wind Orchestra**  
**OCT 9** Sun at 2pm

**Mission Peak Brass Band**  
**OCT 14** Fri at 8pm

Smith Center Presents!  
**SPANISH BRASS**  
**Luur Metals**  
**OCT 15** Sat at 8pm

Founded in 1989, five Spanish musicians created Spanish Brass—one of the most lively and innovative musical projects on the international scene—quickly gained world renown for its unsurpassed performances, eclectic repertoire, engaging educational activities, and creative collaborations.

**Ohlone Community Band**  
**OCT 26** Wed at 7pm

**Servant of Two Masters**  
**A Classic Italian Comedy**  
by Carlo Goldoni  
Ohlone Fall Theatre Production  
**NOV 4-5** Fri-Sat at 8pm  
**NOV 10-12, 17-19** Thu-Sat at 8pm  
NUMMI STUDIO THEATRE

Prepare for high spirits, fast-paced comedy and preposterous situations as Truffaldino, the deceptively zany servant serves first one, then another master, outwitting them all! As ridiculously hilarious today as he was 250 years ago at the height of the Italian farcical tradition of *commedia dell'arte*, Truffaldino prevaricates his way through one narrowly averted disaster after another, all for the sake of filling his poor belly!



The Nutcracker  
DEC 3-4, 16-18



StarStruck Theatre  
JAN 6-22



Paul Poznak  
FEB 11



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### Ohlone Community Chorale

**DEC 3** Sat at 3pm  
CENTERVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, FREMONT



### Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Fremont Symphony

**DEC 3** Sat at 2pm & 7pm  
**DEC 4** Sun at 2pm

...A family tradition, with choreography by **Yoko Young** and dancers from Yoko's Dance & Performing Arts Academy, this beloved classic is the perfect way to celebrate the beginning of the holiday season!

### Winter Dance Showcase

**DEC 2-3** Fri-Sat at 8pm  
**DEC 4** Sun at 3pm  
NUMMI STUDIO THEATRE

### Ohlone Jazz/Rock Combos

**DEC 9** Fri at 7:30pm

### Christmas Extravaganza:

Ohlone Wind Orchestra  
Mission Peak Brass Band  
Ohlone Community Band  
Ohlone Tuba Ensemble

**DEC 10** Sat at 2pm

### Berkeley City Ballet: Nutcracker

**DEC 16** Fri at 7:30pm  
**DEC 17** Sat at 1pm & 5pm  
**DEC 18** Sun at 1pm & 5pm

### Christmas at the Mission Ohlone Chamber Singers

**DEC 17** Sat at 8pm  
**DEC 18** Sun at 4pm  
OLD MISSION SAN JOSÉ, FREMONT



StarStruck Theatre:  
**The Adventures of Tom Sawyer**  
**JAN 6-22, 2012**

Broadway's musical adaptation of Mark Twain's classic American story—the irresistible story of growing up in America's Heartland.

### Smith Center Presents! BARRY "SHABAKA" HENLEY

Actor, Writer, Director, and Historian  
**FEB 10** Fri at 8pm

Dramatic and imposing, Henley has a distinguished career in television and film, equally skilled at comedy and drama. His television appearances include Law and Order SVU, Grey's Anatomy, Heroes and Numb3rs, roles in films such as State of Play, Collateral, Four Brothers and Miami Vice, and theatre performances including Waiting for Godot and Richard II.

Henley's performance will take us through the history of black artists in stage and cinema beginning in New York in the 1820s, through the 1960s black arts movement, to today's black artists in contemporary theater and film, and will include excerpts from his internationally acclaimed play Jungle Bells.

### Smith Center Presents! PAUL POSNAK

Classical & Jazz Piano  
**FEB 11** Sat at 8pm

Posnak's distinguished career as a concert pianist and recording artist in both classical and jazz has brought him international recognition. He earned a doctoral degree from the Juilliard School and won the Loeb prize, Juilliard's highest award. He has toured with some of the world's leading performers, such as Luciano Pavarotti, and performed in some of the finest venues.

"Brilliant, exultant...a keyboard virtuoso."  
*Die Westdeutsche Allgemeine*

"Posnak is a unique master of the piano, no matter which style he plays."  
*The Charlotte Sun-Herald*



The Lafayette String Quartet celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> season with all four original members

### Fremont Symphony presents Lafayette String Quartet

**FEB 25** Sat at 8pm

Brahms' String Quartet No. 1 in C minor;  
Mozart's String Quartet No. 16 in E-flat Major; Hugo Wolf's *Italian Serenade*

"Splendid, powerful and riveting in every way." *The New York Times*



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Smith Center Presents!  
**SWEET CAN**

Circus-based Performance  
**MAR 3** Sat at 8pm

Sweet Can performs amazing circus feats in the midst of an everyday world, telling a magical story that draws us in, transforming life into art, and creating a world where anything can happen.

Dangling in the air by a silken thread or balancing on one hand, Sweet Can reveals the magic in the mundane, propelled by the infectious musical concoctions of composer EO, they force us to take an honest look at the limitations and possibilities or our own imaginations.

**"These performers apply physical challenge and emotional complexity to the simplest of tasks, while conjuring effortless grace during the nearly impossible." SF Weekly**

**Student Repertory Theatre**

One Act Plays, Bill I  
**MAR 7-9** Wed-Fri at 8pm  
NUMMI STUDIO THEATRE

**Mission Peak Brass Band**

**MAR 9** Fri at 8pm

**Ohlone Chamber Singers**

**MAR 10** Sat at 8pm

**Ohlone Wind Orchestra**

**MAR 11** Sun at 2pm

**Ohlone Community Band**

**MAR 14** Wed at 7:30pm

**Annual Dance Production**  
**APR 26-28** Thu-Sat at 8pm

**Student Repertory Theatre**  
One Act Plays, Bill II

**MAY 3-5** Thu-Sat at 8pm  
NUMMI STUDIO THEATRE

**Mission Peak Brass Band**  
**MAY 4** Fri at 8pm

**Ohlone Wind Orchestra**  
**MAY 6** Sun at 2pm

**Ohlone Symphony Orchestra**  
**MAY 6** Sun at 5pm

**Ohlone Community Band**  
**MAY 9** Wed at 7:30pm

**Ohlone Community Choral**  
**MAY 11** Fri at 7:30pm  
CENTERVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
FREMONT

**Ohlone Jazz/Rock Combos**  
**MAY 11** Fri at 7:30pm

**Fremont Symphony**  
**Hooray for Hollywood!**  
**MAY 12** Sat at 8pm

Selections from classic films such as *Snow White*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Gone with the Wind*, and *Dr. Zhivago*; a tribute to John Williams; plus a silent Chaplin short with orchestral score.

**HOLLYWOOD**

Tickets

The Smith Center continues to provide high quality artists to the community at affordable prices.

[www.smithcenter.com](http://www.smithcenter.com)

Performance:	GENERAL	SENIORS	YOUTH (under 12)
Smith Center Presents!	\$20	\$18	\$18
Theatre & Dance Department*	\$15	\$12	\$10
Music Department*	\$15	\$10	\$8

\*Some department ticket prices are lower

Parking Permit \$2

Events and ticket prices subject to change without notice.

All performances are in the Jackson Theatre unless otherwise noted.

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Friday & Saturday 12-5 pm,  
and one hour before all performances.  
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**Fremont Symphony Orchestra**  
[www.fremontsymphony.org](http://www.fremontsymphony.org)  
or call the Smith Center Box Office  
at (510) 659-6031 and press 9

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