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When the lights go down, what happens?

When the performance ends, what begins?

At UMS, anything is possible.

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 Robert McDuffie violin

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 Kinan Azmeh clarinet
 Kevork Mourad MaxMSP
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 Royal Shakespeare Company,
 Michael Boyd, and Ralph Williams
 25 Sun Richard Goode piano
 Chanticleer
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 Martin Katz piano
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 13 Fri Kodo
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 10 Tue Wynton Marsalis and
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 11 Wed Brentano String Quartet
 Peter Serkin piano
 Richard Lalli baritone
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 of Arab Music with Simon Shaheen
 and the Golden Age Orchestra

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 Based on *Richard III* by William Shakespeare

- 22 Sun Zakir Hussain tabla
 Pandit Shivkumar Sharma santoor
 26 Thu The Romeros
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April

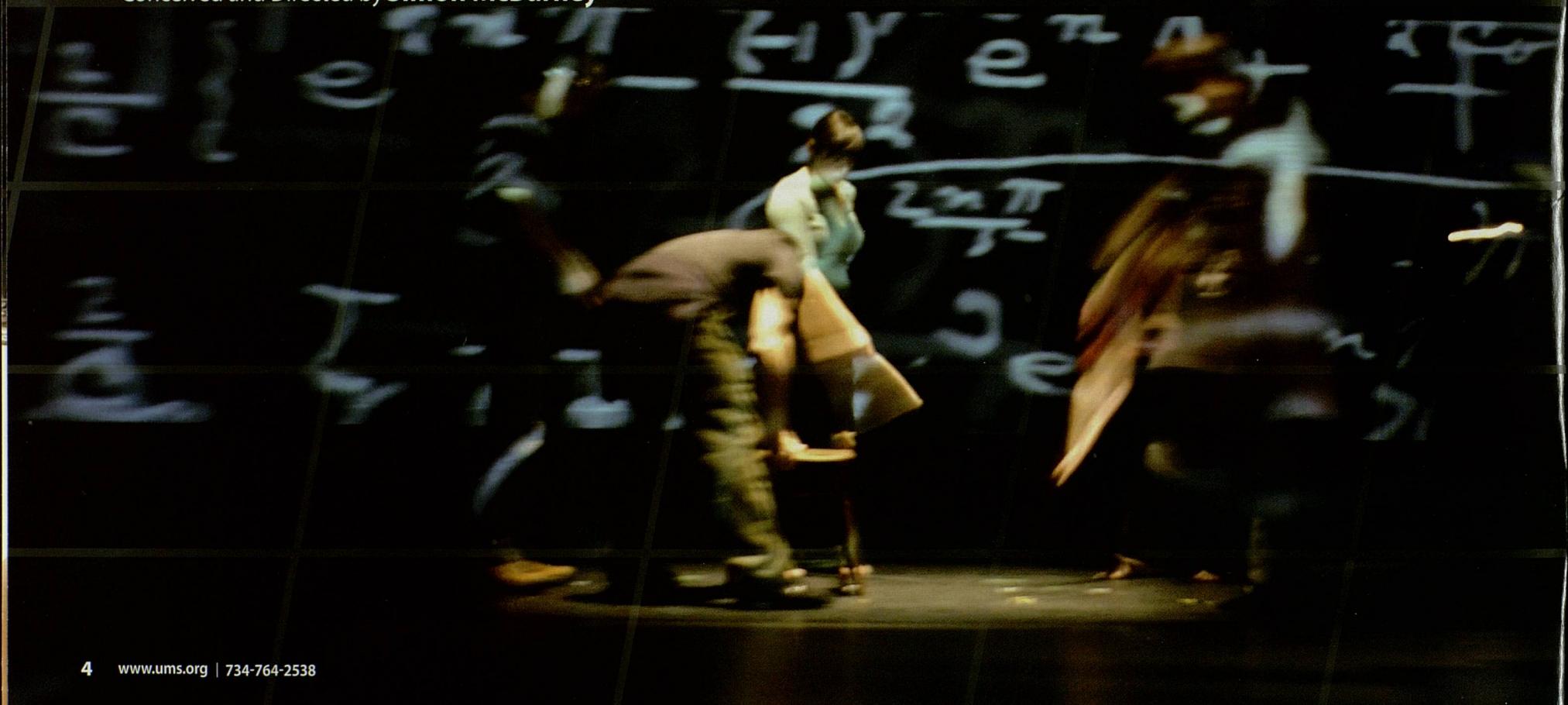
- 1 Wed John Williams guitar
 2 Thu St. Louis Symphony Orchestra
 David Robertson conductor
 Anssi Karttunen cello
 4 Sat Chick Corea and John McLaughlin:
 Five Peace Band
 9 Thu András Schiff: Beethoven Concert 7
 11 Sat András Schiff: Beethoven Concert 8
 Kurt Elling Sings the
 Coltrane/Hartman Songbook
 16 Thu
 17 Fri Takács Quartet
 Marc-André Hamelin piano
 18-19 Sat-Sun Mohammed Benni and the
 Hmadcha Ensemble
 (from the Fez Festival of Sufi Culture)
 23 Thu UMS Choral Union
 Jerry Blackstone conductor
 24 Fri Julia Fischer violin
 Milana Chernyavskaya piano
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Complicite

A Disappearing Number

Conceived and Directed by **Simon McBurney**



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 | 8 PM
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 | 8 PM
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 | 8 PM
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 | 2 PM & 8 PM
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 | 2 PM
Power Center

Following its triumphant production of *The Elephant Vanishes* in 2004, the theater company Complicite (pronounced kum-PLIH-si-tay) returns to Ann Arbor for the exclusive US presentation of its award-winning hit, *A Disappearing Number*.

