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-Olivier Messiaen: Quartet for the End of Time: Amici

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by Allan Pulker Welcome to our seventh season.

Peter Sandor

It is a problem as old as music, the relationship of music to money.

At times the church has paid the bills, at times an aristocracy. Sometimes philanthropy shines, or government, or arts councils. At the best of times these various means of paying the bills have worked well enough to maintain access to live music for those who can't afford expensive concert tickets, and to keep musical education in the lives of all our children.

These are no longer, I think, the very best of times. Not the best time to lose, as Toronto music has, an inspiring friend.

Peter Sandor, who died this past April, was founder and president of the Mozart Society of Toronto and benefactor of numerous musical events and artists. He understood the value of music to the community of which he was such a vigorous part. His influence will, of course, continue to be felt because of the money he has left to arts organizations, but the vital, personal interest and commitment that were part of who he was will be missed.

Sept 25, the Mozart Society hosts a celebration of his life and his contribution to the musical life of the city. Among the performers will be two singers to whom the Mozart Society gave opportunities before they were as celebrated as they are now - Monica Whicher and Isabel Bayrakdarian.

York University's Dacary Hall is catapulted to the forefront of concert venues this month with the appearance there on Sept 30 of the illustrious pianist, Naum Shtarkman, in recital. Not so well known here, probably because he was "grounded" for many years by the Soviet government, Shtarkman was the last student of the legendary Moscow Conservatory teacher, K. Igumnov and a prize winner at the Fifth International Chopin Competition in Warsaw in 1955 and the First Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow in 1958 (the one in which Van Cliburn won first prize). This is a unique opportunity.

Speaking of competition winners, on Saturday, September 22, there will be a recital at the Glenn Gould Studio by Estonian pianist, Marko Martin, the second prize winner of last year's Esther Honens International Piano Competition and Ukrainian violinist, Andrei Bielov, second prize winner of the Hannover International Violin Competition. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to hear these young "stars" early in their careers.

TSO mysteries. The Toronto Symphony Orchestra begins its regular season on September 20 under the baton of guest conductor and former TSO Music Director, Gunther Herbig. There are some who say that under the leadership of Maestro Herbig the TS musicians played more like virtuosi than ever before or since. Can Herbig do it as a guest conductor? Head down to Roy Thomson Hall on Sept 20 or 22 to find out. There's another

mystery associated with that performance too -- a mystery work. No name or composer will be announced till after the run of performances, when the TSO will reveal the answer on their website. Sounds like fun for all us wannabe musicologists. And, who knows, maybe the daily press's three distinguished critics will risk their scholarly reputations and add to the fun by putting their guesses in

Armenian. Sept 16 Toronto's own stratospheric soprano, Isabel Bayrakdarian will be part of a performance at the Toronto Centre for the Arts of Armenian liturgical music under the direction of Raffi Armenian. Maestro Armenian's own words probably tell us all we need to know about this performance: "Isabel is very involved in the Armenian Church [and]...very much in the religious world. ... for Armenians the church has been somehow the root of our survival....such a concert tells people that this faith is still alive." Tickets are going fast.

My colleagues' contributions to Concert Notes show, as always, the scope of the music scene, even in the season's quiet first month. And so, another chapter begins. Dive in and enjoy.

Next month's WholeNote offers you a much more panoramic view of the musical riches that await us in 2001-2002, in our special "PROFILES" supplement, in which all of Toronto's concert producers, large and small, have the opportunity to tell the story of their upcoming season in their own words.

by Frank Nakashima Given the relative paucity of concerts in September, Early Music is off to a flying start.

The wonderful lunch hour series Music Mondays at the Church of the Holy Trinity near the Eaton Centre presents, among many kinds of music, these early music offerings: I Furiosi Baroque Ensemble (Sept 3), and the a cappella vocal quartet Voyces Past (Sept 10). This is their 10th anniversary season of pay-what-you-can presentations.

The Toronto Early Music Players Organization (TEMPO) workshop (Sept 9), features treasures from Scotland and Norway, led by historical clarinet specialist Colin Savage. Co-founder of Baroque Music Beside the Grange Colin also performs on modern clarinet with the Mississauga Symphony. Workshops begin promptly at 1:30pm and end at 4pm. Individual workshops are \$20; annual dues, which include most Sunday workshops, are \$60. Recorders, Violas da gamba, and other early instruments welcome! See Etcetera File, p. 28 for further details.

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	Beverley Johnston, percussionist	Nov. 27	Toronto String Quartet
Nov. 22	Kodaly Quartet	Jan. 15	Toronto String Quartet with
Dec. 20	Tokyo Quartet		guest artists Sadao Harada, cellist
Feb. 7	Avalon Quartet		and Yizhak Schotten, violist
Feb. 28	Emerson Quartet	Feb. 12	Gryphon Trio
Mar. 21	Arditti Quartet	May 7	Gryphon Trio with narrator
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Sleep Wayward Thoughts (Sept 22) is a concert of songs and lute solos by Musicians in Ordinary (soprano Hallie Fishel and lutenist John Edwards) on a favourite Elizabethan subject — sleep! (something you will certainly not want to do during this program at Church of the Redeemer (Avenue Road and Bloor). For more information, call (416) 603-4950, or e-mail: MusInOrd@aol.com

September 27 brings a rare (and free) opportunity to hear the Early Music Ensembles in the Historical Performance department of the U. of T. Faculty of Music. And September 30 is your chance to hear very fine Baroque (although not on period instruments) in the Mooredale Concerts Antonio Vivaldi in Venice. The concert features Scott St. John, Erika Raum and Etsuko Kimura, violins.

Zéphyr, Vent de L'Amour (September 30, October 2 and 3 at the Jane Mallett Theatre) features the choreography of



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Colin Ainsworth, music by
Rameau and Gluck and the debut
of a new period orchestra Ensemble Les Muses Réunies directed by Michael Feldman.

And dance OREMUS danse also presents the stellar Montreal harpsichordist Geneviève Soly (reviewed in our CD section this month) in a solo recital (October 1) entitled "Les Grandes Suites," in which she performs suites by Handel, Bach and lesser-known-but-equally-accomplished, Graupner. Visit www.danceoremusdanse.org.

Finally, Bach devotees will definitely enjoy the **Arbor Oak Trio**'s musical tribute (October 3) in the intimate setting of the Upper Library, Massey College.

Details of concerts mentioned here can be found in our comprehensive concert listings, commencing on page 22.

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3. CHORAL SCENE

by Larry Beckwith



Spine-tingling harmonies --Darbazis K'alebi: Andrea Kuzmich, Bie Engelen, Sam Hirst & Becca Whitla

The day after Labour Day fast approaches and choirs across the city will be returning and dusting off the vocal cords for another year of communal music-making. September is usually a slow month in terms of choral concerts, but there are a few highlights that fans of the choral art won't want to miss.

The Music Mondays series at the Church of the Holy Trinity features two unusual vocal ensembles this month. On Sept 10, the Renaissance women's group Voyces Past appears. This is a group of singers whose members met in high school and have been performing together for many years. Their repertoire features arrangements of sacred and secular music from the 17th century and earlier. And later in the month (Sept 24) is a concert I wrote about in my last column, by Becca Whitla and Darbazis K'alebi, singing music for

women's voices from the Georgian Republic.

The following day also at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Critical Mass begins its 2001-2002 season with a performance at 12:10 of the Missa de Beata Virgine by Josquin des Prez. All proceeds will go to the Out of the Cold program.

On Sept 25, the Mozart Society of Toronto's tribute to the life of Peter Sandor will feature sopranos Monica Whicher and Isabel Bayrakdarian along with a choir put together by David Fallis.

And on Sept 29 the Ontario Youth Choir gives its annual concert in Toronto at

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Orlando Gibbons, Leonard
Bernstein and Sergei
Rachmaninoff.

Looking ahead, some of the plans for the 2002 Joy of Singing choral festival have already been made public. At a press conference in August to announce the upcoming Roy Thomson/Massey Hall season, Nicholas Goldschmidt took to the podium to outline eight concerts that will take place at Massey Hall during

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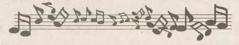
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Next month, the season's choral picture becomes much clearer in WholeNote's annual MEMBER PROFILES supplement. Choirs take note. The deadline to participate is September 10.

As always, I'm available at dunnbeckwith@sympatico.ca if you have questions or comments.

New Music by Paul Steenhuisen

With the summer comes a break from the plethora of new music events in Toronto, the virtual cessation of weekly (or more) gatherings of familiar faces at concerts. So the summer season becomes a time of uninterrupted concentration for composers, engaged in writing the new pieces that will now be premiered throughout the coming season.

I love hearing new work. Witnessing recent pieces, we are involved in a beautiful kind of unfiltered hearing. As our own time passes into history, its works will become "representative", so it is only here and now, in the moment, that the number of pieces and types we hear is at its most varied - less filtered, unbridled and wilder. I appreciate this opportunity to witness. I am freer to like a work or not, less constrained to conform to a



Pianist Eve Egoyan, St George the Martyr, September 29

refined and clear view the way a retrospective musicological definition of the zeitgeist eventually will. There is always more out there in the moment worth hearing than history will tell.

ARRAYMUSIC celebrates the life of former Artistic Director Michael J. Baker, at the Music Gallery's new home, St. Georgethe-Martyr Church, on Sunday Sept 16, the first anniversary of his passing. Performing music he Flowers, based on the poems by wrote specifically for the ensemble, the concert also features the launch of " In Paradisum: The Music of Michael J. Baker", a new Artifact vibration. Arnold's Rat-Drifting Music CD consisting of the music he composed for choreographer James Kudelka. Following the concert, the evening continues just down the road at The Rivoli (Side Bar). The concert will include Animated Shorts 1 & 2 (1984), La vie de bohème (1993), red brick (1991), The Waldo (1989), Twins (1992), and Columbus (1988). Of The Waldo, a virtuosic marimba solo written for Rick Sacks, Baker wrote: "The marimba player uses the instrument to trigger far-away electronic events that subtly shadow the music he is playing. Mr. Sacks, who is an avid science fiction fan, suggested the title after a story by Robert Heinlein. Because of this story, the term 'waldo' is now commonly used to describe a mechanical extension of the human

Twins, and red brick are from Baker's multidisciplinary work Big Pictures, which "dwells in the realm of the possible — the understanding of possibilities... becoming an artist, or making a work of art. It is therefore about the process of transforming images or patterns from the familiar to the poetic."

On Sept 29, Eve Egoyan also performs at St. George-theMartyr; new pieces by Allison Cameron, Stephen Parkinson, Martin Arnold (Rat-Drifting), John Abram (Carnival Evenings), and Rudolph Komorous (The Chinese Box), and Linda C. Smith's "Bloom", which Egoyan evocatively described as "the essence of a piece - fragrant, wafting, transparent". Bloom was written for composer Udo Kasemets following the performance of his extensive work 80 Louis Zukofsky, and also refers to listening to the resonance of chords when played on the piano - the bloom of the strings' takes its name from the colloquial term "rat-running", the practice of driving through residential side streets to avoid congested main roads. For Arnold, it's "a happy metaphor for a kind of musicmaking: it has all that off-thebeaten-track stuff going for it but, more significantly, it suggests taking an activity to a place where it isn't intended, using something in a way it isn't meant for, unintentionally disturbing someplace comfortable".

Last, I draw your attention to four other concerts: R. Murray Schafer's Palace of the Cinnabar Phoenix (see my interview with Schafer on page

the St. Lawrence String Quartet's performance of Miracles in Mud by Jonathan Berger, a faculty member at Stanford University, October 4, at the Faculty of Music and later that day in a Music Toronto concert in the Jane Mallet Theatre; the Sept 15 TSO/Toronto Film Festival's Dracula: Nosferatu silent film presentation with liveto-picture orchestral performance; and, Sept 22, Earshot's Sleight of Hand, featuring new works for piano by Denning, Farah, Good, Hannah & Matey, performed by John Farah, piano.



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by Jim Galloway

September Song

Generally in WholeNote we look relentlessly ahead at coming events, but this is a quick look back - to August 20 when The Top O' The Senator was filled with friends, fans, and admirers of Rob McConnell.

Rob is on the recovery road from another bout of ill health - he has not enjoyed the best of it over the past few years. The evening was an outpouring of good will for a musician who has made a huge contribution to the Canadian music scene as well as helping to put Canada on the international map.

Rob's Tentet, minus Rob, was on hand as well as Tenor Madness. Rob's contribution, typical McConnell dry wit, was one chorus of "Everything Happens To Me". Best wishes, Rob, for a full recovery and many more years of your music.

Guelph

Club activity heats up as the weather cools. However, we are not quite finished with festival fever because one of the big happenings this month takes place Wed Sept 5 to Sun Sept 9. The eighth annual Guelph Jazz Festival unfolds. Over the years this event has become a major part of the calendar and it is the place to be this month for contemporary creative music.

A formidable array has been booked in a healthy mix of international and Canadian artists. Of particular interest is the appearance of pianist Andrew Hill, awarded last year the Critics' Choice Award by the Jazz Journalist Association. Multi-instrumentalist, Joe McPhee is another strong presence and I also like the pairing of guitarists Bill Frisell and Kevin Breit, and Breit with percussionist Cyro Baptista.

Congratulations to the organisers for the foresight and imagination to put together such a challenging event. The full lineup can be found under "Further Afield" on pages 26-27 of our Concert Listings. The festival also includes a range of colloquium/forum-type activity which can be found on their website at www.uoguelph.ca/ ~ jazzfest.

For jazz as for other genres, Toronto is one of the major markets in North America, which means that we are "on the circuit" for the big name acts which come and play concert halls. And a good thing, too; but it is the week to week activity in clubs and smaller concert venues which makes this a "jazz town".

This month is a perfect case in point. There's not much in the large concert halls, but that does not mean any shortage of good music in the smaller "lifeblood" venues, ranging from churches to neighbourhood bars.

Two clubs, The Montreal Bistro and Top O' The Senator regularly feature a blend of out of town guests, mainly from the States, and local musicians, while

the others, most notably The Rex, give much needed prominence to mainly Toronto musicians. (Compare this to the lull which falls over Montreal as soon as the jazz festival is over; you could fire a cannon without hitting a high note!)

This month alone, in clubs, you can enjoy a wide spectrum of jazz ranging from The Hot Five Jazzmakers at C'Est What on a Saturday afternoon to Kenny Wheeler at The Montreal Bistro, Benny Green at the Top O' The Senator or Hugh Fraser at The Rex. And the season's just beginning. (A little plug for your humble scribe; I'll be at the Bistro for the week of Sept 25 with ace clarinet player, Allan

Here's GALLOWAY'S OUICK CRUISE through the month's local scene

Sept 01 Jazz.FM. Doug Watson 5. See concert listings.

