Portland Ovations Scholars/Artists Talks

Join Portland Ovations and a host of scholars and artists as we explore the rich themes and artistry behind Ovations' musical performances this season. All talks take place at the performance venue. Tickets to the performance are not required to attend these talks, but OLLI members receive 10% off tickets with the code, **OLLI** (please note that the code must be applied before adding tickets to the cart).

Les Ballets Africains

Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at Merrill Auditorium

- Panel conversation with Guinean master dance artists and musicians living and working in Maine
- 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. in the Merrill Auditorium Rehearsal Hall

Natalie MacMaster & Donnell Leahy and The Celtic All Stars

Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at Merrill Auditorium

- Lecture with Ed Pearlman and Laura Scott
- 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the Merrill Auditorium Rehearsal Hall

Sophia Liu, piano

Sunday, April 12, 2026, at Hannaford Hall

- Lecture with George Lopez
- 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. at Hannaford Hall

The Academy of St. Martin in the Fields Wind Ensemble

Tues, April 21, 2026, at Merrill Auditorium

- Lecture with George Lopez
- 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the Merrill Auditorium Rehearsal Hall

Chucho Valdes Royal Quartet

Sunday, May 3, 2026, at Merrill Auditorium

- Lecture with Michele Reid-Vazquez
- 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the Merrill Auditorium Rehearsal Hall