In the chilly English surroundings of Cambridge on the cusp of the First World War, the English mathematician G.H. Hardy unexpectedly receives a letter filled with mathematical theorems from a young Indian visionary, Srinivasa Ramanujan, whose idiosyncratic and creative approach to mathematics ultimately led to some of the most complex and beautiful mathematical patterns of all time.

Complicite's innovative, multimedia approach frames past, present, and future simultaneously, with the Hardy/Ramanujan collaboration serving not only as a central aspect of the narrative, but also as a window into a larger world of ideas: about the awesomeness of infinity and its relationship to human mortality, about the beauty of science and our quest for meaning and knowledge, about who we are and how we connect to one another — and ultimately about what is permanent and what disappears forever.

"With touching emotion and unnerving disquietude, *A Disappearing Number* forces the spectator to consider the facts of love, death, and belonging, within the space of his or her own personal universe."
(New Statesman)

Contains strong language. Performed without intermission.

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WEDS EVE, THURS EVE, SAT MATINEE

Main Floor \$50 / \$44 / \$32 / \$26

Balcony \$44 / \$40 / \$32 / \$18

FRI EVE, SAT EVE, SUN MATINEE

Main Floor \$60 / \$54 / \$36 / \$30

Balcony \$54 / \$44 / \$36 / \$20

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 | 8 PM
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 | 8 PM
Power Center

Mark Morris Dance Group

Mark Morris artistic director

The Washington Post called Mark Morris "our Mozart of modern dance. There is that same sense of easy fecundity, his air of an aging, congenial *enfant terrible*, the sheer brilliance and wealth of his choreographic invention." Morris has changed the way that audiences see modern dance, animating through movement his profound and sophisticated love of music. He is, as The Los Angeles Times said, "intensely musical, deceptively cerebral, insinuatingly sensual, fabulously funky." Morris's company of exuberant dancers lives up to its reputation of wit and grace. Their refined musicality is further reinforced by the use of live musicians in every performance.

PROGRAM (FRI 9/19)

New Love Song Waltzes (Brahms: Neue Liebesliederwalzer, Op. 65) (1982)
Love Song Waltzes (Brahms: Liebesliederwalzer, Op. 52) (1989)
Grand Duo (Lou Harrison: Grand Duo for Violin and Piano) (1993)

PROGRAM (SAT 9/20)

Italian Concerto (JS Bach: Italian Concerto in F Major, BWV 971) (2007)
Candleflowerdance (Stravinsky: Serenade in A) (2005)
Bedtime (Schubert: Wiegenlied, Ständchen, and Erlkönig) (1992)
Grand Duo (Lou Harrison: Grand Duo for Violin and Piano) (1993)

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Balcony \$44 / \$38 / \$32 / \$20

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"In my experience, after 35 years of concerts, I've never attended a concert so full of life, intelligence, reactive participation, and reciprocated love." (*Jazzman*) Just six months after the SFJAZZ Collective's tribute to saxophonist Wayne Shorter, Shorter himself takes the stage in a celebration of his 75th birthday. Universally regarded as a living legend in jazz, Shorter's great body of work as a composer for such illustrious groups as Art Blakey's Jazz Messengers, Miles Davis's famous quintet from the 1960s, and the fusion group Weather Report is 'enough' to ensure him a spot in the Jazz Hall of Fame.

Blowing past the boundaries between jazz and contemporary music, the Imani Winds, an unabashedly adventurous African American quintet, start off the night with a sampling of their eclectic repertoire. The acclaimed Wayne Shorter Quartet expands the program's trajectory with its sizzling dynamics and improvisational unpredictability. The two groups then unite as a nine-piece ensemble, covering a vast range of musical territories. Shorter says, "A lot of musicians worry about protecting what I call their musical foundation. They want to...put their best foot forward, play their best runs, and try to impress people. But I'm at a point where I'm just going to say, 'To hell with the rules.' That's all I'm doing with the music now...I've got nothing to lose now. I'm going for the unknown."

Wayne Shorter Quartet and the Imani Winds

Wayne Shorter saxophones | **Danilo Perez** piano | **John Patitucci** bass | **Brian Blade** drums

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 | 8 PM
Hill Auditorium

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Main Floor \$42 / \$38 / \$32 / \$24
Mezzanine \$32 / \$30 / \$24 / \$18 / \$10



Remembering Munir Bashir and the Baghdad Conservatory of Music

The Art of the Oud

Omar Bashir | Farida and the Iraqi Maqam Ensemble | Rahim AlHaj

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4 | 8 PM

Rackham Auditorium

Oud player Munir Bashir (1930-1997) was one of the most famous musicians in the Middle East during the 20th century. His 1972 album, *The Art of the 'Ud*, brought worldwide acclaim to the oud as a solo instrument, distinguished by a novel style of improvisation that reflected his study of Indian and European music. Born in Mosul, Bashir studied at the famous Baghdad Conservatory from age six and migrated to Budapest in the early 1960s. He returned to Iraq for several years, where he championed traditional Iraqi folk music and taught at the Baghdad Conservatory before returning to Hungary after the First Gulf War.