Sept 01 - Rex -- David Ryshpan, Hugh Fraser 5 Sept 01 - Rhodes Club - Norman Amadio, Arlene Smith & Bob Price Trio

Sept 02 - Rex - Josh Brown 3, Jay Boehmer 3 Sept 03 - Rex - Carey West & "Monday's

Millionaires, Lina Allemano "4" Sept 04 - Montreal Bistro - Dave Young 5

Sept 05 - Rex - Chris Gale 4, Thyron L. Whyte 5 Sept 05 - Rhodes Club - Mark Zaret & Pat Collins

Sept 06 - Rex - Kevin Quain's

"Palookaville Glee Club" Sept 06 - Rhodes Club - Fred Duligal & Ian Bargh-Sept 07 - Rex - Melissa Stylianou 3o, Bob George & Chris Robinson 4

Sept 07 - Rhodes Club - Gary Benson & Pat Collins Sept 07 - McMaster University School of the Arts

Salome Bey. See Further Afield, page 26 Sept 08 - Jazz.FM. Danny Marks Combo

featuring Josh Toal. See Concert Listings Sept 08 - Rex - Laura Hubert 6, solo piano

t.b.a., Chris McCann 4 Sept 08 - Rhodes Club - San Murata, Neville

Barnes, & Lenny Boyd 3 Sept 09 - Rex -Ken Aldcroft 3; Chris McCann 4

Sept 10 · Montreal Bistro · Moe Koffman Memorial Jazz Scholarship Fund Raising Concert Sept 10 - Rex - Carey West & "Monday's

Millionaires", Lina Allemano "4" Sept 11-15 - Montreal Bistro - "D.E.W. East" and Reg Schwager

Sept 11-16 - Top O' The Senator - Bonnie Brett & Melissa Stylianou's 'Bosom Buddies'

Sept 11 - Rex - "Swing Street", Classic Rex Jam

Sept 12 · Rex · Chris Gale Quartet, Tim Shia's "Love Orchestra"

Sept 12 - Rhodes Club - Ian Bargh & Frank Wright Sept 13 - Rex - Kevin Quain's "Palookaville Glee

Club", "Ted's Warren Commission" Sept 13 - Rhodes Club - Danny McErlain & Laurie Bower

Sept 14 - Rex - Melissa Stylianou Trio, "Ted's Warren Commission"

Sep 14 - Rhodes Club - Roy Patterson, Jim Vivian 2 Sept 15 - Jazz.FM - Paul Grosney.

See Concert Listings.

Sept 15 - Rex - Maureen Kennedy 3, solo piano tba, "Jake & The Blue Midnights" Sept 16 · Christ Church Deer Park - Jazz Vespers: Earl Seymour Memorial Saxophone Quartet.

See Concert Listings. Sept 16 - Rex - Rob McBride 3, John Pelosi & "The Code"

Sept 17 - Montreal Bistro - Liz Tansey 4 Sept 17 - Rex - Carey West & "Monday's Millionaires", Lina Allemano "4"

Sept 18-22 · Montreal Bistro · Kenny Wheeler 4 et Sept 18 - Rex - "Swing Street", Classic Rex Jam Sept 19 - Rex - Chris Gale 4, "Swing Street"

with special guest Kelly Jefferson Sept 20 - Top O' Senator - Susie Arioli Swing Band Sept 20 - Rex - Kevin Quain's "Palookaville Glee

Club", "Rhythm & Truth Brass Band" Sept 21 - Top O' Senator - Johanne Blouin

Sept 21 - Rex - Melissa Stylianou 3, Kirk Macdonald & Pat LaBarbera's "Tribute to Coltrane" Sept 22 - Top O' Senator - Jeril Brown

Sept 22 - Rex - Nick Ali Trio, solo piano t.b.a., Macdonald & LaBarbera's "Tribute to Coltrane" Sept 22 - Acoustic Harvest - Chris & Ken Whiteley.

See Concert Listings. Sept 22 - Jazz.FM. Anna Romain. See Concert Listings.

Sept 23 - Top O' Senator - Quartango Sept 23 - Rex - Django

Sept 24 - Montreal Bistro - Priscilla Wright 4

Sept 24 - Rex - Carey West & "Monday's Millionaires", Lina Allemano "4"

Sept 25-29 - Montreal Bistro - Jim Galloway/ Allan Vache 5

Sept 25-30 - Top O'Senator - Benny Green solo Sept 25 - Rex - "Swing Street", Classic Rex Jam Sept 25-26 · Oakville Centre. Canadian Tribute to Glenn Miller. See Concert Notes.

Sept 26 - Rex - Chris Gale 4, Dan McCarth Sept 27 - Rex - Kevin Quain's "Palookaville Glee Club", Glen Hall 5

Sept 28 - Rex - Melissa Stylianou Trio, "Bosom Buddies"

Sept 29 - Rex -Laura Hubert 6, Jim Hillman's "Merlin Factor"

Sept 30 - Rex - Freeway Dixieland Septet, Jim Hillman's "Merlin Factor"

Sept 30 - Christ Church Deer Park. Jazz Vespers. George Koller, bass; Julie Michels, vocals. See Concert Listings.

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Time again for our annual list of bands in the Greater Toronto Area. I've done my best to verify the information presented hereall of the websites are active (though many are not up to date!) So some bands may find they have just their name and rehearsal night presented - we'll be happy to update your listing on our website if you get us the info (hint, hint!).

Here we go, by rehearsal day:

Monday

East York Concert Band

Conductor: Ernie Walker Contact: Ernie Walker (416) 266-1958 Rehearsals: 8pm at McGregor P.S.,

Coxwell & Mortimer, East York Instruments needed:

bassoon, baritone sax, clarinets

Markham Concert Band

Conductor: Diana Brault Contact: Diana Brault (416) 244-3745 Website/e-mail address:

http://www.mcb.on.ca Rehearsals: 7:30pm at Markham Community Centre, Hwys. 48 & 7, Markham Instruments needed: percussion, clarinet

North Toronto Symphonic Band Conductor: John McLauglin

Contact person: n/a Rehearsals: 7:30 pm at Lawrence Park C.I. Auditorium, 125 Chatsworth Dr. TO. Instruments needed: all

Scarborough Community Concert Band

Conductor: Tom Dowling Website: http://www.sccb.org Rehearsals: 7pm at Samuel Hearne P.S., near Danforth and Pharmacy Instruments needed: all

Tuesday

Brampton Concert Band

Conductor: Darryl Eaton Contact person: David Harmsworth 905-451-6389 (h) or 905-451-0174 (b) Rehearsals: Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. at 55a Queen St. E., Brampton (beside the library) Instruments needed: trombones, clarinets,

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Tuesday, continued

Festival Wind Orchestra

Conductor: Gennady Gefter Contact: Shelley Goodman (416) 491-1683 Website: http://www.

festivalwindorchestra.lovesmusic.com Rehearsals: 7:30 pm at Earl Haig S.S., room 163, 100 Princess Ave. North York

Instruments needed: percussion, oboe, low brass, low reeds, trumpets, clarinets

Newmarket Citzens Band

Conductor: Leslie Saville Contact person: n/a Website:

http://members.home.net/dbl-bass/ncb/ Rehearsals: 8pm at Lions Hall, Newmarket Instruments needed: all

Oakville Wind Orchestra

Conductor: Chris Arthurs Contact: Jacquie Holmborg (905) 338-8114 e-mail address:

jacquie.s.holmberg@can.dupont.com Rehearsals: 8pm at Iroquois Ridge S. S., Glenashton Rd., Oakville Instruments needed: tuba, clarinets, bassoon, euphonium, percussion

Pickering Concert Band

Conductor: Keith Bohlender Contact: John Chaplin (416) 290-6455 Website: www.concertband.ca Rehearsals: 7:30 pm at East Shore

Community Centre, Liverpool Rd., Pickering Instruments needed: percussion, clarinets,

Thornhill Community Band

Conductor: Bobby Herriot

Contact: Joan or Lawry Sax 416- 223-7152 e-mail address: 1st trumpet@msn.com Rehearsals: 7:30 pm at Westmount C.I.,

Bathurst & New Westminster, Vaughan Instruments needed: clarinets, bassoon, horns, percussion

Wednesday

Caledon Concert Band

Conductor: Rob Kinnear

Contact: Andrew Dunn (905) 857-7629 Website: www.adscorp.on.ca/CaledonBand Rehearsals: 7:30 pm at Christ Anglican

Church, 22 Nancy St., Bolton

Wednesday, continued



Instruments needed: clarinets, trombones flutes

Etobicoke Community Concert

Conductor: John Edward Liddle Contact person: Sue Kay (416) 233-1364 Website: www.interlog.com/ ~ eccb Rehearsals: 7:30 pm at Etobicoke C.I., 86 Montgomery Rd. Etobicoke Instruments needed: bass clarinet, bassoon

Hamilton Concert Band

Conductor: Bobby Herriot Contact person: n/a Rehearsals: Wednesdays, 7:30 at Emmanuel United Church, Upper Ottawa & Mohawk, Hamilton

Instruments needed: all

Mississauga Pops Concert Band Conductor: Denny Ringler

Contact: Allan Harris (905) 681-2047 Rehearsals: 7:30 pm at Eden United Church, NW corner of Winston Churchill &

Battleford, Mississauga Instruments needed: n/a

Thursday

Chinguacousy Concert Band Conductor: TBA

Contact: Al Bourque (905) 455-1917 e-mail: chinquacousy@sympatico.ca Rehearsals: 7:30 pm at Brampton Civic Centre, 150 Central Park Dr. Brampton Instruments needed: all

Clarington Concert Band

Conductor: Barrie Hodgins Contact: Janet Cringle (905) 987-1569 Rehearsals: Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. at Bowmanville Sr. P. S., 105 Queen St.,

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Bowmanville

North York Concert Band

Conductor: John Edward Liddle Contact: Barb Martin (416) 247-8287 e-mail address:

peter cheatley@compuserve.com Rehearsals: 8 pm. Venue TBA - call for info Instruments needed: clarinets, bassoon, flutes Swansea

Community Concert Band Conductor: Frank Evans

Contact: Michelle Springer 416-967-5907 e-mail address:

michellespring68@hotmail.com Rehearsals: 7-9 pm at Western Technical and Commercial School, 123 Evelyn Cres.

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Sunday

Northdale Concert Band

Conductor: Stephen Chenette Rehearsals: 7:30 pm at Willowdale United Church, 349 Kenneth Ave., North York Instruments needed: bassoon, percussion

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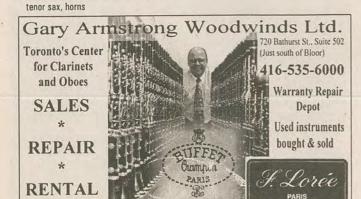
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OK band fans....21 possible places to play this season. Get out there and make some music!

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THE ST. LAWRENCE UARTET

AT THE ST. LAWRENCE CENTRE

BY ALLAN PULKER

On October 4 the St. Lawrence String Quartet returns to play two concerts, the first at noon at Walter Hall, the second that evening at the St. Lawr-ence Centre's Jane Mallett Theatre.

The Quartet had its beginnings here twelve years ago, studying with two of the best, Lorand Fenyves and Dennis Brott in a special program set up by the RCM and the U of T Faculty of Music (at a time when the two institutions were otherwise involved in a discordant process of separation).

In 1992 the SLQ won the Banff String Quartet Competition, the only Canadian quartet to do so since the triennial competition began in 1983. They then studied with the Emerson Quartet from 1990 to 1992, the Juilliard Quartet from 1992 to 1994, and the Tokyo Quartet at Yale from 1994 to 1996. During this time, from 1995 to 1998, they were also Music Toronto's Quartet-in-Residence. Two years ago they were appointed Quartet-in-Residence at Stanford University in San Francisco; also two years ago they released their first CD, the Schumann quartets, with EMI, to the same sort of critical acclaim that their live performances have received.



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Their progress looks so steady. catalogued this way, that it's easy to lose sight of the magnitude of the achievement. SLQ second violinist, Barry Shiffman, talks about how inspiring it was in the difficult early years to see how much more fulfilled Ken Perkins (Orford second violinist) was as a Ouartet member than as an orchestral musician. "But the difficulties encountered by any quartet or ensemble starting out are vast' Shiffman said. "For me the first was learning to deal with three other personalities in such an intimate way. A string quartet has been likened to a marriage, but in a marriage there is the advantage of being in love."

The next difficulty was the sheer struggle to earn money. "The reality was we lived like students for ten years after we graduated. Our

classmates were landing good orchestral jobs, buying houses, taking trips; we were still learning to play with each other." Also difficult was "believing in our worth as an ensemble. It takes time" Shiffman says. "We didn't really sound good together for a long time. It was not until winter of 1990 that we gave our first concerts, arranged by Dennis Brott, each one also involving an established artist to play with us -James Campbell, Anton Kuerti and Jaime Laredo. By the third concert we had an amazing following of people - that was encouraging.' For violist, Lesley Robertson, winning the Banff competition was "a message we were on the right track, even though it was an experience I would never want to repeat."

(Interestingly, at press time for

this article, SLQ's cellist, Marina Hoover, was at Banff, judging at this year's competition.)

Their current position at Stanford has brought a significant easing. "We would, of course, have to choose the most expensive city in North America" says Shiffman. "But, yes, it has provided a solid financial situation and, most importantly, a home, a community of musicians and colleagues, a place to come back to after a couple of weeks in no man's land on the road.'

Being on the road, up to 200 nights a year, is simply a reality of being a chamber musician. In his May 21 article on the SLQ The New Yorker's Alex Ross explains: "To make a living in this field, you have to be willing to play almost anywhere

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and at any time." So while the SLQ has played Wigmore and Carnegie Hall, and the Paris Opera, it has also played school auditoriums across Canada, the US, and even South America. A children's concert I attended in a community centre gym in Ottawa, part of the 2000 Ottawa Chamber Music Festival, was as engaging as those I heard at the Jane Mallett Theatre in 1996 or at Tabaret Hall during the 2001 Ottawa Festival.

The SLQ at their best always seem to me to go beyond interpretation to something like ownership. Composer, Patrick Cardy, whose Zodiac Dances the SLQ performed at Ottawa this past summer, agrees. "I have seen them late in the rehearsal process, thinking about literally every note; they give this energy to everything they do. And they get better as they live with a piece. I was there when your photographer was. He wanted something energetic, so they played the Schafer Third String Quartet, which has been in their repertoire for some time. It was absolutely riveting ... internalized, completely spontaneous and fresh."

I asked Shiffman about the Schafer Third. It's a particular favourite" he said, "a masterpiece, so moving and entertaining, even after 20 years." It was their first Schafer and they tried to reach him when learning it. "We were going to play it in several concerts in Europe and really wanted his input but we just didn't connect. So, off we went."

Delayed at the airport twice, it was the day of the concert when they arrived in Paris. "When we got to our hotel, "Shiffman recalled, "the clerk told me my uncle was waiting. Well, my one uncle, as far as anyone knew, had no taste for Paris - Las Vegas maybe, but not Paris." The "uncle" turned out to be Murray Schafer, who had tracked them down and flown to be with them. "We were blown away, took the train together to the location, had a meal and a rehearsal. He liked what we had done.'

Shiffman remembers the audience response. "It was spectacular to see a contemporary piece of music so capture the imagination of the audience. We got calls asking us to change programs to include it.

Their affinity for Schafer's music continues. In summer 2000 they premiered 4-40, for string quartet and orchestra, with the CBC Vancouver Orchestra and have also performed other of his string quartets.

What makes Schafer special, according to Shiffman, is his sense of humour. "Humour is probably the

most difficult element to weave into music. Murray is in my opinion the composer most successful at incorporating humour since Josef Haydn.'

