

THE BUTLER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MUSIC  
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**BUTLER UNIVERSITY  
PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE**

Jon Crabiel, *director*

**Wednesday, April 23, 2025**

**7:30 P.M.**

**Schrott Center for the Arts**

## PROGRAM

### ***Rube Goldberg Variations (2016)***

Tom Monda, from *Thank You Scientist*  
arr. Hector Gil

### ***second thoughts (2012)***

evan chapman

Robbie Butler, Sean Lawlor, CJ McConnell, Tori Thompson

### ***Golden Variations***

Rob Funkhouser

### ***Petite Suite***

Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

arr. Luca Staffelbach

transcribed Luke Crabiel

IV. Ballet

Mike Ellis and Ella Sailer, *marimba*

Luke Crabiel, *vibraphone*

### ***Not Far from Here (2013)***

Blake Tyson (b. 1969)

Robbie Butler, Luke Crabiel, Ivan Gooch, Derek Johnstone

Sean Lawlor, CJ McConnell, Matthew Molloy, Matthew Rhoad

Ella Sailer, Tori Thompson

### ***Home Trilogy (2015)***

Michael Burritt (b. 1962)

2. White Pines

Ella Sailer, *marimba*

Robbie Butler, Sean Lawlor, CJ McConnell, Tori Thompson, *percussion*

***The First Circle (1984)***

Pat Metheny (b. 1954)

Lyle Mays (1953-2020)

arr. Steve McDonald/Mike Kingan

Luke Crabel and Ella Sailer, *vibraphone soloists*

Alyssa Kuphal, *voice*

***Africa (1982)***

David Paich (b. 1954)

Jeff Porcaro (1954-1992), from *Toto*

arr. Jon Crabel

*featuring SPECIAL guests: Butler University Percussion Alums  
Go Dawgs!*

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Robbie Butler, *Noblesville, IN*

Luke Crabel, *Indianapolis, IN*

Ivan Gooch, *Greenwood, IN*

Haley Harper, *Indianapolis, IN*

Emery Hatmaker, *Franklin, IN*

Derek Johnstone, *Greenwood, IN*

Alyssa Kuphal, *South Elgin, IL*

Sean Lawlor, *Avon, OH*

Matthew Molloy, *Indianapolis, IN*

CJ McConnell, *Westfield, IN*

Matthew Rhoad, *Fishers, IN*

Ella Sailer, *Carmel, IN*

Tori Thompson, *Monroe City, IN*

Olivia Trlak, *Morristown, IN*

## ABOUT THE ARTIST

### JON CRABIEL

Jon Crabiel is Percussion Artist-in-Residence at Butler University's Jordan College of the Arts in Indianapolis, IN. At Butler University, Jon serves as coordinator of percussion studies, conducts the percussion ensembles, and teaches courses in percussion literature, pedagogy, and world drumming. In addition, Jon serves as director and founder of the Butler Percussion Camp held every June at Butler University.

In 2017, Jon took a one-year leave of absence from Butler to perform and serve as Acting Assistant Principal Timpani and Percussion with the National Symphony Orchestra for the 2017-18 season in Washington, D.C. Jon is first-call extra percussion with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, and has performed with the National Symphony Orchestra, Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra, Ft. Wayne Philharmonic, Empire Brass, Ronen Chamber Ensemble, Dance Kaleidoscope, and national Broadway tour companies. He has served as Principal Timpani at the Bear Valley Music Festival and toured with the River City Brass Band. In addition to classical music, Jon is equally versed in rock, pop, jazz, Latin American and Brazilian percussion, and drumset. He is a member of The Icarus Ensemble, an eclectic five-piece jazz group made up of members of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. The Icarus Ensemble has performed with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra in concert as guest artists at the Hilbert Circle Theatre and released their first self-titled CD, "The Icarus Ensemble," in 2015.

Jon studied as an Artist Diploma candidate at Carnegie Mellon University and received both his Bachelor of Music and Master of Arts degrees from Eastern Illinois University. His past teachers include Timothy Adams Jr., Professor Johnny Lee Lane, and Richard Paul. In 2014, Jon received the Outstanding Graduate Alumni Award from Eastern Illinois University.

An active performer, clinician, and educator throughout the Midwest, Jon serves annually as percussion coach of the Honor Orchestra of America and masterclass clinician for the Music For All National Concert Festival. He has served on the faculties of the United States Percussion Camp, MidWest Percussion Camp, Las Vegas Percussion Camp, Great Lakes Music Camp, and Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp.

He has presented clinics for the Percussive Arts Society, Indiana Music Educators Association, and Indiana Percussion Association. Jon is an active and in-demand studio musician for commercial recording sessions and has had solo performances with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra (with The Icarus Ensemble), Lafayette Symphony Orchestra, Percussive Arts Society International Convention, Midwest Band and Orchestra International Conference, and the Indiana Music Educators Association Convention.

Jon's students have received numerous Butler University Concerto Competition honors and awards, and his former students are currently performing with major symphony orchestras, touring nationally and internationally with Broadway shows, and teaching at universities throughout North America. Jon is a Yamaha Performing Artist and endorses Yamaha Drums and Percussion, Vic Firth Drumsticks and Mallets, Remo Drumheads, and Zildjian Cymbals.

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