The Baghdad Conservatory was the preeminent institution for studying the unique Iraqi style of oud performance and Iraqi maqam. In 2004, the Conservatory was bombed, and many of its faculty and students fled the country, threatening the continuation of the Iraqi oud tradition.

This performance celebrates the opening of the Performing Arts of the Arab World series and the end of Ramadan. Paying tribute to the legacy of Munir Bashir and the Baghdad Conservatory of Music, as well as the historic Iraqi maqam tradition, the concert features Munir Bashir's son, Omar, and Rahim AlHaj. Iraq's most distinguished female singer, Farida, who studied at the Baghdad Conservatory, also performs with the Iraqi Maqam Ensemble.

"This concert is only a small token of our deep gratitude and appreciation for Munir Bashir, a true hero of the 20th century" says AlHaj. "He was a wonderful musician and human being, who will be present in our lives, hearts, and music."

The Performing Arts of the Arab World series is supported in part by **TAQA New World, Inc; The Mosaic Foundation, Washington DC; and the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan and Bustan al-Funun Foundation for Arab Arts.**

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 | 2 PM

Orchestra Hall, Detroit

Sphinx Chamber Orchestra

Chelsea Tipton II conductor

The University Musical Society and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra co-present this concert on the Sphinx Chamber Orchestra's first-ever national tour, which culminates in a Carnegie Hall concert by the all-African American and Latino/a ensemble. Comprised of top professionals from around the country, the Sphinx Chamber Orchestra includes past and current members of the New York Philharmonic, the Cleveland Orchestra, the Los Angeles Philharmonic, MET Opera Orchestra, and the Detroit, Atlanta, Baltimore, Milwaukee, Cincinnati, St. Louis, and Puerto Rico Symphonies, as well as faculty members of leading music institutions. Its members serve as mentors to the young musicians who compete in the Sphinx Competition for African American and Latino/a string players and also promote works by Black and Latino composers.

PROGRAM

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| Mozart | Divertimento in D Major, third movement, K. 131 (1772) |
| Piazzolla | Winter in Buenos Aires for Solo Violin and Orchestra (1970) |
| Villa Lobos | Fugue |
| Marsalis | Hellbound Highball from <i>At the Octoroon Balls</i> (Harlem Quartet) (1995) |
| Vivaldi | Concerto No. 10 in b minor for Four Violins and Orchestra
from <i>L'Estro Armonico</i> , Op. 3, RV 580 (1711) |
| Abels | "Delights and Dances" for String Quartet and Orchestra (2007) |

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Tokyo String Quartet Sabine Meyer clarinet

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 | 7 PM [NOTE TIME]
Rackham Auditorium

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PROGRAM

Beethoven
Bartók
Brahms

Quartet in A Major, Op. 18, No. 5 (1798-1800)
Quartet No. 5 (1934)
Clarinet Quintet in b minor, Op. 115 (1891)



The Rite of Spring

Compagnie Heddy Maalem

Heddy Maalem artistic director

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15 | 8 PM
Power Center

Heddy Maalem works with the body as a poet works with words—as raw material. Born in the heart of Algeria, Maalem's early and extensive training in boxing and Aikido continue to influence his choreography, which is marked by precision, sparse vocabulary, and clarity.

Fourteen utterly distinctive dancers from Mali, Benin, Nigeria, and Senegal come together for Maalem's explosive interpretation of *Le Sacre du Printemps* (*The Rite of Spring*). Stravinsky's story of a pagan spring ritual is transported to Africa, inspired by Maalem's time in Lagos, Nigeria, where the cacophony of a city of 12 million people is echoed by Stravinsky's music. Highly dynamic dance sequences and overwhelming group scenes are interlaced with atmospheric film projections and intense scenes of silence that provide provocative contrast to the music. Male and female dancers — each one urgent and unflinching — meld into one unit, pulsating with sex and energy. "There have been numerous versions of *Le Sacre du Printemps* since Nijinsky's 1913 original to the Stravinsky score, but none more powerful than Heddy Maalem's...Everything to do with rites and little to do with spring, this gripping dance lasts only an hour but is riveting to its last convulsive shake." (*Financial Times*)

Performed without intermission.

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Main Floor	\$38 / \$36 / \$24 / \$20
Balcony	\$36 / \$30 / \$24 / \$16

Formed to celebrate the unique and inspirational power of African Gospel music, the 26-member Soweto Gospel Choir draws on the best talent from the many churches in and around Soweto. Under the direction of David Mulovhedzi, this choir is dedicated to sharing the joy of faith through music with audiences around the world. Their performances feature a mixture of tribal, traditional, and popular African gospel, with earthy rhythms, rich harmonies, and charismatic performances that uplift the soul and express South Africa's great hopes for the future. With both *a cappella* songs and a four-piece band and percussion section, the Soweto Gospel Choir performs in six of South Africa's 11 official languages with traditional songs sung in Zulu and Sotho, traditional American songs, and new works by contemporary African composers. The choir's meteoric rise to international recognition during its brief six-year history includes two Grammy Awards for Best Traditional World Music Album (*Blessed* in 2007 and *African Spirit* in 2008), the 2003 American Gospel Music Award for "Best Choir" just one year after its founding, and chart-topping CDs on the Billboard World Music Chart. But no amount of glittering international recognition and praise has diverted the ensemble from the mission it holds close at heart: to support South Africa's sick and impoverished families and children through an AIDS orphans foundation that it founded. Their two previous UMS performances have been near sellouts.