It's the same with all the music we learn, Haydn to Schafer. Our first approach is to tackle the piece's main character. I know some groups work the other way, getting everything in tune first, but we always try first to enter the emotion. It's an evolution. We don't just prepare, get it right and go in front of an audience. Performance in front of an audience, to find out what does and doesn't work. is preparation. That's why I have always been surprised by Glenn Gould. For us there are three elements composer, musicians and audience."

Nowhere is the SLO's special rapport with its audiences clearer than in the theatrical physicality of first violinist, Geoff Nuttall, ranging from fiery intensity to casual nonchalance, with "an airy, vocal freedom, exhibiting a distinct personality lacking in many better-known soloists" as Alex Ross puts it. It is an ability to harness a seemingly limitless technique to a soaring musical imagination. And it helps makes possible ensemble performances that are right on the edge.

Music Toronto's Jennifer Taylor had this to say: "People are immediately drawn to their energy and exuberance. I would also say specifically about the Music Toronto audience that we have been watching and hearing them since 1992 when they first performed for us, so we think of them as our own. I'm sure you've heard informally that everyone calls them "the kids", and I gather they've even got over resenting that. This is sort of home base for them, and we've loved seeing them grow. It's fun to watch their high octane energy draw everybody in the audience into the performance."

There won't be any Schafer or Haydn at either of their two concerts in Toronto on October 4. Their contemporary piece is Miracles in Mud, composed by Stanford colleague, Jonathan Berger. They will also play Tchaikovsky's String Quartet #1, from their new CD, scheduled for release next month.

This twelfth anniversary of their beginnings in Toronto opens the thirtieth season for Music Toronto, who, according to Lesley Robertson, "were unfailingly supportive" and whose quartet-in-residence appointment afforded the SLQ opportunity for significant development in their prodigious musicianship and remarkable audience rapport.

R. MURRAY SCHAFER

INTERVIEWED BY PAUL STEENHUISEN

For more than 30 years, renegade Canadian composer R. Murray Schafer has been writing his 12-part Patria cycle. Patria (meaning "homeland") traverses space, time, and knowledge in a story that despite its breadth remains uniquely Canadian. To me, Schafer's work propagates awareness of the vast intellectual and natural richness of the world, so it was with pleasure that I accepted the opportunity to talk with him, composer to composer.

Our primary subject was his most recent Patria piece, The Palace of the Cinnabar Phoenix (Patria 8), which will be premiered September 13 through 16, 2001, at Wolverton Hills on the Oak Ridges Moraine. A fantasy based in reality, the story of The Palace of the Cinnabar Phoenix is set in China during the T'ang Dynasty (618-907). Emperor Wei Lu bemoans the disappearance of the Cinnabar Phoenix, and with it, the loss of peace and harmony.

The Emperor and his court have made their annual pilgrimage to the Lake of Dragons with the hope that the Sunken Palace and the Cinnabar Phoenix will appear once again and restore harmony.

In promotional materials for the piece, you're quoted as saying "This is my Falstaff". What do you mean?

It's a reference to Verdi's only enduring comic opera; The Palace of the Cinnabar Phoenix is lighter and more tuneful than some of the other Patria pieces, possibly the lightest.

How would you describe the piece? Is it opera? Music theatre?

I call Patria "music dramas". They have a lot of dramatic elements that most opera doesn't have - spoken material, and theatrical effects that are not really part of the domain of opera. Although, there is more continuous singing in Cinnabar than some of the others. Perhaps this one is closer to opera, but I don't like that term. I find it very confining. If we lived in Europe and got commissions for opera from the time we were 35 years old, we'd probably have written operas, but thank God nobody ever commissioned one, so I did what I wanted to do.

Do you feel that you're developing a new genre?

Certainly some of the pieces are. I



don't think this one is, I think it's more conventional, but Princess of the Stars is outside of the traditional genres, as are The Greatest Show, Ra, and The Wolf Project - they're way way outside.

Was it a pre-compositional decision to make this piece lighter?

Yes, it fits the cycle. The nadir of the whole cycle is Ra (Patria 6), and Hysterium (Patria 7), which are the heaviest and the most difficult. After those I wanted to have 3 lighter pieces, almost as if through some kind of levitation you'd entered a world of fairy tales. Cinnabar is one of those, along with The Enchanted Forest and The Spirit Garden. All 3 are closer to being family pieces.

So the whole cycle has a shape?

Yes. Not as a practical performance sequence. It's not possible. Princess of the Stars occurs at 5 o'clock in the morning; Ra runs 11 hours, all night long; The Wolf Project runs 8 days. Each work is totally self-contained, but there is a shaping in my own mind -- certain recurring themes, contexts and characters.

The main theme is of a man and a woman searching for one another, after being broken apart at the very beginning. The Princess of the stars descended to earth and was wounded by Wolf. She escapes, and moves through various cultures and various societies under the earthly name Ariadne, constantly pursued by Wolf, who wants to apologize. It's only when he does this finally, and renounces his savagery that the Princess is able to return to the stars. That's the theme that unites the two.

Wolf and Ariadne reappear in the various pieces in many different guises, travelling to many parts of the world - Ancient Egypt, Crete, Medieval Europe, modern metropolis, and in this case China, in order to explore some of the philosophical ideas in that part of the world.

As well, there are material relations between the pieces. Though musically they are quite different, there's a Patria "row" in all of them. Not all the music is based on it, but a lot of it is. It's an all-interval tone row, on which the whole of *Princess of the Stars* is written.

In addition to exploring different parts of the world in the Patria pieces, and a different time period/ philosophical setting for each place, each work is multi-sensory - "a feast for the senses," you called it.

Yes, they all are, in one way or another. In Ra every scene uses a different incense, and each god has a different perfume. Some of the other works, including this one, have food involved. There is a "Banquet of Celestial Harmony" in Cinnabar for the court and audience. To have the audience watch while the puppets eat their food (laughs) would be unfortunate. It's not going to be a feast, but we will have something for the audience, eating their morsels synchronized with music. It's part of a much much larger idea that I've always had, that I tried to use in the Spirit Garden, for the many courses to all correspond to pieces of music specially composed, and the program would explain the correspondence flying in the face of universal muzak.

And breaking down the audience/performer barrier.

That's true. In all the pieces, one way or another, the audience is involved. In The Enchanted Forest, they accompany the children through the forest to protect them. In Cinnabar, there isn't a great deal, other than the banquet, oh, and the fact that every time the Emperor speaks, the audience is to stand up and bow. I don't know if they actually will, and if they don't maybe the emperor won't speak; but it's just a few little things, to make them feel that somehow they're not just sitting slothly in their fauteuil digesting their dinner.

Ceremonial involvement ...?

Yes. In this case, it's fairly light, but it's definitely present. In other *Patria* works, the involvement is very ceremonial and ritualistic, but in this work I'd say modestly present.

A family work, you said ...

I think so. First of all, it involves puppets. When I first thought of the work it felt as though this incredibly magnificent T'ang dynasty of China would need impossibly huge resources - chariots, pagoda boats, millions of warriors, and an orchestra of 5000! So I reversed the thing, and miniaturized the characters instead - distant, remote, dignified -- a light-hearted, ceremonial presence near the water, and there's action in the water and on the water -- dragons, and people who do tai-chi on the water. It's definitely festive.

Why outdoors?

I like working outdoors. I wanted a pond. With the miniaturization, a small pond about 100 metres long. I looked around Toronto, without finding anything quiet or remote enough. Eventually I found this. Private property, about 200 acres.

Is the piece site-specific?

Yes. It might be able to be recreated indoors, if the lake components were filmed, but that wouldn't be as interesting. That might be something for after I'm gone.

You live and work in a rural setting, placing many of your performances directly on the land, in the trees, on or by a lake, yet a large portion of the people who come to hear your work live in an urban environment. Is there a particular idea you would like them to leave with?

We don't have the respect for nature and the environment that is necessary if humanity is going to survive at all. Anything that incorporates natural elements into the work is important. With the "enchanted forest" after the performance people talked and talked about the incredible moment when the clouds parted and the wolf howled - this could never be choreographed, but we created the opportunity for it! If you know your environment, it's likely that things will happen... as the soothsayer says, the wind in the trees and the way the leaves are being blown will indicate how the plot is going to develop.

And with *Princess of the Stars*, she is imprisoned in the bottom of the lake - if the princess is in the lake, you're not going to pollute it, are you? That may be what native people everywhere in the world had in mind, why they were such good ecologists, because the land was full of spirits, and if you damage it, you may disturb the tree gods, and the gods of the land and water.

With the current rate of land development and environmental erosion in Ontario, the trees of this performance landscape could be replaced by condos, the water a hazard, the air unbreathable. How do you respond?

More needs to be done. Artists can participate, but many don't. They certainly aren't required to, but even those that do perhaps don't understand that you have to go WITH nature. There's no point taking pictures of trees and putting them on the internet, you have to work with nature itself. Whether or not my outdoor works endure, as Whitby becomes the core of an expanding Toronto, I don't know. Regardless,

many of the *Patria* works are *engagé*, which used to mean "in a political sense", socialist. There's a message implicit in all of my outdoor pieces. There's a world out there that we're neglecting at our own peril. And it's a very beautiful world.

Details:

Thursday-Sunday, September 13-16, 7:30 p.m. (sunset) on a pond at Wolverton Hills, 196 Waite Road, Pontypool, 90 minutes north-east of Toronto (north of Hwy. 35/115 interchange off Hwy. 401), and 40 minutes west of Peterborough.

Tickets:

\$35 for adults, and \$20 students, available by calling (705) 876-6323 or 1-800-814-0055. In the event of rain, an additional performance will be given Monday, September 17.

Artistic team:

R. Murray Schafer, Robert Desrosiers, Chris Clifford, David Powell, Jerrard Smith, Ann Powell, Diana Smith, Alex Pauk, Bill Lishman, Richard van Heuvelen

Performers:

Alex Pauk, Jane Archibald, Eleanor James, Eric Shaw, Gregory Dahl, Joel Katz, La Jeunesse Choir, Liu Fang, George Gao, Fujiko Imajishi, Robert Aitken, Stuart Laughton, Bob Becker, Ryan Scott, Joe Macerollo.

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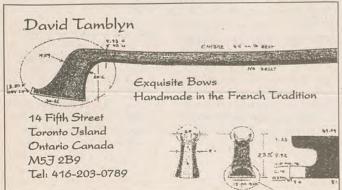
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Music Theatre Spotlight

Phoenix Reborn in Wolverton Hills: Schafer opera burns bright for September

By Sarah B. Hood

START IRONING those white flares: everything '70s is back again... including Saturday Night Fever. This time it's a musical cascade of disco nostalgia with immortal Bee Gees numbers like "Stayin' Alive," "Night Fever" and "How Deep is Your Love". Opening Sept 5 at the Canon (formerly Pantages) Theatre. 416-872-1212)

BUT THE REALLY BIG SHOW is R. Murray Schafer's epic Chinese fairy tale The Palace of the Cinnabar Phoenix, running Sept 13 to 16 on a lake in the Wolverton Hills, about an hour east of Toronto. If you follow Schafer's work, you'll know he's the author of the spectacular Patria Cycle, including the 12hour Ra at the Ontario Science Centre in 1983 and the midnight spectacle The Alchemical Theatre of Hermes Trismagistos at Union Station in 1992.

Schafer is keeping his designers, Jerrard and Diana Smith, especially busy this season; not only on Cinnabar Phoenix (Patria 8), but also on the two-part The Spirit Garden (Patria 10), a planting ritual on the grounds of the St. Norbert Arts Centre south of Winnipeg.

"We were there the whole month of May," says Jerrard, who will return for the Nov 2 ritual burning of the garden that was planted in a nightly pageant from May 24 to 26.

Meanwhile for Phoenix, he and Diana Smith are busy creating ornate Tang Dynasty robes, a seaworthy Pagoda Boat and a Palace, alongside David and Ann Powell (Toronto's Puppet-mongers), who are constructing the four-foot puppets that act out the tale sung by soprano Jane Archibald, mezzo Eleanor James, tenor Eric Shaw, baritone Gregory Dahl and La Jeunesse Choir.

"The puppets are really opulent," says Diana Smith. Along with the puppetry, costumes, palace and boat, the performance includes "T'ai Chi set to Murray's 7th Quartet, which was premiered by the Molinari Quartet about a year ago," she says. (1-800-814-0055)

I HAVE SEEN WOYZECK performed with fourfoot puppets, but that's not the version you'll see at the Bathurst Street Theatre from September 7 to 15. This one is an amalgam of the Alban Berg opera with the Georg Buchner play. This

Wozzeck/Woyzeck directed by Theatre of Ideas' Misha Aster, stars New Zealand actor Jonathan Roberts in the title role, with Kingston soprano Renee Salewski as Marie. (416-870-8000)

BACK IN JULY I FLAGGED THE COC'S TERRIFIC **OPENING FOUR SHOWS: Tom** Diamond's productions of II Tabaro and Cavalleria Rusticana; running in rep with the Robert Lepage-conceived Bluebeard's Castle and Erwartung, between Sept 20 and Oct 6. But another big COCrelated event falls on Saturday, Sept 29: the Opera Ball. Organized by the Canadian Opera Women's Committee, the blacktie evening takes an international theme from five famous operas: La Traviata (Italy); Boris Gudunov (Russia); The Magic Flute (Austria); Madame Butterfly (Japan), and Carmen (Spain). Jean Stilwell offers arias from Carmen; Jack Layton does his capable best to pump up a bidding frenzy at the auction, and chef John Cordeaux prepares tasty tidbits to reflect the international theme. (We presume the champagne will be French.)

The money raised at the Opera Ball not only supports the COC itself, but also funds more than 30 scholarships at the University of Toronto Opera School, which numbers among its alumni Gino Ouilico, Mark Dubois, Robert Goulet, Ben Heppner and Russell Braun. To find out more about ticket categories, call 416-863-0364 or e-mail cowc@on.aibn.com.

FALL SHOWS TO WATCH FOR -Opera Atelier brings back its lavish period Magic Flute at the Elgin Theatre from October 25 to



Wozzeck /Woyzeck director Misha Aster

November 4. Gary Relyea sings Sarastro, and, if memory serves, this Flute has the best dragon of any version I've seen. (416-872-5555) -Guy Mignault, artistic director of the Théâtre français de Toronto, is cooking up a show that traces the 20th century in popular French songs. La, la, la, mine de rien plays at 26

Berkeley Street from November 7 to 24. (416-534-6604) -If you're still savouring the strains of the COC's Billy Budd.

assuage vour Benjamin Britten longings with his Albert Herring, produced by the University of Toronto's Faculty of Music under conductor Stephen Ralls and director Maria Lamont. It runs from November 14 to 17 at the MacMillan Theatre. (416-978-

-Finally, Damien Atkins puts a new spin on an eclectic range of songs written for women with his Real Live Girl. Atkins' exploration of the feminine within the masculine runs at Buddies in Bad Times Theatre from December 4 to 16. (416-975-8555)

Music Theatre Listings

Arts Toronto. Arts Week: Behind Silk Ribbons musical of Disney's 1994 animated feature. & Rebozos. Dance theatre performance. Stories of Mexican-Indigenous dancer/ choreographer Norma Araiza & Chinese-Canadian dancer/choreographer Elena Quah, with live music, poetry & texts. September 28 & 29: 8:00. du Maurier Theatre Centre, 231 Queens Quay West. 416-973-4700. \$5(reservations required).

Canadian Opera Company. Bartók: Bluebeard's Castle; Schoenberg: Erwartung. September 21,27, October 3,6: 8:00; Sept 25: 7:00; Sept 30: 2:00. Pre-performance chat 45 minutes prior to each performance. Hummingbird Centre for the Performing Arts, 1 Front St. East. 416-872-2262. \$38-\$135. Discount prices for seniors, students and young adults.

Canadian Opera Company. Puccini: II Tabaro; Mascagni: Cavalleria Rusticana. September 20,26,29, October 5: 8:00; Sept 23: 2:00; Oct 2: 7:00. Pre-performance chat 45 minutes prior to each performance. Hummingbird Centre for the Performing Arts, 1 Front St. East. 416-872-2262. \$38-\$135. Discount prices for seniors, students and young adults.

Canon Theatre. Saturday Night Fever: The Musical. Music by The Bee Gees. Richard H. Blake, Jeanine Meyers, Aileen Quinn, Jim Ambler, Joseph Ricci & other performers. September 5 to 30. Tues-Sat: 8:00; Wed, Sat & Sun: 2:00. 244 Victoria St. 416-872-1212. \$40-\$93.

Elgin Theatre. Raquel Bitton Sings Edith Piaf: Her Story, Her Songs. September 21: 8:00. 189 Yonge St. 416-872-5555.

Mirvish Productions. Mamma Mia! Musical based on the songs of ABBA. Music & lyrics by Benny Andersson & Björn Ulvaeus; book by Catherine Johnson; directed by Phyllida Lloyd. To December 23. Tues-Sat 8:00; Wed, Sat & Sun 2:00. Royal Alexandra Theatre, 260 King St. West. 416-872-1212. \$25 to

Mirvish Productions. The Lion King. Stage

To December 23, Wed-Sat: 8:00: Wed & Sat: 2:00; Sun: 1:00 & 6:30. Princess of Wales Theatre, 300 King St. West. 416-872-1212. \$20 to \$115.

Patria Music/Theatre Projects. Schafer: The Palace of the Cinnabar Phoenix. Musicl theatre spectacular performed at sunset on water's edge in the Oak Ridges Moraine. Jane Archibald, soprano; Eleanor James, mezzo; Eric Shaw, tenor; Gregory Dahl, baritone; La Jeunesse Choir; orchestra; Alex Pauk, music director, September 13-16: 7:30. Wolverton Hills, 196 Waite Road, west of Hwy 35, north of Pontypool. 1-800-814-0055. \$35,\$20(st).

Rasik Arts. Umrao. Play with live music & dance. Ellora Patnaik & other actors; Sally Jones, director, Preview September 5 8:00; September 6-8, 11-15: 8:00; September 8.9.15.16: 2:30. Artword Theatre, 75 Portland Ave. 416-412-3678. \$15-\$20; Sundays PWYC.

Red Barn Theatre. Nunsense II: The Second Coming. To September 22. Tues-Sat: 8:00; Wed, Thurs, Sat: 2:00. Jackson's Point, Georgina. 1-888-733-2276.

Solar Stage Children's Theatre. The Golden Goose. By Roseann Wilshere. Based on the Brothers Grimm story, with live music & dancing. For ages 2-10. September 14 to October 16. Sat & Sun, 11:00am & 2:00. Madison Centre, 4950 Yonge St. 416-368-

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Konservatorium. Wozzeck/Woyzeck. Music by Berg; text by Büchner. Jonathon Roberts, Renee Salewski, Doug MacNaughton, Andrew Bunker, performers; Paul Andreas Mahr, conductor; Misha Aster, director. September 7,8,13,14,15: 8:00; September 9: 3:00. Bathurst Street Theatre, 736 Bathurst. 416-870-8000. \$28,\$18.

Theatre Sheridan. Style 2001 - A Singin' and Dancin' Odyssey! Song and dance review. Rod Maxwell, director. September 1921: 8:00. 1430 Trafalgar Rd., Oakville. 905-815-4049.

Tivoli Theatre. Jekyll & Hyde: The Musical. Music by Frank Wildhorn: books & lyrics by Leslie Bricusse. Canadian Premiere Production, September 14,15,21,22,28 & 29: 8:00. 108 James St. North, Hamilton. 905-777-9777 or 1-877-572-3773. \$22,\$20(sr/st), \$18(matinee).

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Manuel Barrueco, guitar

Scarlatti: Three Sonatas J.S. Bach: Sonata in C major Rodrigo: Invocatión y danza Piazzolla: Five Pieces Copland: Hoe Down (from "Rodeo")

ENSEMBLE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26/01 - 8 PM



Jacques Loussier Trio Jacques Loussier, piano Benoit Dunoyer de Segonzac, bass André Arpino, percussion

This French jazz trio has delighted fans with their recordings of Bach, Vivaldi, Satie and Ravel.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27/01 - 8 PM



Toronto Chamber Jazz Septet
Bill Mays, Vern Dorge, John Johnson, Phil Dwyer,
P. J. Perry, Neil Swainson and Terry Clarke

This pre-Christmas concert, entitled "The Nutcracker Suite" will also include works by Thelonius Monk and Ravel.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19/01 - 8 PM



Judy Loman, harp Toronto Children's Chorus Jean Ashworth Bartle, conductor

A Christmas concert with the 65-member core of this world-famous choir accompanied by T.S.O. harpist Judy Loman, featuring pieces by John Rutter, Salzedo and Samuel-Rousseau.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 25/02 - 8 PM

"The Sax Summit" with Seamus Blake, Phil Dwyer, André Leroux, Mike Murley, P. J. Perry, Campbell Ryga and Perry White all on sax, plus Mark Eisenman, piano, Neil Swainson, bass and Terry Clarke, drums.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16/02 - 8 PM



Jeri Brown, vocalist Kenny Werner, piano Don Thompson, bass and vibraphone

An intimate evening of music-making, especially for CBC Radio's JazzBeat.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23/02 - 8 PM



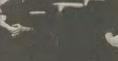
Renee Rosnes Quartet

Three-time Juno award-winning, Regina-born pianist Renee Rosnes returns to the Studio Jazz series with her quartet.

SPECIAL EVENT

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31/02 - 8 PM





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David Harrington, violin John Sherba, violin Hank Dutt, viola Jennifer Culp, cello

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Comprehensive Concert Listings, September 1 to October 7

Saturday September 01

- 1:30: CAMMAC/McMichael Gallery. Sunday Concert: The Travellers. 10365 Islington, Kleinburg. 905-893-1121. \$9,\$7, \$20(family), under 5 free.

 8:00: Jazz.FM91. Summer of Jazz. Doug Watson Quintet. Traditional jazz. Island Club, Ontario Place, 955 Lakeshore Blvd. West. 416-599-5299. Free.

Monday September 03

 12:15: Church of the Holy Trinity. Music Monday Concert: I Furiosi Baroque Ensemble.
 10 Trinity Square. 416-598-4521. PWYC (\$5 suggested).

Wednesday September 05

— 8:00: Canon Theatre. Saturday Night Fever: The Musical. Music by The Bee Gees. Richard H. Blake, Jeanine Meyers, Aileen Quinn, Jim Ambler, Joseph Ricci & other performers. 244 Victoria St. 416-872-1212. \$40-\$93. For complete run see music theatre listings

— 8:00: Rasik Arts. Umrao. Play with live music & dance. Ellora Patnaik & other actors; Sally Jones, director. Artword Theatre, 75 Portland Ave. 416-412-3678. \$15(preview). For complete run see music theatre listings. — 8:00: Robert Pomakov, basso cantante and Yulia Levin, piano in Recital.Wolf: Michelangelo Lieder; Brahms: Vier ernste Gesange; lbert: Chansons de Don Quichotte; works by Schubert, Finzi, Mussorgsky & Tchaikovsky. Ettore Mazzoleni Concert Hall, 273 Bloor St. West. 416-221-8055.

Thursday September 06

 12:10: St. Paul's Anglican Church. Eric Robertson, organ in Recital. 227 Bloor St. East. 416-961-8116. Free.

Friday September 07

— 8:00: Theatre of Ideas/RCM Glenn Gould Professional School/Wiener Konservatorium. Wozzeck/Woyzeck. Music by Berg; text by Büchner. Jonothon Roberts, Renee Salewski, Doug MacNaughton, Andrew Bunker, performers; Paul Andreas Mahr, conductor; Misha Aster, director. Bathurst Street Theatre, 736 Bathurst. 416-870-8000. \$28,\$18. For complete run see music theatre listings.

Saturday September 08

 2:00: Victoria-Royce Church. Second Saturday Concert: Baird Knechtel, viola & Peter Treen, piano. Music by Bach, Schubert & Knechtel. 190 Medland St. 416-769-6176.
 Free-will offering.

 8:00: Jazz.FM91. Summer of Jazz: Danny Marks Combo featuring Josh Toal. Island Club, Ontario Place, 955 Lakeshore Blvd. West. 416-599-5299. Free.

Sunday September 09

- 1:30: Toronto Japanese United Church.

Readers please note: plans change; & we make mistakes! Please use the phone numbers provided to call ahead. For full music theatre listings, see pages 16-17. For events "further afield" see page 26-27.

Autumn Concert. Music for piano, violin, ocarina, handbells, voice, Japanese koto, shamisen etc. 701 Dovercourt Road. 416-599-5223. \$5.

- 2:00: Harbourfront Centre. Sunday Concert: Ron Sexsmith. Roots-pop. York Quay Centre, 235 Queens Quay West. 416-973-3000. Free

 - .3:00: University of Toronto. Soldiers' Tower Carillon Recital Series. Margo Halsted, carillonneur. The lawn, Hart House Circle. 416-978-2452. Free.

Monday September 10

 12:15: Church of the Holy Trinity. Music Monday Concert: Voyces Past. 10 Trinity Square. 416-598-4521. PWYC (suggested \$5).

Tuesday September 11

— 1:00: St. James' Cathedral. Lunch Hours at St. James': Michael Bloss, organ & James Spragg, trumpet. Organ & trumpet fireworks. 65 Church St. 416-364-7865. Free.

Thursday September 13

12:10: St. Paul's Anglican Church.
 Marty Smythe, organ in Recital. 227 Bloor St.
 East. 416-961-8116. Free.

— 12:10: University of Toronto Faculty of Music. Thursdays at Noon: Student performance & Dean's welcome. Walter Hall, 80 Queen's Park. 416-978-3744. Free.

- 7:30: Patria Music/Theatre Projects.

Schafer: The Palace of the Cinnabar Phoenix.

Music/theatre spectacular performed at sunset on water's edge in the Oak Ridges Moraine. Jane Archibald, soprano; Eleanor James, mezzo; Eric Shaw, tenor; Gregory Dahl, baritone; La Jeunesse Choir; orchestra; Alex Pauk, music director. Wolverton Hills, 196 Waite Road, west of Hwy 35, north of Pontypool. 1-800-814-0055. \$35,\$20(st). For complete run see music theatre listings.

— 8:00: Toronto Philharmonia. Viva Verdi

at the Phil. Cowell: Celebration Overture; Verdi: highlights from La Traviata, Aida, Macbeth, Rigoletto and more. Barbara Collier, soprano; Bruce Kelly, baritone; Kerry Stratton, conductor. George Weston Recital Hall, 5040 Yonge St. 416-870-8000. \$37,32; \$32,\$26(st/sr).

Friday September 14

— 11:00am & 2:00: Solar Stage Children's Theatre. The Golden Goose. By Roseann Wilshere. Based on the Brothers Grimm story, with live music & dancing. For ages 2-10. Madison Centre, 4950 Yonge St. 416-368-8031. For complete run see music theatre listings.

Saturday September 15

1:00: Cantabile Chorale. Robert
 Richardson, conductor. Performance as part of the 25th Annual Thornhill Village Festival.
 Holy Trinity Church, Brooke St., Thornhill.
 905-731-8318.

- 7:30: Canadian Concert & Recital

Artists. Tribute to The Armed Forces and Dame Vera Lynn. Musical numbers from the World War II era. Amanda Bragg, Rosemary Doyle, Narelle Martinez, David McCartney, Maria Thorburn & Jenny Crober, performers. The Stone Church, 45 Davenport Rd. 416-691-9832. \$20.\$15.

8:00: Jazz.FM91. Summer of Jazz: Tribute to Louis Armstrong featuring Paul Grosney. Island Club, Ontario Place, 955
Lakeshore Blvd. West. 416-599-5299. Free.
8:00: Music Gallery. Janak Khendry. St. George the Martyr Church, 197 John St. 416-204-1080. \$20.

— 8:30: Toronto Symphony Orchestral Toronto Film Festival. Dracula: Nosferatu. Silent film presentation with live-to-picture orchestral performence. Elgin Theatre, 189 Yonge St. 416-593-4828. \$15-\$60.

Sunday September 16

1:30: CAMMAC/McMichael Gallery.
 Sunday Concert: Rubi Chen, violin in Recital.
 10365 Islington, Kleinburg. 905-893-1121.
 \$9,\$7, \$20(family), under 5 free.

 2:00: Harbourfront Centre. Sunday Concert. Performers TBA. York Quay Centre, 235 Queens Quay West. 416-973-3000.
 Free.

— 3:00: Manor Road United Church. An Hour of Song. Schumann: Frauenliebe und - Leben; operatic and wartime favourites. Fiona Strachan, mezzo; J.-C. Coolen, piano. 240 Manor Road East. 416-483-0695. Voluntary offering.

— 3:00: Trio Bravo and Friends. Mozart: Trio; Brahms: songs for mezzo, viola & piano; Delibes: Duet; Brahms: Trio in a Op.114. Terry Storr, David Smith, Ronald Laurie, Urla Duncan & Baird Knechtel, performers. Trinity College, 6 Hoskin Ave. 416-966-1687. \$10 suggested.

St. James' Cathedral

LUNCH HOUR CONCERTS

Free half-hour concerts on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm

Sept. 11 Michael Bloss(SJC), organ & James Spragg (TSO), trumpet. Organ and Trumpet Fireworks.