African Spirit Soweto Gospel Choir

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17 | 8 PM
Hill Auditorium

Main Floor \$40 / \$36 / \$32 / \$22
Mezzanine \$34 / \$30 / \$10
Balcony \$26 / \$22 / \$16 / \$10

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**David Mulovhedzi
and Beverly Bryer** music directors



Celebrating 50 Years of *Bossa Nova*

Milton Nascimento and the Jobim Trio

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18 | 8 PM

Hill Auditorium



During the past two seasons, UMS audiences have had the pleasure of hearing Gilberto Gil and Caetano Veloso. Now, another Brazilian legend makes his UMS debut — Milton Nascimento, whose extraordinary, soaring voice and songwriting genius have made him one of the best-known Brazilian pop musicians. Born in Rio de Janeiro in 1942, Nascimento has returned again and again to the introspective, spiritual music of Minas Gerais, a state north of Rio where he moved when he was two. Though less known for his politics than his compatriot musicians, he advocated for the rights of black Brazilians and involved himself in the struggle for native land rights years before it became fashionable. Nascimento's extensive discography dates back more than 40 years, and his eponymous 1998 album won the Grammy for "World Music Recording of the Year." Nascimento performs alongside the Jobim Trio, featuring the son and grandson of the internationally celebrated songwriter Antonio Carlos Jobim ("The Girl from Ipanema"). Paulo Braga, the father of modern Brazilian drumming who performed and recorded with Antonio Carlos Jobim for more than 15 years, rounds out the trio. Together they pay tribute to 50 years of *Bossa Nova*, which was invented by Jobim in the late 1950s and became an international craze in the 1960s after American jazz musicians began performing it more frequently. Don't miss this marvelous tribute to one of the richest periods in Brazilian music.

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Main Floor	\$42 / \$38 / \$32 / \$24
Mezzanine	\$32 / \$30 / \$24 / \$18 / \$10



Anne-Sophie Mutter violin Camerata Salzburg

For three decades, Anne-Sophie Mutter has been one of the greatest violin virtuosos of our time, her music-making driven by both passion and simplicity. After embarking on a major Mozart project two years ago, she now turns her attention to J.S. Bach, performing all of the composer's violin concertos as soloist and leader of the brilliantly high-spirited Camerata Salzburg. Founded in 1952, Camerata Salzburg has a rich tradition of both musical excellence and infectious joy. Led by Roger Norrington from 1997-2006 and now under the artistic direction of Leonidas Kavakos, the ensemble is made up of young, motivated musicians of 20 different nationalities who come together for 80 concerts each year in Salzburg and throughout Europe. The second solo part of the Bach Double Concerto will be performed by the young violinist Vilde Frang, a scholarship recipient from the Anne-Sophie Mutter Foundation, which offers support to promising young musicians.

PROGRAM

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| J.S. Bach | Violin Concerto No. 1 in a minor, BWV 1041 (1717) |
| J.S. Bach | Concerto for Two Violins in d minor, BWV 1043 (1717) |
| J.S. Bach | Violin Concerto No. 2 in E Major, BWV 1042 (1717) |
| Tartini | Sonata in g minor for Violin and Continuo ("The Devil's Trill") (ca. 1749) |

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19 | 7 PM [NOTE TIME]
Hill Auditorium

Main Floor	\$80 / \$72 / \$65 / \$36
Mezzanine	\$65 / \$55 / \$10
Balcony	\$44 / \$36 / \$24 / \$10

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Beethoven Sonata Project Concerts 5 & 6

András Schiff piano

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24 | 8 PM
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 | 4 PM
Rackham Auditorium

Among the highlights of the 07/08 season were the four concerts by pianist András Schiff as he launched his Beethoven Sonata Project in Ann Arbor, a cycle being repeated in its entirety only in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and New York. "Heroism is an important part of Beethoven's character," Schiff told *The New York Times* last year. "But there are so many other sides to him. He can be incredibly personal and lyrical and tender. And also the element of humor and fun: apart from Haydn, no one has this earthy humor." The 32 sonatas were written between 1795 and 1822 and provide an overview of Beethoven's stylistic development as he progressed through his early, middle, and late periods, marked in part by his increasing deafness. This second year of the cycle concentrates on his middle period, when he had partial hearing, and his late period, when he was profoundly deaf.