Sept.18 Christopher Dawes (SJC) organ, Music of the Dance for Organ

Sept. 25 Dr. Giles Bryant (All Saints', Peterborough) Liszt, Bach, Mendelssohn and Schumann

Oct. 2 Kevin Komisaruk (St. John the Evangelist, Montreal) Programme TBA

65 Church Street (at King) 416-364-7865 Ext. 224 stiamescathedral.on.ca



Church of the Holy Trinity

10 Trinity Square, beside Eaton Centre 12:15 pm

TENTH ANNIVERSARY SERIES

Aug. 20: Hampton Avenue Vocal Ensemble

Aug. 27: Les Délices de la Solitude - Nadina Mackie Jackson, baroque bassoon; Paul Jenkins, cembalo; Telemann, Corrette, Boismortier

Sept. 3: I Furiosi Baroque Ensemble - Touring Programme

Sept. 10: Voyces Past

Sept: 17: Sea Pictures - Sue Crowe-Connolly, contralto; Stephanie Martin, piano

Sept: 24 Darbazis Kalebi - Music of the Georgian Republic for Women's Voices

Oct. 1: Free Play Duo

Pay what you can (suggested \$5 donation to the performers) Phone: 416-598-4521 Fax: 416-598-1432

- 3:00: University of Toronto. Soldiers' Tower Carillon Recital Series. Michael Brooks Baroque Masterworks. Trinity-St. Paul's Hart, carillonneur. The lawn, Hart House Circle. 416-978-2452. Free.
- 4:00: St. Olave's Church. Music of John Stainer. Choral Evensong & Tea with organ & choral music by Stainer & a feature on his life and work. 360 Windermere Ave. 416-769-5686. Contributions appreciated.
- 4:30: Christ Church Deer Park. Jazz Vespers. Earl Seymour Memorial Saxophone Quartet with Phil Dwyer, John Johnson, Vern Dorge & Perry White. 1570 Yonge St. 416-920-5211. Free.
- 7:00: Armenian Prelacy of Canada. Isabel Bayrakdarian, soprano in Recital. Armenian sacred music. Raffi Armenian, conductor. Toronto Centre for the Arts, 5040 Yonge St. 416-733-9388. \$35-\$55.
- 8:00: ARRAYMUSIC/Music Gallery. Michael J. Baker Memorial Concert. Baker: Columbus; The Waldo; Animated Shorts; La vie de bohème; excerpts from Big Pictures. ARRAYMUSIC Ensemble. St. George the Martyr Church, 197 John. 416-204-1080. \$18,\$15.

Monday September 17

- 12:15: Church of the Holy Trinity. Music Monday Concert: Sue Crowe Connolly, mezzo & Stephanie Martin, piano in Recital. Elgar: Sea Pictures. 10 Trinity Square. 416-598-4521. PWYC (suggested \$5).

- 8:00: Casa Loma. Don Thompson, Wurlitzer theatre organ. 1 Austin Terrace. 416-870-8000. \$14.

Tuesday September 18

- 1:00: St. James' Cathedral. Lunch Hours at St. James': Christopher Dawes, organ. Music of the dance for organ. 65 Church St. 416-364-7865. Free.

Wednesday September 19

- 12:30: Yorkminster Park Baptist Church. John Tuttle, organ in Recital. 1585 Yonge St. 416-922-1167. Free.
- 7:00: Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra. Baroque Masterworks. Music of Bach, Vivaldi, Handel and Telemann. Jeanne Lamon, music director. Trinity-St. Paul's Church, 427 Bloor St. West. 416-964-6337. \$20-\$55.
- 8:00: Fiddles & Frets. Madrigal. Music for guitar & celtic harp. Judy Kamminga & Debbie Adshade, performers. Hugh's Room, 2261 Dundas St. West. 416-264-2235.
- 8:00: Theatre Sheridan. Style 2001 A Singin' and Dancin' Odyssey! Song and dance review. Rod Maxwell, director. 1430 Trafalgar Rd., Oakville. 905-815-4049. For complete run see Music Theatre listings.

Thursday September 20

- 12:10: St. Paul's Anglican Church. Peter Orme, organ in Recital. 227 Bloor St. East. 416-961-8116. Free.
- 8:00: Canadian Opera Company. Puccini: Il Tabaro; Mascagni: Cavalleria Rusticana. 7:15: Pre-performance chat. Hummingbird Centre for the Performing Arts, 1 Front St. East. 416-872-2262. \$38-\$135. Discount prices for seniors, students and young adults. For complete run see Music Theatre listings.

- 8:00: Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra. Church. See Sept 19.
- 8:00: Toronto Symphony Orchestra. Verdi: La forza del destino Overture; Mahler: Symphony #9. Gunther Herbig, conductor. Roy Thomson Hall, 60 Simcoe. 416-593-4828. \$26-\$90.

Friday September 21

- 8:00: Canadian Opera Company. Bartók: Bluebeard's Castle; Schoenberg: Erwartung. 7:15: Pre-performance chat. Hummingbird Centre for the Performing Arts, 1 Front St. East. 416-872-2262. \$38-\$135. Discount prices for seniors, students and young adults. For complete run see Music Theatre listings. - 8:00: Elgin Theatre. Raquel Bitton Sings Edith Piaf: Her Story, Her Songs. 189 Yonge
- St. 416-872-5555. - 8:00: Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra. Baroque Masterworks. Trinity-St. Paul's Church. See Sept 19.

Saturday September 22

- 7:00: Toronto Symphony Orchestra. Roy Thomson Hall. See September 20. -- 7:30: Marko Martin, Laureate of the 2000 Honens International Piano Competition, and Andrei Bielov, Laureate of the 2000 Hannover International Violin Competition. Works by Bach, Beethoven, Pärt, Prokofiev, Schnittke. Glenn Gould Studio, 250 Front St. W. 416-205-5555. \$21-\$28.
- 8:00: Acoustic Harvest. Chris & Ken Whiteley. Blues/swing. Birch Cliff United Church, 33 East Rd. 416-264-2235. \$12. - 8:00: Earshot. Sleight of Hand. New
- works for piano by Denning, Farah, Good, Hannah & Matey. John Farah, piano. Church of St. George the Martyr, 197 John St. 416-204-1080. \$15,\$10.
- 8:00: Jazz.FM91. Summer of Jazz: Anna Romain. Island Club, Ontario Place, 955 Lakeshore Blvd. West. 416-599-5299. Free. - 8:00: Massey Hall/Korea Times Daily.
- Sumi Jo, coloratura soprano in Recital. 15 Shuter St. 416-872-4255. \$30-\$70. - 8:00: Musicians in Ordinary for the
- Lutes and Voices. Sleep Wayward Thoughts. Songs & lute solos on the subject of sleep. Hallie Fishel, soprano; John Edwards, lute. Church of the Redeemer, 162 Bloor St. West. 416-603-4950. \$15,\$10. - 8:00: Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra.
- Baroque Masterworks. Trinity-St. Paul's Church. See Sept 19.

Sunday September 23

- 2:00: Calvin Presbyterian Church. Sue Crowe-Connelly, mezzo & Stephanie Martin, piano in Recital. Elgar: Sea Pictures; Willan:

Songs of the British Isles; Copland: Old American Songs. 26 Delisle Ave. 416-923-9030. Free (donations accepted).

- 2:00: Harbourfront Centre. Sunday Concert: Bros. Cosmoline. Ole-time country. York Quay Centre, 235 Queens Quay West.

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- 3:30: Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra.

Baroque Masterworks. Trinity-St. Paul's Church. See Sept 19.

Monday September 24

12:15: Church of the Holy Trinity. Music

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September 30

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October 7

Thanksgiving Sunday NO RECITAL TODAY

October 14

Canadian Children's Opera Chorus, Ann Cooper Gay, conductor, joined by guests from Germany, the Essen-Steeler Kinder-und Jugendchor, Siegfried Kübacher, conductor

October 21

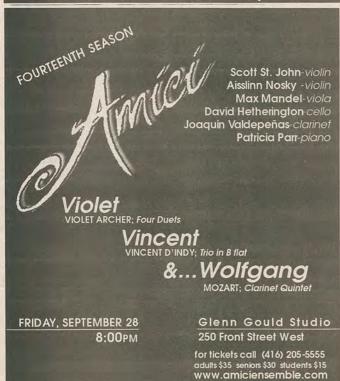
Lenard Whiting, tenor with William Shookhoff, piano

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Peter McGillivray, baritone with Andrea Grant, piano

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Monday Concert: Darbazis Kalebi. Music of the Georgian Republic for Women's Voices. 10 Trinity Square. 416-598-4521. PWYC (suggested \$5).

- 7:00: Arts Toronto. Arts Week: Ryan Hebert, carillonneur in Recital. Metropolitan United Church, 56 Queen St. East. 416-363-0331. Donations accepted.

- 8:00: Arts Toronto. Arts Week: A Cappella Showcase. Evening of a cappella music. MegaCity Chorus & other affiliated groups. Oriole/York Mills United Church, 2609 Bayview. 416-703-6999.

Tuesday September 25

- 12:10: Critical Mass. Josquin: Missa Beata Virgine. Church of the Holy Trinity, 10 Trinity Square. 416-778-4923. Donation (\$10 recommended). Proceeds to Out Of The

- 12:10: University of Toronto Faculty of Music. Vocal Student Performances. Walter Hall, 80 Queen's Park, 416-978-3744. Free.

- 1:00: St. James' Cathedral. Lunch Hours at St. James': The German Romantics I. Liszt: Fantasie and Fugue on BACH: Mendelssohn: Prelude and Fugus in G; Schumann: Fugue on BACH. 65 Church St. 416-364-7865. Free.

2:00 & 8:00: Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts. Canadian Tribute to Glenn Miller. Don Pierre, conductor. 130 Navy Street, Oakville. 905-815-2021. \$36.99, \$28.99 (matinee).

- 8:00: Mozart Society of Toronto. Celebration of the Life of Peter Sandor. Choral music, arias & ensembles from Cosi fan tutte & The Magic Flute; reminiscences. Performers include Monica Whicher & Isabel Bayrakdarian, sopranos; David Fallis Choir. Sunderland Hall, First Unitarian Congregation, 175 St. Clair West. 416-499-2716.

Wednesday September 26

- 12:30: Yorkminster Park Baptist Church. Janet MacFarlane Peaker, organ in Recital. 1585 Yonge St. 416-922-1167. Free. - 8:00: Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts. Canadian Tribute to Glenn Miller. See September 25.

Thursday September 27

- 12:10: St. Paul's Anglican Church. P. John H. Stephenson, organ in Recital. 227 Bloor St. East. 416-961-8116. Free. - 12:10: University of Toronto Faculty of Music. Thursdays at Noon: Early Music Ensembles featuring faculty artists. Walter Hall, 80 Queen's Park. 416-978-3744. Free.

Friday September 28

- 8:00: Amici. Archer: Four Duets; d'Indy: Trio in B flat, Op.29; Mozart: Quintet in A, K.581. Scott St. John, Aisslinn Nosky, violins; Max Mandel, viola; David Hetherington, cello; Joaquin Valdepeñas, clarinet; Patricia Parr, piano. Glenn Gould Studio, 250 Front St. West. 416-205-5555. \$27, \$24(sr), \$12(st). - 8:00: Arts Toronto. Arts Week: Behind Silk Ribbons & Rebozos. Dance theatre performance. Stories of Mexican-Indigenous dancer/choreographer Norma Araiza & Chinese-Canadian dancer/choreographer Elena Quah, with live music, poetry & texts. du Maurier Theatre Centre, 231 Queens Quay West, 416-973-4700, \$5(reservations) required). For complete run see music theatre - 8:00: University of Toronto Faculty of

guitar. Walter Hall, 80 Queen's Park. 416-

Music. Viva Italia! Massimo Gasbarroni,

978-3744. \$20,\$10.

Saturday September 29

- 12:00 noon: Dominion Workshop Centre/SHINE TV/SOI/4UNITY Productions. The Spirit of Inspirations: Journey of Luv. Showcase of dance, music, art & spoken word; Christian & Gospel music celebration. Mel Lastman Square, 5180 Yonge St. 416-

- 1:00: Arts Toronto. ArtsWeek: Gerald Martindale, carillonneur in Recital. Metropolitan United Church, 56 Queen St. East, 416-363-0331, Donations accepted. - 2:00: ArtsToronto. ArtsWeek: Dr. Patricia Wright, Casavant organ. Metropolitan United Church, 56 Queen Street East. 416-363-0331. Donations

- 8:00: Choirs Ontario, Ontario Youth Choir 2001 in Concert. Mixed repertoire of motets, anthems, hymns & folk songs by Handel, Gibbons, Giovannelli, Rachmaninoff,

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- 8:00: Music Gallery. Eve Egoyan, piano. St. George the Martyr Church, 197 John St. 416-204-1080. \$15,\$10.

- 8:00: Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts. Barra MacNeils. Cape Breton Celtic. 130 Navy Street, Oakville. 905-815-2021, \$37.99.

- 8:00: Toronto Centre for the Arts. Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra · Baroque Masterworks. Works by Bach, Vivaldi, Handel and Telemann. Jeanne Lamon, music director. George Weston Recital Hall, 5040 Yonge St. 416-870-8000. \$25-\$47.

Sunday September 30

- 12:00 noon: Dominion Workshop Centre/SHINE TV/SOI/4UNITY Productions. The Spirit of Inspirations: Journey of Luv. Mel Lastman Square. See September 29. - 1:00: Harbourfront Centre. Cushion Concert: The Little Prince. Lesley Arden & The Children's Trio. du Maurier Theatre Centre, 231 Queens Quay West. 416-973-

- 1:00 & 3:30: Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts. Sharon, Bram and Friends. Sing-along concert. Guests: Skinnamarink band. 130 Navy Street, Oakville. 905-815-2021, \$31,99.

- 2:00: Calvin Presbyterian Church. Erin McPhee, soprano, Stephanie Martin,

Recital. Monteclaire: Pan et Syrinx; Strozzi: Italian songs; Dowland: English songs. 26 Delisle Ave. 416-923-9030. Free (donations accented).

- 2:00: Cathedral Bluffs Symphony Orchestra. Young Artists' Concert. Wagner: Flying Dutchman Overture; Brahms: Symphony #2 in D (Finale); works by Mozart, Barber, Haydn, Handel & Puccini. Soloists; Robert Raines, conductor. Scarborough Civic Centre, 150 Borough Drive. 416-879-5566.

- 2:00: Harbourfront Centre. Sunday Concert: Worlds of Music. Performers TBA. York Quay Centre, 235 Queens Quay West. 416-973-3000. Free.

- 2:00: Naum Shtarkman, piano in Recital. Music by Chopin, Schumann & Tchaikovsky. Dacary Hall, Winters College, York University, 4700 Keele St. 416-663-2788. \$22.

2:00: Toronto Sinfonietta/Arts Toronto. Musical Gallery. Traditional & contemporary favourites played by flute & guitar duo; artwork by children of the Avenue Road Arts School. 111 Avenue Road. 416-410-4379.

- 3:00: dance OREMUS dansel innermusica. Zéphyr, Vent de L'Amour. Rameau: excerpts from Les Boréades; Gluck: excerpts from Orfeo ed Euridice, Iphigenie en Tauride, Armide, Iphigenie en Aulide; with dance. Isabelle Desrochers, soprano; Colin Ainsworth, tenor; Jeanne Bresciani & other dancers; Ensemble Les Muses réunies; Michael Feldman, conductor; Paul James Dwyer, choreographer/artistic director. Jane Mallett Theatre, 27 Front St. East. 416-3667723. \$52,\$41.50(sr), \$25(st).

- 3:00: Mooredale Concerts. Antonio Vivaldi in Venice. Concertos played by Scott St. John, Erika Raum and Etsuko Kimura, violins; Mooredale Festival Orchestra; Grytsje Schurer, bassoon; David Macfarlane, narrator. Walter Hall, 80 Queen's Park. 416-922-3714. \$25,\$20.

- 3:00: Rosedale Presbyterian Church. Douglas Bodle & Students in Recital. Music for organ by Bach, Liszt, Messiaen & Pachelbel, Douglas Bodle, Deborah Lee, Mi Jung Kim & Ran Kim, organists. 129 Mt. Pleasant Rd. 416-921-1931. Free (donations gratefully received).