PROGRAM (FRI 10/24)

- Beethoven Sonata No. 16 in G Major, Op. 31, No. 1 (1801-02)
- Beethoven Sonata No. 17 in d minor, Op. 31, No. 2 ("Tempest") (1802)
- Beethoven Sonata No. 18 in E-flat Major, Op. 31, No. 3 (1801-02)
- Beethoven Sonata No. 21 in C Major, Op. 53 ("Waldstein") (1803-04)

PROGRAM (SUN 10/26)

- Beethoven Sonata No. 22 in F Major, Op. 54 (1804)
- Beethoven Sonata No. 23 in f minor, Op. 57 ("Appassionata") (1804-05)
- Beethoven Sonata No. 24 in F-sharp Major, Op. 78 (1809)
- Beethoven Sonata No. 25 in G Major, Op. 79 (1809)
- Beethoven Sonata No. 26 in E-flat Major, Op. 81a ("Les Adieux") (1809-10)



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\$48 / \$40 / \$32 / \$24

Joe Lovano's lush, inimitable saxophone sound will be on display within the contexts of both his virtuosic, two-drummer quintet and in duets with the exciting pianist/composer/improviser Jason Moran. Featuring young bass phenom Esperanza Spalding, classic straight-ahead drummer Otis Brown III, and the Latin dance rhythms of Cuban-born drummer Francisco Mela, Lovano's new "Us Five" Quintet is reaching special heights where off-the-cuff ideas rooted in jazz tradition meet serious fun. The first half of the evening features solo piano ruminations from Blue Note recording artist Jason Moran in addition to a musical conversation with Lovano. Since his formidable emergence on the music scene in the late 1990s, pianist Jason Moran has become a man to watch in modern jazz. In almost every category that matters — improvisation, composition, repertoire, technique, and technological experimentation — Moran has challenged the status quo each time out. He makes his UMS debut with this performance.

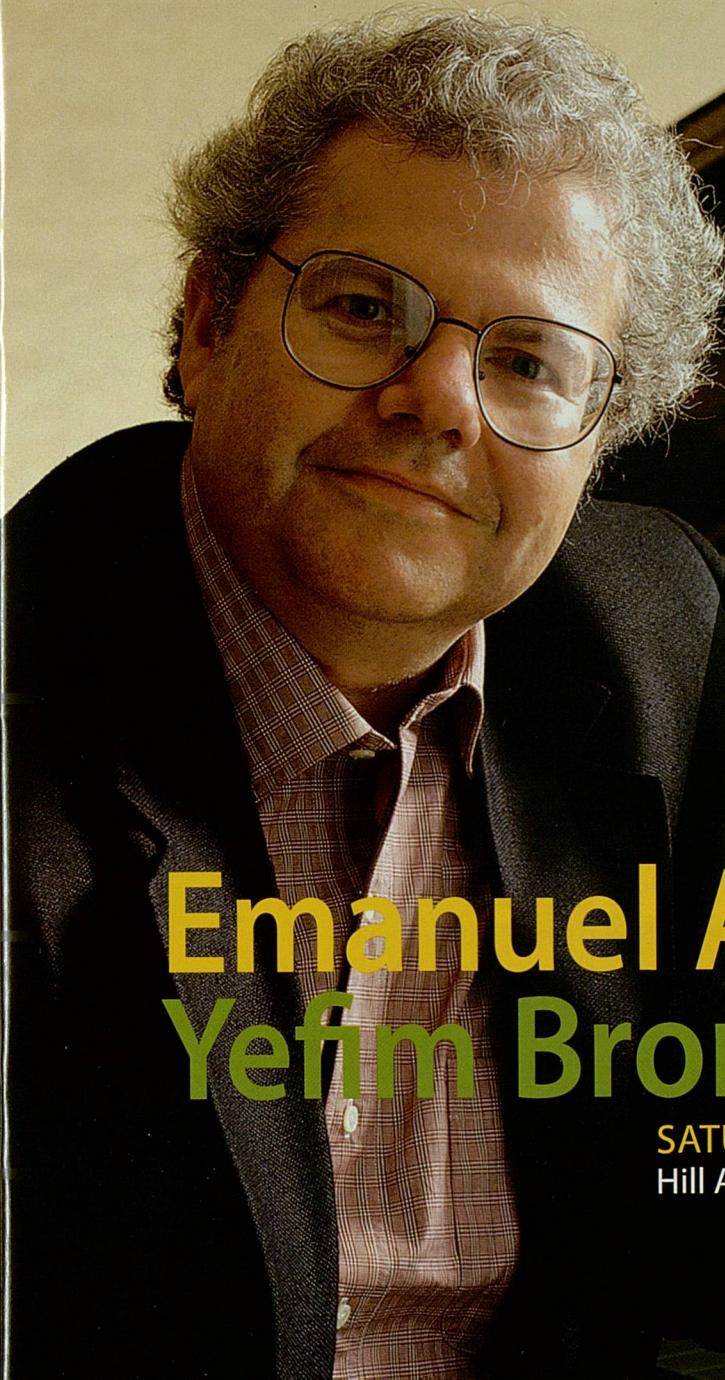
Joe Lovano "Us Five" Quintet and Jason Moran

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Main Floor \$44 / \$40 / \$26 / \$18
Balcony \$44 / \$36 / \$26 / \$18





Yefim Bronfman is widely regarded as one of the most talented virtuoso pianists performing today. Born in Russia, he emigrated to Israel at age 14. He "bucks the stereotype of the Russian soloist as merely a technical wizard of large sound and emphatic personality. He has technique to burn, but he also has a chameleon-like ability to subsume himself in the music." (*The New York Times*) Returning for the first time since his UMS debut in 1994, Bronfman is joined by the great American pianist Emanuel Ax, renowned not only for his poetic temperament and unsurpassed virtuosity but also for the exceptional breadth of his performing activity. The *Chicago Tribune* called their 2002 recording of Rachmaninoff's rarely recorded piano duos "a marvel of digital dexterity, warmly romantic sentiment, and jaw-dropping bravura."