- 3:00: University of Toronto. Soldiers' Tower Carillon Recital Series. Roy Lee, carillonneur. The lawn, Hart House Circle. 416-978-2452, Free.

- 4:30: Christ Church Deer Park. Jazz Vespers. George Koller, bass; Julie Michels, vocals. 1570 Yonge St. 416-920-5211. Free.

- time TBA: Arts Toronto. ArtsWeek: Renanim Children's Chorus & Youth Ensemble. Spiritual & secular, classical, popular, Broadway & jazz. Susan Michaels, conductor. Koffler School of Music, 4588 Bathurst. 416-636-1880.

Monday October 01

- 12:15: Church of the Holy Trinity. Music Monday Concert: Free Play Duo. 10 Trinity Square. 416-598-4521. PWYC (suggested

- 8:00: dance OREMUS danse. Geneviève Soly, harpsichord: Les Grandes Suites. Handel: Suite in g #7; Bach: Partita in G #5;

Graupner: Suite in a #11. Jane Mallett Theatre, 27 Front St. East. 416-366-7723. \$24,\$20(sr),\$12(st).

- 8:00: University of Toronto Faculty of Music. Amici, with Scott St. John. Walter Hall, 80 Queen's Park. 416-978-3744. \$20,\$10.

Tuesday October 02

- 1:00: St. James' Cathedral. Lunch Hours at St. James': Kevin Komisaruk, organ. 65 Church St. 416-364-7865. Free.

- 8:00: dance OREMUS dansel innermusica. Zéphyr, Vent de L'amour. Jane Mallett Theatre. See September 30.

- 8:00: University of Toronto Faculty of Music. Rupert Edwards Organ Recitals. Egbert Schoenmaker, organ. Knox College Chapel, 59 St. George St. 416-978-3744. \$20 \$10

- 8:00: University of Toronto Faculty of Music. / Solisti Veneti. Claudio Scimone, conductor. Walter Hall, 80 Queen's Park. 416-978-3744. \$20,\$10.

Wednesday October 03

- 12:30: Yorkminster Park Baptist Church. Michael Bloss, organ in Recital. 1585 Yonge St. 416-922-1167. Free.

- 8:00: dance OREMUS danse/ innermusica. Zéphyr, Vent de L'amour. Jane Mallett Theatre. See September 30.

- 8:00: Toronto Symphony Orchestra. Ravel: Valses nobles et sentimentales; Berg: Violin Concerto; Tchaikovsky: Symphony #6 Pathétique. Leonidas Kavakos, violin; Sir





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— 8:00: University of Toronto Faculty of

 8:00: University of Toronto Faculty of Music. Jean-Paul Sevilla, piano. Walter Hall, 80 Queen's Park. 416-978-3744. Free.

Thursday October 04

 12:10: St. Paul's Anglican Church. Eric Robertson, organ in Recital. 227 Bloor St. East. 416-961-8116. Free.

— 12:10: University of Toronto Faculty of Music. Thursdays at Noon: Christos Hatzis & St. Lawrence String Quartet. Guest composer: Jonathan Berger. Walter Hall, 80 Queen's Park. 416-978-3744. Free.

— 8:00: Music Toronto. St. Lawrence String Quartet. Mozart: Quartet in E flat, K.428; Berger: Miracles in Mud; Tchaikovsky: Quartet in D Op.11 #1. Jane Mallett Theatre, 27 Front St. East. 416-366-7723. \$43,839. — 8:00: Toronto Philharmonia. The Phil Visits Central Europe. Chopin: Concerto for Piano and Orchestra No.2; Smetana: The Moldau; Liszt: Hungarian Rhapsody No.2 in d; Gellman: Jaya Overture. Joel Hastings, piano. Kerry Stratton, conductor. George Weston Recital Hall, 5040 Yonge St. 416-870-8000. \$32,37; \$26,\$32(st/sr).

Friday October 05

- 8:00: Toronto Symphony Orchestra.

Roy Thomson Hall. See October 3.

8:00: Fiddles & Frets. The Bill Hilly Band.
World folk music sextet. Bellefair United
Church, 2 Bellefair Ave. 416-264-2235. \$15.
8:00: Toronto Symphony Orchestra.
Roy Thomson Hall. See October 3.

Saturday October 06

8:00: Concert Stage. Big Wreck.
 Performers include members of the Toronto
 Symphony Orchestra, Uzume Taiko Ensemble,
 Eric Johnson, guitar, Cirque Eloize & others.
 Roy Thomson Hall, 60 Simcoe. 416-870-8000, \$30-\$38.

— 8:00: Les AMIS Concerts. All Brahms Program. Brahms: Two Songs Op.91; Piano Pieces Op.119; Piano Quartet in c Op.60; Berger/Brahms: First Hungarian Dance. Allyson McHardy, mezzo; Terrence Tam, violin; Barry Shiffman, viola; Shauna Rolston, cello; Yuval Fichman, piano; guest composer: Jonathan Berger. Heliconian Hall, 35 Hazelton Ave. 905-773-7712. \$25,\$10(st).

Sunday October 07

- 1:30: CAMMAC/McMichael Gallery. Sunday Concert: Johnson Chung Trio. Jazz guitar, bass & vocals. 10365 Islington, Kleinburg. 905-893-1121. \$9,\$7, \$20(family), under 5 free.

- 2:00: **Harbourfront Centre**. *Sunday Concert: Betty & The Bobs*. Bluegrass, York Quay Centre, 235 Queens Quay West. 416-973-3000. Free.

— 3:00: Baroque Music Beside the Grange. Angels and Devils. String concertos, solos & trio sonatas by Leclair & Locatelli. Christopher Verrette, Genevieve Gilardeau & Julie Wedman, violins; Pat Jordan, viola; Margaret Gay, cello; Paul Jenkins, harpsichord. St. George the Martyr Church, 197 John St. 416-588-4301. \$18,\$14.

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Wednesday September 05

— 8:00: Guelph Jazz Festival. Sonny Greenwich & Marilyn Lerner. Macdonald Stewart Art Centre, 358 Gordon St., Guelph. 1-877-520-2408, \$15,\$12.

Thursday September 06

5:00: Guelph Jazz Festival. Stich
 Wynston's Modern Surfaces. Guest: Marilyn
 Crispell. Macdonald Stewart Art Centre, 358
 Gordon St., Guelph. 1-877-520-2408. Free.
 8:00: Guelph Jazz Festival. Joe

McPhee's Bluette/Paul Cram Orchestra. St. George's Church, 99 Woolwich St., Guelph. 1-877-520-2408. \$20,\$18.

— 11:30pm: Guelph Jazz Festival. Glen Hall, Lee Ranaldo, Ray Anderson & Gerry Hemingway. St. George's Church, 99 Woolwich St., Guelph. 1-877-520-2408. \$15,\$12.

Friday September 07

 12:00 noon: Guelph Jazz Festival. Tim Posgate Horn Band with Folk Choir.
 Macdonald Stewart Art Centre, 358 Gordon St., Guelph. 1-877-520-2408. Free.

- 5:00: Guelph Jazz Festival. Georg Graewe, Frank Gratkowski, Kent Kessler & Hamid Drake. Macdonald Stewart Art Centre, 358 Gordon St., Guelph. 1-877-520-2408. \$15.\$12.

— 8:00: Burkholder United Church. Byron Jones, organ in Recital. Classical, theatre & liturgical music. 465 Mohawk Rd. East, Hamilton. 905-383-7332. \$12.

— 8:00: Guelph Jazz Festival. Bill Frisell & Kevin Breit/Marilyn Crispell & Gerry Hemingway. Chalmers United Church, 50 Quebec St., Guelph. 1-877-520-2408. \$25.\$20.

- 8:00: McMaster University School of the Arts. Ladies of Jazz: Salome Bey, jazz vocals. Theatre Aquarius, 190 King William St., Hamilton. 905-522-7529. \$32.

— 11:30pm: Guelph Jazz Festival. Gebhard Ullmann's Conference Call Quartet. Chalmers United Church, 50 Quebec St., Guelph. 1-877-520-2408. \$15,\$12.

Saturday September 08

— 4:00: Guelph Jazz Festival. Marshall Allen & Lou Grassi. Bookshelf Cinema, 41 Quebec St., Guelph. 1-877-520-2408. \$15,\$12.

8:00: Burkholder United Church. Byron Jones, organ in Recital. See September 7.
8:00: Guelph Jazz Festival. Andrew Hill/ Sun Ra Arkestra. Marshall Allen, director. River Run Centre, 35 Woolwich St., Guelph. 519-763-3000. \$27,\$22.

- 11:30pm: Guelph Jazz Festival. Chicago Underground Duo. St. George's Church, 99 Woolwich St., Guelph. 1-877-520-2408. \$15,\$12.

Sunday September 09

- 10:30am: Guelph Jazz Festival.

Supergenerous (Kevin Breit & Cyro Baptista). River Run Centre, 35 Woolwich St., Guelph. 519-763-3000. \$15,\$12.

— 7:30: Guelph Jazz Festival. Michael Occhipinti's Creation Dream: The Songs of Bruce Cockburn. River Run Centre, 35 Woolwich St., Guelph. 519-763-3000. \$20.\$18.

Friday September 14

— 8:00: Tivoli Theatre. Jekyll & Hyde: The Musical. Music by Frank Wildhorn; books & lyrics by Leslie Bricusse. Canadian Premiere Production. 108 James St. North, Hamilton. 905-777-9777 or 1-877-572:3773. \$22,\$20. For complete run see music theatre listings.

Sunday September 16

— 2:00: American Theatre Organ Society, Buffalo Area Chapter. Scott Foppiano, "Mighty Wurlitzer" theatre pipe organ. Shea's Performing Arts Center, 646 Main St, Buffalo NY. 716-684-8414. \$10,\$5, group rates.

Friday September 21

— 8:00: Clearly Classic Concerts. Brahms:



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Thursday October 04

— 10:15am: City of Hamilton/American Liszt Society/McMaster University School of the Arts. Great Romantics Festival: Jean-Paul Sevilla, piano in Recital. Fauré: Nocturnes; Schumann: Etudes Symphoniques Op.13. Convocation Hall, McMaster University, Hamilton. 905-525-9140 ext.23674. \$15 for morning session.

—— 2:00: City of Hamilton/American Liszt Society/McMaster University School of the Arts. Great Romantics Festival: Donald Sutherland, organ in Recital. Liszt: Weinen, Klagen, Sorgen, Zagen. Christ's Church Cathedral, 252 James St. North, Hamilton. 905-525-9140 ext.23674. \$15 for afternoon session.

— 3:00: ChamberWorks. Great Romantics Festival. Brahms: Clarinet Quintet in b op.115. Stephen Pierre, clarinet; Mark Fewer & Jayne Maddison, violins; Douglas Perry, viola; Jack Mendelsohn, cello. Christ's Church Cathedral, 252 James St. North, Hamilton. 905-525-9140 ext.23674. \$15 for afternoon session.

— 8:00: Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestral American Liszt Society/McMaster University School of the Arts. Great Romantics Festival. Beethoven: Egmont Overture; Brahms: Piano Concerto #2 in B flat; Mendelssohn: Symphony #3 in a Scottish. Marc-André Hamelin, piano; David Lloyd-Jones, conductor. Hamilton Place. 905-525-9140 ext.23674. \$20.

Friday October 05

— 9:30am: City of Hamilton/ American Liszt Society/McMaster University School of the Arts. Great Romantics Festival: Dominique Piana, harp in Recital. Liszt arr. Posse: Three Liebesträume; Liszt transc. Piana: Hungarian Rhapsody #5 Héroïde élégiaque. Convocation Hall, McMaster University. 905-525-9140 ext.23674. \$15 for morning session.

— 11:15am: City of Hamilton/American
Liszt Society/McMaster University
School of the Arts. Great Romantics
Festival: Jennifer McMahon, soprano & Laura
Pin, piano in Recital. Songs by Verdi, Wolf &
Strauss. Convocation Hall, McMaster
University. 905-525-9140 ext.23674. \$15
for morning session.

— 3:00: City of Hamilton/American Liszt Society/McMaster University School of the Arts. Great Romantics Festival: Piano Gala - Verdi/Liszt Operatic Paraphrases. Douglas Humpherys, Claude Hobson, Gila Goldstein, Nancy Roldán, Alla Zacarelli, Natalia Tyompkina, piano. Central Presbyterian Church, Hamilton. 905-525-9140 ext.23674. \$15 for afternoon session. — 8:00: City of Hamilton/American Liszt Society/McMaster University School of the Arts. Great Romantics Festival: André Laplante, piano in Recital. Works by Liszt, Schumann & Chopin. Convocation Hall, McMaster University. 905-525-9140 ext.23674. \$15 for evening session.

Saturday October 06

— 10:15am: City of Hamilton/ American Liszt Society/McMaster University School of the Arts. Great Romantics Festival: Earl Carliss, violin & Ann Schein, piano in Recital. Grieg: Sonata in c; Franck: Sonata in A. Centenary United Church, Hamilton. 905-525-9140 ext.23674. \$15 for morning session.

— 11:30am: City of Hamilton/ American Liszt Society/McMaster University School of the Arts. Great Romantics Festival: Lorna MacDonald, soprano & William Aide, piano in Recital. Schumann: Song Cycle Frauen-liebe und -leben. Centenary United Church, Hamilton. 905-525-9140 ext.23674. \$15 for morning session.

— 2:30: City of Hamilton/American Liszt Society/McMaster University School of the Arts. Great Romantics Festival: Wagner/Liszt Piano Gala. Louis Nagel, Valerie Tryon, Nadejda Vlaeva, Vladimir Leyetchkiss, pianists. Centenary United Church, Hamilton. 905-525-9140 ext.23674. \$15 for afternoon session.

Sunday October 07

— 8:00: City of Hamilton/American Liszt Society/McMaster University School of the Arts. Great Romantics Festival: Martin Beaver, violin & Valerie Tryon, piano in Recital. Beethoven: Sonata in A Kreutzer, Brahms: Sonata in A Op.100. Convocation Hall, McMaster University. 905-525-9140 ext.23674. \$15 for evening session.

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*September 20 10:00am: Arts Toronto/ Toronto Symphony Orchestra. Experience the TSO in rehearsal with conductor Gunther Herbig. Roy Thomson Hall, 60 Simcoe. Information: 416-593-7769.

*September 22 & 23 1:00-5:00: Arts Toronto/Toronto Artscape. Gibraltar Point Centre Open House. Features a Residency Program for international artists, 15 studios for musicians, composers, visual artists & writers and a Retreat Centre. Free shuttle bus to & from Wards Island Ferry Dock, or you can walk, cycle or rollerblade to the centre. 416-392-7834.

*September 22 to 30 10:00am-5:00: Arts Toronto/Children's Own Museum. Join Michael Anderson's song circle; meet a musician from Tafelmusik; participate in a sing-along; listen to stories told by Aubrey Davis & Sally Jaeger. For children up to age 8. 90 Queen's Park. \$4.75, free for children under age 1, PWYC Friday from 1pm to 5pm. *September 24 7:30: Arts Toronto/Orpheus Choir. Open rehearsal featuring Daley: Requiem and Rutter: The Falcon. Come to listen or to sing. Yorkminster Park Church, 1585 Yonge St. 416-530-4428. Reservations required for those who wish to sing.