PROGRAM

Brahms	Variations for Two Pianos on a Theme by Haydn, Op. 56b (1873)
Bolcom	Recuerdos (1991)
Mozart	Sonata for Two Pianos in D Major, K. 448 (1781)
Rachmaninoff	Symphonic Dances, Op. 45 (1940)

Emanuel Ax and Yefim Bronfman pianos

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8 | 8 PM
Hill Auditorium

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Newspapers, WRCJ 90.9 FM, and Detroit Jewish News.

Main Floor	\$56 / \$50 / \$44 / \$24
Mezzanine	\$46 / \$40 / \$10
Balcony	\$30 / \$24 / \$20 / \$10

Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir

Tõnu Kaljuste founding director and conductor

\$45 reserved seating
\$35 general admission

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13 | 8 PM
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

UMS and Lincoln Center collaborated to bring the Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir to the US for the first time in 1995, and in numerous subsequent tours they have reaffirmed their reputation as one of the very best choirs in the world. This dynamic ensemble performs repertoire ranging from Gregorian chant to the 20th century and is especially admired for its performances of Arvo Pärt's music, which has served as the centerpiece for the ensemble's previous two UMS appearances (in 1995 and 1997). This particular program features music by two Estonian composers: Arvo Pärt and Erkki-Sven Tüür. "The choir's performances inspired a transporting awe..." (*The New York Times*).

PROGRAM

Pärt	Occident Orient (2000)
Tüür	Requiem (1994)
Pärt	Te Deum (1985, rev. 1992)

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16 | 4 PM
Hill Auditorium

Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra

Leon Botstein music director | Robert McDuffie violin

Leon Botstein has perhaps one of the most unusual resumés in the business: the Bard College president is founder and co-artistic director of the Bard Music Festival, which focuses on one composer each season; directs the American Symphony Orchestra with its focus on thematically organized concerts that link the visual arts, literature, politics, and history; and now leads the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, originally founded in the 1940s as Israel's national radio orchestra. He has addressed the United Nations on "Why Music Matters" as part of Kofi Annan's lecture series and is widely praised for both his tirelessly creative approach to programming and his inspired performances. This UMS debut program features works by three Jewish-American composers.

PROGRAM

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| Sternberg | The Twelve Tribes of Israel (1941) |
| Bernstein | Serenade for Solo Violin, Strings, Harp, and Percussion
(after Plato's "Symposium") (1954) |
| Copland | Symphony No. 3 (1944-46) |

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Main Floor	\$75 / \$68 / \$60 / \$34
Mezzanine	\$60 / \$50 / \$10
Balcony	\$40 / \$34 / \$20 / \$10

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6 | 8 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 | 2 PM

Hill Auditorium

Handel's Messiah

UMS Choral Union

Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra

Jerry Blackstone conductor

Mary Wilson soprano | **Claudia Huckle** mezzo-soprano

John Tessier tenor | **Joshua Hopkins** bass

The Grammy Award-winning UMS Choral Union (2006 Best Choral Performance for William Bolcom's *Songs of Innocence and of Experience*) launches the holiday season with its signature work, Handel's glorious oratorio *Messiah*. An Ann Arbor tradition in the beautiful surroundings of Hill Auditorium, these performances are ultimately the heart of UMS, connecting audiences with the talented people on stage, but also with the friends and family who attend each year.

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Main Floor	\$32 / \$26 / \$22 / \$14
Mezzanine	\$26 / \$22 / \$10
Balcony	\$18 / \$14 / \$12 / \$10





An über-physical hybrid of precision and invention, Rubberbandance Group mixes up explosive hip-hop, contemporary, and classical dance with energy that pops and sizzles. Founded in Montreal in 2002, RBDG has burst onto the international dance scene with appearances at both hip-hop and contemporary dance festivals throughout North America, Europe, and Japan.

Choreographer Victor Quijada is a total original who grew up on the streets of Los Angeles and was nicknamed Rubberband by b-boys and rappers for his unusually elastic dancing style. He went on to work with Twyla Tharp and Eliot Feld, honing a style that combines the freedom of breakdance, the profoundness of modern storytelling, and the nuances and technique of contemporary dance. "It's really like a genetic experiment," Quijada says, "taking genes from two different forms so that those forms don't stay the same, but have been informed by each other and changed."

Rubberbandance Group

Victor Quijada and Anne Plamondon co-artistic director

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9 | 8 PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10 | 1 PM [ONE-HOUR FAMILY PERFORMANCE]

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11 | 2 PM [NOTE NEW DATE & TIME]

Power Center

In its UMS debut, RBDG presents two full-evening works: *Elastic Perspective Redux*, a suite of six dances that are audacious settings of hip-hop to classical music and Latin rhythms, and their newest work, *Phase II*. *Phase II* explores whether there is a loss of time and self in our "virtual" universe, answering with a contemporary dance work influenced by ballet and break, and laced with A/V feeds, street demeanor, and an ardor for violence and tenderness together.