*September 24 7:30: Arts Toronto/ Toronto Mendelssohn Choir. Experience the Toronto Mendelssohn Choir in rehearsal with conductor Noel Edison. Works include Orff: Carmina Burana and Buhr: Gloria. Roy Thomson Hall, 60 Simcoe. To reserve: 416-598-0422.

*September 26 10:00am: Arts Toronto/ M-DO/Toronto Tabla Ensemble Centre for World Music and Dance. Visit our studio & hear a Toronto Tabla Ensemble rehearsal. 50 Spadina Ave, lower level. 416-504-7082.

*September 26 12:00 noon to 3:00: Arts Toronto/Metropolitan United Church. Carillonneur Gerald Martindale conducts tours up the Carillon tower. 56 Queen St. East, 416-363-0331.

*September 26 8:00 to 9:30: Arts Toronto/River Restaurant. Java Jive 5. Dasis Jazz (12-voice jazz choir) performs an eclectic repertoire of vocal jazz, gospel, international music, show tunes & old favourites. 413 Roncesvalles. 416-535-3422. PWYC.

*September 28 8:00: Arts Toronto/ Quodlibet. Open rehearsal of Christmas carols, Gregorian chants & motets. Arthur Wenk, director. St. Leonard's Church, 25 Wanless Ave. 416-488-6235.

*September 29 2:00: Arts Toronto/ Canadian Opera Company. Bring your best aria & audition for the COC. The COC Artistic Administrator will provide constructive feedback on how to audition and what opera companies are looking for. Pianist provided. Observers welcome. Reservations required by September 14. Joey & Toby Tannenbaum Opera Centre, 227 Front St. East. 416-363-6671.

*September 29 2:00: Arts Toronto/ Toronto Children's Chorus. Hear them perform, learn special songs with music director Jean Ashworth Bartle, perform with the choir, see the TCC's video & photo

experience stations. Children & families welcome. Lawrence Park Community Church, 2180 Bayview. 416-932-8666 ext.111. Reservations preferred.

*September 29 6:30: Canadian Opera
Women's Committee. Opera Ball Toronto
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reception, gourmet dinner & dance.
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Russ Little & his 12 musicians and Alicia
Kay, CFTO-TV personality. Royal York Hotel
Concert Hall, 100 Front St. West. 416-8630364

*September 30 11am-6pm: Arts Torontol The Word on the Street · Toronto Book And Magazine Fair. Features musical performances, readings, lots of books & magazines. Queen Street West from University to Spadina. 416-504-7241. Free. *October 5: Opera Atelier. Versailles Banquet 2001. Features lavishly costumed attendants, baroque dancers & singers & a sumptuous feast. Fundraising event. Graydon Hall Manor, 185 Graydon Hall Drive. 416-703-3767 ext.24. \$200/person.

LECTURES

*September 20 12:10: University of Toronto Faculty of Music. Arranging Folk Music: Why? How? Lecture by John Beckwith, with demonstration by singers Lorna MacDonald, Michèle Bogdanowicz & Darryl Edwards. Walter Hall, 80 Queen's Park. 416-978-3744. Free.

*City of Hamilton/American Liszt Society/School of the Arts, McMaster University. Great Romantics Festival. Morning, afternoon & evening sessions, October 4-7, involving concerts (see daily listings), receptions & lectures as follows. 905-525-9140 ext.23674 www.artset.net/ greatromantics.html

October 4:

*9:45am: It was a dark and stormy night...
The censored letters of Liszt to Agnes
Street-Klindworth, lecture by Pauline
Pocknell

*11:00am: The Art of the Arrangement lecture by Frank Cooper October 5:

*10:15am: A Tribute to Arthur Rubinstein lecture by Ann Schein

*2:15: In Memoriam: Giuseppe Verdi lecture by Julian Budden October 6:

*9:30am: Liszt and Wagner: the Operatic Paraphrases lecture by David Cannata

MASTER CLASSES

*October 2 2:00: University of Toronto Faculty of Music. Master class with I Solisti Veneti, Claudio Scimone, conductor. Walter Hall, 80 Queen's Park. 416-978-3744. Free.

*October 3 2:00: University of Toronto Faculty of Music. Master class with Jean-Paul Sevilla, piano. Walter Hall, 80 Queen's Park. 416-978-3744. Free.

WORKSHOPS

*September 1 & 2: Canadian Society for Independent Radio Production. Deep Wireless. Workshop for community radio. producers & artists who want to include soundscape work in their programs & artistic productions. Gibraltar Point Centre for the Arts, Toronto Island. 613-791-9542. *September 1 & 2: SOUND TRAVELS. Explore the possibilities of sound in space in a series of outdoor concerts, demonstrations, soundwalks & workshops. Audiences will be treated to four outdoor sound excursions that feature works for live & automated octaphonic spatialization using the aXio midi controllor and Richmond Sound Design AudioBox. Participants include artistic director Darren Copeland, David Eagle, Joergen Teller, Tim Brady, John Oswald and others. Gibraltar Point Centre for the Arts, Toronto Island. http:// www.interlog.com/ ~ darcope/adven.html *September 9 1:30: Toronto Early Music Players' Organization. Treasures from Scotland and Norway. Workshop with Colin Savage on historical & modern clarinets. Lansing United Church, 49 Bogert Ave. 416-487-9261. \$20.

**September 22 & 29 10:30pm to midnight; September 26 5:15 to 6:45:

*Arts Toronto/The Yoga Sanctuary. Yoga Musicale! workshops blend yoga and live original music by Njo Kong Kie. Wednesday's class is earlier to accommodate families

with children. 2 College St., 3rd floor. 416-928-3236 www.theyogasanctuary.net *September 24 7:30: Arts Torontol Creative Vocalization Studio. An Introduction to Scat Singing. Workshop in vocalization by professional vocalist & educator Honey Novick. Private address. For location & reservations: 416-782-7944. \$5. *September 27 8:00: Toronto Folk Singers' Club. Informal meeting with the purpose of exchanging songs, traditional or contemporary. Tiki Room, TRANZAC Club, 292 Brunswick Ave. 416-532-0900. Free. *September 30 2:00: CAMMAC. Reading of Orff's Carmina Burana for singers and instrumentalists, with conductor Colin Clarke. Instrumentalists, please bring music stand. Christ Church Deer Park, 1570 Yonge St. 416-924-1938. \$5(non-members). \$3(members).

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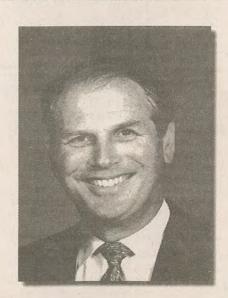
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DISC(S) OF THE MONTH

TWO HISTORIC LANDMARKS IN THE MAHLER DISCOGRAPHY RE-ISSUED

Mahler: Symphony No. 9

Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra Bruno Walter, conductor Dutton CDBP 9708 (Budget Price)

New York Philharmonic Leonard Bernstein, conductor Sony Classical AMK 60597 (Mid-Price)

Bruno Walter was Mahler's closest associate throughout their decade together at the Vienna



State Opera. After 1907 they saw less of each other, as Mahler travelled to New York to conduct the Philharmonic and work at the Metropol-

itan Opera. It was Walter who was entrusted with the premieres of the *Ninth Symphony* as well as that of Mahler's poignant song cycle *Das Lied von der Erde*, following Mahler's death in 1911. Decades later Leonard Bernstein's conducting career was launched to great acclaim when the 25 year old composer filled in for an ailing Bruno Walter at a matinée performance of the New York Philharmonic on November 14, 1943.

These two historic re-issues represent landmarks in the Mahler discography. From Dutton comes Bruno Walter's 1938 live performance, cleared of surface noise and expertly edited from the original 20 sides recorded by EMI. Bernstein's performance is a studio recording from 1963, from Columbia Records' first Bernstein edition of the complete symphonies.

Bernstein's taffy-pulling ritardandos, when

applied toward the end of one of Mahler's more propulsive melodic contours, have a thrilling effect as the cohesion of the ensemble teeters on the verge of destruction. At other times his trademark lingering over the material verges on the soporific, notably in

the foreshadowing of the finale that occurs towards the end of the third movement. In the finale itself however his approach works to perfection, with the warm



yet enervating tone of the New York Philharmonic's string section wringing every last ounce of passion from the music.

Walter's sense of rubato is considerably more refined. This is particularly noticeable in his superb interpretation of the second movement, a bumptious parody of a rustic Austrian Landler. He sets a blistering pace for the third movement, a diabolic scherzo which the Vienna orchestra seems a bit hard pressed to sustain at times. Walter's interpretation of the finale is oddly perfunctory however, as if he were somehow unable to come to terms personally with the complex emotions engendered by this last testament of his mentor. Despite its technological limitations, Walter's Apollonian interpretation remains as compelling as Bernstein's Dionysian vision of the work.

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Accompanist Robert Kortgaard's sensitive phrasing serves as a subtle but effective undercurrent to these unique settings. A great CD for those settling back into city life, already feeling a little nostalgic for their summer travels.

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Veronica Materi

Violons d'Enfer/Infernal Violins Angèle Dubeau & La Pietà Analekta AN 2 8718 (Full Price)

Since its founding in 1997, La Pietà, led by Quebec's phenomenal virtuoso Angèle Dubeau - has dazzled. This is the group's 4th CD and the program is full of music inspired through the ages by the Devil. Don't be the least bit scared, however, as this is a fun CD and that is both its strong point and its biggest drawback. With skillful arrangements of music by Tartini, Saint-Saëns and Liszt, the recording is designed to illustrate the various ways in which the Devil and the violin have been linked in the Western Classical tradition.

The playing is first-rate, as is to be expected. Dubeau leads the way with her warm tone and elegant phrasing and the rest of the group responds with precision and verve. There is, however, an annoyingly "easy-listening" atmosphere that pervades the performances. This isn't helped by the addition of short superficial pieces by Francois Dompierre, Ennio Morricone and even The Rolling Stones.

La Pietà's pianist Louise-Andrée Baril contributes some fine playing, and she's also the arranger of most of the substantial music on the disc. Her take on Liszt's first Mephisto Waltz generously shares virtuosic licks with the solo violin and her re-orchestration of a Devil-inspired Sinfonia by Boccherini is a definite highlight.

It's a great idea for a program, but it's almost as if the recording was designed for mindless "background" listening while sipping wine and enjoying life. Wait a minute, maybe the Prince of Darkness is at work here.

Larry Beckwith

Don Giovanni: Leporello's Revenge Dmitri Hvorostovsky

Canadian Opera Company Orchestra Richard Bradshaw, conductor Rhombus Media Film Soundtrack, CBC Records SMCD 5205 (Full Price)

Last October Canadian producers Rhombus Media launched a one-hour film, *Don Giovanni: Leporello's Revenge*, at a gala party at Roy Thomson Hall, with performances by the Canadian Opera Company Orchestra. Directed by Barbara Willis Sweete, the film turned Mozart's opera inside out, by shooting it as if it were about 1930s Hollywood actors watching the screening of their own performance of the opera.

Combined with the double-casting of internationally acclaimed Siberian baritone Dmitri Hvorostovsky as both the seducer Don Giovanni and his wily servant Leporello, the device allowed for the utmost milking of the opera's themes of deceit and concealed identity, while emphasizing the essentially similar natures of Don Giovanni and his servant.

The film soundtrack has now been released, and - except for the double casting of Hvorostovsky - it's a surprisingly straight-up presentation of excerpts from the opera: just over an hour of music, in the usual order. Of course, in his double role, Hvorostovsky spends quite a bit of time singing dialogue with himself. It surprises me that the engineers didn't use the possibilities of stereo recording to channel the "two" voices through separate speakers, but Hvorostovsky's voice is more than rich and expressive enough to carry off the one-man double bill. Besides the hard-working

Hvorostovsky, the CD features a roster of names that will be familiar to Toronto opera goers, including Gary Relyea, Dominique Labelle, Liesel Fedkenheuer, Krisztina Szabó, Alain Coulombe and Michael Colvin.

Sarah B. Hood

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Named after the legendary city of Constantinople which was once the cultural centre of the world, this ensemble recreates the music of the Middle Ages and the Renaissance with strong consideration for the location of this city and the surrounding influences, namely classical Persian art music and the early music of Europe. Bearing this in mind, the immediate musical impression is that of a Middle Eastern quality.

This instrumental recording features the talents of Kiya Tabassian (setar), Mike Cole (lute), Isabelle Marchand (viola da gamba), Matthew Jennejohn (recorders), Ziya Tabassian (percussion), all of whom seem equally comfortable with integrating the free improvisatory nature of the Eastern style with the more structured European music.

This assortment of instruments can create several tonal textures, but the small, long-necked plucked-string instrument, the setar (not to be confused with the *sitar*), is the one which is not often associated with the early



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Europe,
although it
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similarities to
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(sometimes
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instrument with a rounded back) or cittern. Those of you who are reasonably familiar with early music have probably heard several of these tunes before—Pazzo e Mezzo, Salterello, Mignonne allons, La tricotea, Danza Alta, Rodrigo Martinez, Fata la

parte—but I doubt that you have heard them played with as much verve and flair as they are played on this recording.

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Michael J. Baker: Music from Big Pictures Barbara Hannigan, Arraymusic Artifact ART 018 (Full Price)

When Arraymusic artistic director Michael J. Baker died of leukemia last year Toronto lost a well-loved musical personage. On September

16 Arraymusic and the Music Gallery will mark the anniversary of Baker's passing with a memorial concert. Under his direction Arraymusic developed strong



ties with Toronto's dance community, so it is only fitting that the concert will include several of Baker's dance scores and excerpts from the multi-disciplinary work Big Pictures.

Arraymusic premiered Big Pictures, a theatrical work by Baker, choreographer Bill James and painter Dan Solomon, in 1992. Of course the CD presents only "music from" the production, but the selections go along way towards capturing the haunting essence of the work, a non-linear minimalist presentation utilizing texts by the painter Paul Klee.

Scored for soprano, clarinet(s), trumpet, violin, piano, double bass and two percussionists in various combinations, Big Pictures serves as a marvellous introduction to the music of Michael J. Baker and to the possibilities inherent in the less than standard instrumentation of the Arraymusic ensemble. Highlights for me include the ensemble pieces Red Brick and Red Brick Reprise, Girl in Mourning and One Day (the first solo recordings of rising star soprano Barbara Hannigan) and Gate of the Deserted Garden, an extended duet featuring violinist Marc Sabat and pianist Henry Kucharzyk.

The September 16th event will also mark the release of a new Artifact CD of Baker's music for dance, In Paradisum: The Music of Michael J. Baker. David Olds

Olivier Messiaen: Quartet for the End of Time Amici Ensemble Naxos 8.554824 (Budget Price)



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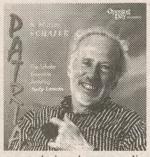
with such a "classic" as Messiaen's Quatuor pour la fin du temps. Congratulations are due to both Toronto's Amici and to the Naxos label for recognizing merits of this project regardless of the fact that Amici's earlier Summit recording of the work is still available.