PROGRAM (FRI 1/9 & FAMILY PERFORMANCE ON SAT 1/10)

Elastic Perspective Redux (2003)

PROGRAM (SUN 1/11)

Phase II (2008)

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FRIDAY & SUNDAY PERFORMANCES

Main Floor \$38 / \$36 / \$24 / \$20

Balcony \$36 / \$30 / \$24 / \$16

FAMILY PERFORMANCE

\$16 adults / \$8 children



Farewell Tour

Guarneri String Quartet

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11 | 4 PM
Rackham Auditorium

This venerable ensemble will retire at the end of the 08/09 season, and UMS will present a farewell tour concert of Beethoven String Quartets, reminding long-time UMS concertgoers of the Guarneri's complete Beethoven cycle in Ann Arbor over 30 years ago. This performance will mark the ensemble's 32nd UMS concert since its 1971 debut.

PROGRAM

Beethoven
Beethoven

String Quartet No. 12 in E-flat Major, Op. 127 (1823-24)
String Quartet No. 15 in a minor, Op. 132 (1825)

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Tord Gustavsen Trio

Tord Gustavsen piano | Harald Johnsen bass | Jarle Vespestad drums

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16 | 8 PM
Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre

In the five years that have elapsed since the recording of a debut album that proved both a popular and a critical success, Norwegian pianist and composer Tord Gustavsen continues to make music that gently sings, as evidenced on his most recent album for ECM Records, 2007's *Being There*. While relating to genres like Scandinavian folk music, American gospel, Caribbean music, and cool jazz, the trio presents a unique universe of lyricism, luminescence, and subtle funkiness. "Gustavsen sometimes appeared ecstatically wired to the keyboard as he picked out his sublimely spare yet lyrical melodies, eased along by drummer Jarle Vespestad's flickering brushwork and Harald Johnsen's rich-toned and ruminative double bass...a deeply satisfying, almost meditative, musical experience... entranced listeners were hanging on every hurried note." (*The Scotsman*)

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Main Floor	\$35 / \$25
Balcony	\$35 / \$25



Gilgamesh

Kinan Azmeh clarinet | Kevork Mourad MaxMSP

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23 | 7 PM & 9 PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24 | 7 PM & 9 PM

Biomedical Science Research Building Auditorium

The current unrest in the seat of the world's oldest civilization has inspired the Juilliard-trained Syrian clarinetist Kinan Azmeh to embark on a multimedia exploration of the most ancient epic that exists in writing today. *The Epic of Gilgamesh* is a series of Sumerian legends and poems from Babylonia about the mythological hero-king Gilgamesh, thought to have ruled in the third millennium BC. This unique event, developed as part of Juilliard's "Beyond the Machine" Festival, explores the epic through both music and visual art, using original composition on the clarinet inspired by spontaneous drawings projected live by Syrian/Armenian painter Kevork Mourad. While improvising freely in different Arabic modes on top of a multi-layered virtual ensemble, Azmeh and Mourad create a shockingly different take on one of the world's oldest literary texts.

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\$30 general admission

14th Annual Ford Honors Program, honoring the Royal Shakespeare Company

Michael Boyd artistic director and Ralph Williams U-M Professor of English

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24 | 6 PM [NOTE TIME]

Hill Auditorium

Join us for the 14th Annual Ford Honors Program, which celebrates the partnership between the University Musical Society, the University of Michigan, and the Royal Shakespeare Company, whose first UMS appearance in 2001 featured the stunning productions of Shakespeare's rarely-performed History Plays. Michael Boyd, the Olivier Award-winning director of those plays, is now the artistic director of the RSC. The company's three Ann Arbor residencies (2001, 2003, and 2006) have included nine of Shakespeare's plays as well as the US premiere of a stage adaptation of Salman Rushdie's *Midnight's Children*, not to mention hundreds of free contextual education events. U-M Professor Ralph Williams, who is retiring at the end of the 08/09 academic year, has been a driving force behind the success of these residencies. Not only has he collaborated with Michael Boyd and the RSC through numerous visits to Stratford and London at the RSC's request, but he has helped thousands of students and community members approach the works presented on the stage in new and exciting ways.

This Ford Honors Program is unique in that it honors a theater company and its artistic director alongside a U-M faculty member. Because students have been at the heart of all three RSC residencies and hold Prof. Williams in such high regard, the event will be held in January (rather than May) to ensure student access to the event. The evening's celebration will include music and readings, with specific program details announced this fall.

Ticketbuyers may purchase tickets only to the FHP event in Hill Auditorium (prices listed at right), or to the event and a gala dinner, which follows the event and raises funds to support UMS education programs.