Messiaen composed the Ouatuor in a German POW camp in 1941 for the only instruments available: clarinet, violin, cello and piano. Each of the instruments (with the exception of the accompanying piano provided most admirably here by Patricia Parr) is given an extended solo movement. Joaquin Valdepeñas is exemplary in The Abyss of the Birds, his clarinet arising from silence so seamlessly that it's hard to know when the note actually begins. Cellist David Hetherington's rendering of the Praise for the Eternity of Jesus, although markedly faster than on the earlier recording, somehow manages to capture the Messiaen's seemingly conflicting performance instructions: "infinitely slow" and "ecstatic". The core members of Amici are joined for this recording by violinist Scott St. John, who shines in the Praise for the Immortality of Jesus where his warmth of tone and brilliant control in the final passage convince us that we are, in Messiaen's words, hearing "the ascension of man towards God".

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Music, asserts Schafer, is at the centre of his monumental project and the album Patria provides examples from four of the works. The sounds range from the eerie to the whimsical, as one guesses the soul's progress must. Excerpts from Ra depict the final

judgment of a departed Egyptian king whose famous heart is weighed against the feather of truth. The haunting repetition in the score sung by sopranos Wendy Humphreys and Tannis Scott is ominous.

The tale of Theseus, Ariadne, the Minotaur and the Labyrinth, is told in The Crown of Ariadne, a dance drama featuring Judy Loman on harp and percussion. Its sixth movement, Dance of the Night Insects, is a spacious and delightful abstraction. But the sounds of real forest creatures were captured in And Wolf Shall Inherit the Moon and The Princess's Aria, both recorded in the wilds around Lake Muskoka.

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Deborah Rosen

Alban Berg: Violin Concerto Anne-Sophie Mutter, violin Chicago Symphony Orchestra, James Levine Deutsche Grammophon 437 093-2 (Full Price)

Alban Berg's Violin Concerto stands grandly in the tradition of the romantic virtuoso concerto, despite his use of the twelve-tone harmonic language and rigorous formal techniques of his teacher, Arnold Schoenberg. It is lyrical, nostalgic, and deeply moving. It even tells a story. Not surprisingly, there are a number of terrific recordings, most notably, in recent years, by Itzhak Perlman and Gidon Kremer, but the outstanding performance on CD is by Anne-Sophie Mutter.

Mutter may push the boundaries of Berg's score in her quest for a compelling interpretation, but she knows what the composer wants and she communicates it with passion and insight. The Chicago Symphony, under James Levine, provides a responsive, richly coloured partner.

No detail in the score eludes Mutter, from the poignant opening arpeggios, through the folkdance motif, the turbulent cadenza, the plaintive Bach chorale It is enough, Lord, to the heart-breaking return of the arpeggio figures at the close. Yet relentlessly she drives home the narrative of the life-and tragic death—of the 18-year-old girl to whom Berg dedicated this elegy.

This recording is available as a full-price single disc, coupled with Wolfgang Rihm's Time Chant. It is also included in a wellpriced boxed set of twentieth century masterworks for violin and orchestra, aptly titled Anne-Sophie Mutter: Back to the Future (DG 463 790-2).

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DISC OVERIES

Berg's Violin Concerto will be performed by Leonidas Kavakos and the Toronto Symphony Orchestra on October 3, 4, and 5 at Roy Thomson Hall.

Pamela Margles

Schoenberg: Erwartung Alessandra Marc

Staatskapelle Dresden, Giuseppe Sinopoli Teldec 3984-22901-2 (Full Price)

A deranged woman searching the woods for her duplicitous lover-that is what audiences will encounter when the Canadian Opera Company revives its acclaimed production of Arnold Schoenberg's Erwartung ("Expectation") in performances beginning September 21. Previous recordings have featured a riveting Anja Silja, and, more recently, a gorgeous Jessye Norman. But for shattering dramatic impact soprano Alessandra Marc and conductor Giuseppe Sinopoli have the edge. Marc reveals the layers of hallucination with overwhelming conviction. Her upper register can be harsh, and her low notes sometimes forced, but her rough edges are actually effective in conveying the disintegration of this woman's vulnerable psyche. The text is a fragmentary series of her suggestions, outbursts, accusations and questions, and Marc achieves just the right note of delirium.

But the glory of this live performance is Sinopoli's orchestra. It has been beautifully recorded, with the singer integrated into the texture, so that each instrumental line represents a voice emerging from the forest. The effect is staggering: menacing ostinati, dissolving motifs, and, at the end, ominously rising chromatic scales.

As a composer himself, (as well as psychiatrist and archaeologist), Sinopoli conducts as though he understands the mysteries of love, betrayal, and death expressed in this opera. Because this is one of his last recordings—he died in April just 56 years old—it is to be treasured all the more. As a bonus, this recording of *Erwartung* has been paired with a splendid performance of Schoenberg's seminal masterpiece, *Pierrot Lunaire*.

Pamela Margles

J.S. Bach: Sonatas for Obbligato Harpsichord and a Melody Instrument, Vol.1

Geneviève Soly, harpsichord Jeanne Lamon, violin Jay Bernfeld, viol da gamba Analekta fleurs de lys FL 2 3060 (Full Price) CPE Bach states, "these [sonatas for violin and harpsichord] are the best works by my beloved father. They sound excellent and still give me



much pleasure, even though over 50 years have passed." 250 years later the sonatas still shine brilliantly in performances by Soly, Lamon and Bernfeld.

Bach is most often credited with being the great master of archaic forms, but in these sonatas we see otherwise. The old forms are revitalized and new forms are everywhere. There are cantabile movements where the harpsichord is not polyphonic continuo but elaborately textured harmonic support, as in the first movement of the c-minor violin sonata. Lamon floats on long intelligent phrases over the very "modern" accompaniment of the harpsichord. One wishes that the world would stop, take heed, and be healed by this balm.

The gamba sonata is darker, somber, deep. Here the trio sonata influence is most conspicuous because the gamba plays the middle line and the harpsichord takes the treble. Balance is always the problem in harpsichord sonatas. The traditional baroque trio sonata has the harpsichord playing a schematically written figured bass part to be improvised, usually with another bass instrument for support. In these sonatas, the harpsichord part is fully written out, dense and complex, and creates a full partnership with the melodic instrument. The current recording succeeds mostly, and only occasionally does the harpsichord fade into the background. Soly is brilliant throughout, clean and crisp with Bach's tremendous scores. She establishes equal footing with each of the bowed soloists. Highly recommended.

Geneviève Soly performs "Les Grandes Suites" of Handel, Bach and Graupner on October 1 at the Jane Mallett Theatre.

Dawn Lyons & Den Ciul

Prayers Sumi Jo Chor Köln, Gürzenich-Orchester, Kölner Philharmoniker/James Colon Erato 8573-85772-2 (Full Price)

The designation, coloratura refers to an agile and subtle voice flexible enough to meet the demands of improvisation and tricky trilling. It is one that may commonly be identified with a puffy soprano engaged in a duel with flute. My introduction to Sumi Jo—a CD

called *The Art of Sumi Jo* that was suggested as a cure for the mid-winter blues—relieved me of such squirrelly associations replacing them with an appreciation of the enchantment her musical gift inspires. I love the way her voice gently cascades down after reaching extraordinary heights. Hers is a voice that soars and beckons.

Her most recent offering, Prayers, opens with Ravel's Kaddisch. This sacred Hebrew prayer for the dead sets an elegiac tone that is particularly well supported



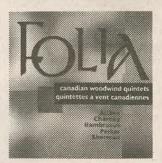
by the Philharmonic Choir of Cologne on the tracks Sanctus by Charles Gounod and Zbigniew Preisner's Lacrimosa, in memory of the director Krzysztof Keislowski. The choir and orchestra are also capable of enhancing a much livelier conversation to be found in Schubert's, Gott! Höre meine Stimme!. In contrast Say a prayer for me tonight from Gigi is delivered with tender innocence.

The contingencies of mass marketing have required Sumi Jo to be photographed for the cover of *Prayers* with gilded eyes shut to alert the listener of her serious devotional intentions. Let's scoot over to Massey Hall September 22 to witness the entirety of her face and magnificent voice in more secular surroundings.

Deborah Rosen

WORTH REPEATING Older recordings worthy of note

Folia - Canadian Woodwind Quintets The York Winds Centrediscs CMCCD 7301 (Full Price)



It seems to me that there is a real dearth of woodwind quintets these days. The combination of colours flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon and

horn—is distinctive, and extremely flexible. The York Winds were probably the best-known woodwind quintet in Canada during the seventies and eighties.

This CD reissue from the Canadian Music Centre gives us a glimpse back at the York Winds in peak form playing music by Canadian composers Brian Cherney, Bengt Hambraeus, Norman Sherman, Robert Aitken Alban Berg Quartet and Michael Parker. All the works employ a distinctly modern approach...no hints of neoclassicism here. The harmonic language is colourful, and at times dissonant, but never bland.

My favourite piece on the CD is the title track Folia by Robert Aitken. The piece is a virtuosic display of extended technique in which the musicians are called upon to perform multiphonics, flutter tonguing and singing into their instruments while playing them. All of this may sound like an exercise in technical mastery, but the flurry of energetic sound that results is quite compelling.

The Canadian Music Centre is to be commended for reissuing the material on this CD. It may not be everyone's cup of tea-if you like polite, happy classical period music this CD may not be to your taste—but if you feel adventurous, enjoy the sound of the woodwind quintet, and want music that expresses a wider range of moods and emotions, this is a recording that should be in your collection. Merlin Williams

Great Recordings of the Century: Debussy, Ravel, Stravinsky

EMI Classics CDM 67551-2 (Mid-Price)



Tully Potter's liner notes for this hybridized reissue make a strong case for linking the works of the three composers included, but to my ear Stravinsky is

somewhat out of place. The Debussy and Ravel quartets, modern classics by any definition, were written a few years before and after 1900 respectively. They are both undoubtedly forward-looking works but they share a sonic lushness that is worlds away from the angularity of Stravinsky's writing.

Dating from 1914, just a decade after Ravel's quartet, Stravinsky's Three Pieces reflect a different time, one in which the "war to end all wars" was just getting under way. Perhaps it is this fact that explains the dirgelike final movement. The Concertino of 1920 is quite reminiscent of more familiar Stravinsky works of that time, but the Double Canon of 1959, a dark work that utilizes some of Schoenberg's dodecaphonic (serial) techniques, is yet another world removed. Somehow I just don't get the connection to Debussy and Ravel.

That being said, I'm happy to look on the inclusion of these rarely performed Stravinsky pieces as a bonus, and there is no obligation to listen to them at the same sitting as the impressionist masterpieces. The ABQ gives us wonderful performances of all the works, although I would have preferred a somewhat faster tempo in the Ravel Assez vif pizzicato movement. EMI is to be applauded for this fine, affordable addition to catalogue.

David Olds

50 Great Recordings: Sibelius - Second Symphony/Beethoven - Fifth Symphony Concertgebouw Orchestra, George Szell Philips 464682-2 (Mid-Price)

Years ago on the late CJRT-FM Paul Robinson and I regularly discussed "The basic repertoire." We independently listened at home through umpteen versions of the piece under discussion and brought to the studio a handful of "finalists" for discussion. The reason I mention this is because often each of us believed we "knew" before the

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initial listenings began which version we preferred, and why. It may come as no surprise that sometimes our fondest memories of cherished recordings were in grievous error. As this is not a foot race where only one recording can be in first place, there is often more than one "preferred" version of any piece. After all, this is an interpreter's medium.

In the early sixties we were thrilled with the LP of this Sibelius Second. The faultless playing and the overall arch of Szell's reading leading to an almost overwhelming peroration were all evidenced in this sonorous recording. We were in Sibelius heaven.

Later came the Beethoven Fifth. Once again, orchestral perfection. One of the most telling aspects of this almost white-hot reading is the way the brass cuts through in the tuttis, much as Szell balanced his Cleveland Orchestra in the same repertoire. Here though the whole panorama is richer and deeper, no doubt a reflection of the Concertgebouw itself. That's what we thought then.

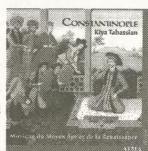
This time the memories were correct. These two great performances, now on one mid-priced disc, are even better than before thanks to Philips' "24/96" technology. Who would have guessed, over 30 years ago, that we'd be turning cartwheels over the re-issue?

Bruce Surtees

INDIE LIST Independent and small label releases

Retrospectives Vol. 1 Antonin Kubalek, piano Echiquier ECD 003 (Full Price)

These are brilliant. commanding performances marred only by the manner of their presentation. Remastered from LP recordings originally issued by the



CBC in the 1970s, Retrospectives Vol. 1 is compiled solely from repertoire of Czech origin. This rather contrived theme is unfortunate as it perpetuates the stereotyping of a masterful artist whose musicality extends beyond national borders.

The familiar Four Polkas by Smetana open this album, in stylish and beguiling performances. Milan Kimlicka's singular exercise in total serialism, Four Pieces for Piano (1969) receives an incisive interpretation from Kubalek but is poorly served by being shoe-horned between Smetana's dances and

the equally pleasant though ephemeral early 19th century Impromptu No.5 by Jan Hugo Vorisek. Dating from the same year as Kimlicka's Four Pieces, Oskar Morawetz's Suite for Piano is couched in a more conventional, late Romantic style. Improvisatory, introspective and propulsive by turns, it receives a sympathetic and poetic interpretation.

The highlight of this recording is a captivating performance of Leos Janacek's brilliant Concertino for piano and six instruments. Cast in the Baroque "concerto grosso" format that was undergoing something of a revival at the time, the attractive melodic profile of this 1925 composition is always richly folkloristic without stooping to parody.

Echiquier's very sketchy program notes promise a second volume of non-Czech repertoire will follow.

Daniel Foley

American Dreaming

Marc Couroux, piano Xuotavip Records (Mid-Price)

Since emerging from his Montreal practice lair some years back, Marc Couroux has been a confounding and necessary presence in Canadian new music. While remaining sought-after as a performer of some of the most intricate new piano music written, his



restlessness and perpetual redefinition have heightened initial comparison to a young Glenn Gould. Each new work he tackles spawns numerous writings, discussions, and analyses, in which energetic substitutions of one he seeks the core of the music and each layer to it (see http://pages. infinit.net/kore/couroux.html). This dedicated process of research and expression, new readings and studies take him mining elsewhere, into visual arts, film, cultural anthropology, and increasingly toward improvisation, where with his brilliant technique he can explore the cracks, fissures, and unpredictabilities of human experience.

American Dreaming is a live recording of Couroux improvising after the study of filmmaker John Cassavetes. Herein, Couroux demonstrates his fascination with "areas in a seeming halfway-point between complete development and total underdevelopment... halfway states." To borrow Raymond Carney's description of Cassavetes work and re-apply it to Couroux, he "offers us concatenated knowing in

place of consolidating knowing. Rather than rushing to a portable meaning, the [listener] is forced to live through a changing course of events. It lives in endless, interest and focus for another, in continuous shifts of tone, in fluxional slides of relationship".

American Dreaming is a fantastically unkempt truckload of ideas careening down a sometimes-frustrating thoroughfare, all revealed through Couroux's inimitable keyboard "touch". Despite his artistic preference of the process of becoming over the final result, I'm grateful that he chose to document this July 4th night and make it available on CD.

Paul Steenhuisen

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