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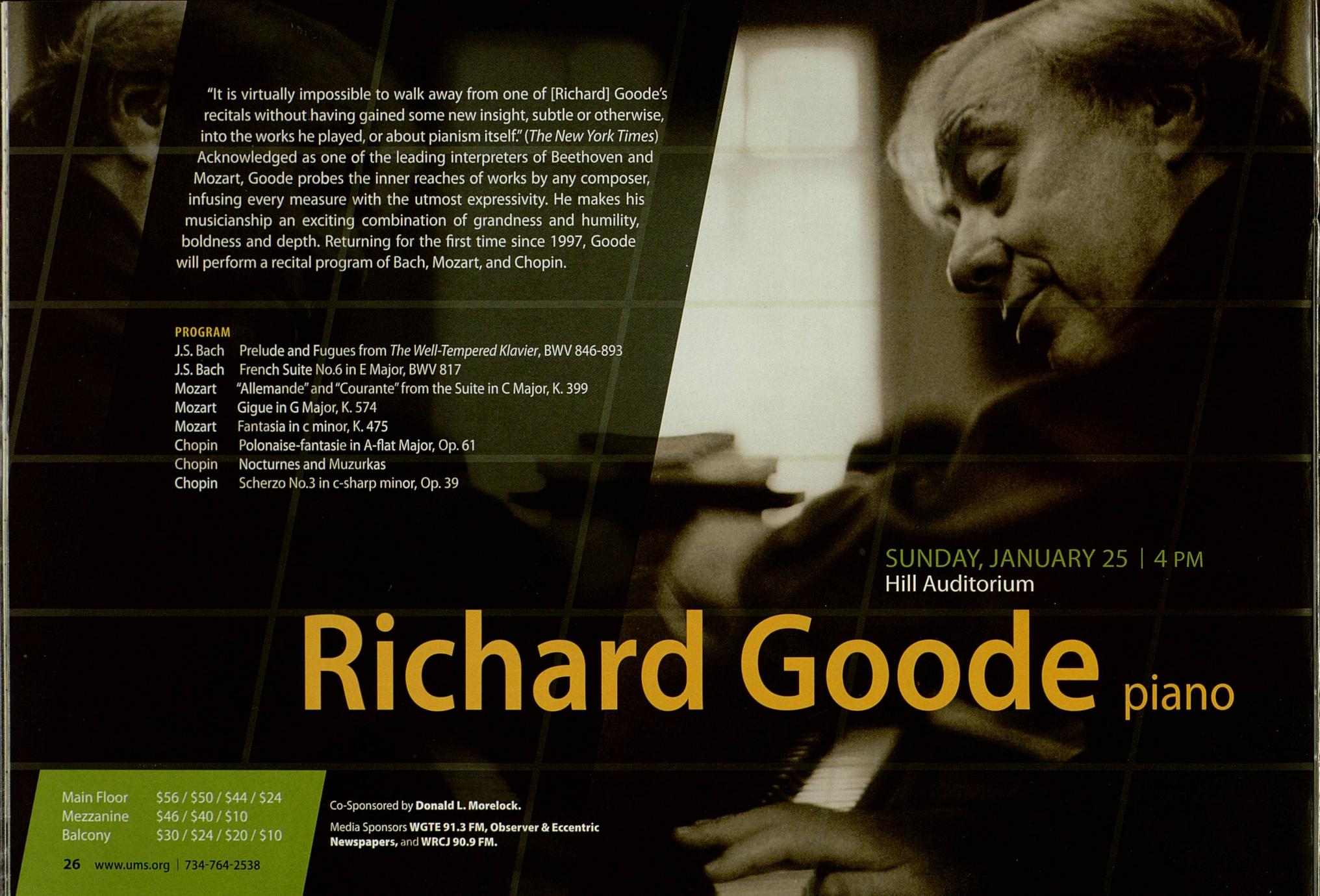
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"It is virtually impossible to walk away from one of [Richard] Goode's recitals without having gained some new insight, subtle or otherwise, into the works he played, or about pianism itself." (*The New York Times*) Acknowledged as one of the leading interpreters of Beethoven and Mozart, Goode probes the inner reaches of works by any composer, infusing every measure with the utmost expressivity. He makes his musicianship an exciting combination of grandness and humility, boldness and depth. Returning for the first time since 1997, Goode will perform a recital program of Bach, Mozart, and Chopin.

PROGRAM

- J.S. Bach Prelude and Fugues from *The Well-Tempered Klavier*, BWV 846-893
J.S. Bach French Suite No.6 in E Major, BWV 817
Mozart "Allemande" and "Courante" from the Suite in C Major, K. 399
Mozart Gigue in G Major, K. 574
Mozart Fantasia in c minor, K. 475
Chopin Polonaise-fantaisie in A-flat Major, Op. 61
Chopin Nocturnes and Muzurkas
Chopin Scherzo No.3 in c-sharp minor, Op. 39

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25 | 4 PM
Hill Auditorium

Richard Goode piano

Main Floor \$56 / \$50 / \$44 / \$24
Mezzanine \$46 / \$40 / \$10
Balcony \$30 / \$24 / \$20 / \$10

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Chanticleer

Joseph Jennings music director

Chanticleer has developed a remarkable reputation for its vivid interpretations of vocal literature, from Renaissance to jazz and from gospel to venturesome new music. With its seamless blend of 12 male voices, ranging from countertenor to bass, the ensemble is "the world's reigning male chorus" (*The New Yorker*). Named for the "clear singing" rooster in Geoffrey Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*, Chanticleer has a long-standing commitment to developing the choral repertoire, leading the group to commission works from an ever-growing list of important composers. Chanticleer concerts are designed to appeal to audiences of all backgrounds and levels of music appreciation. The men of Chanticleer often speak to the audience from the stage, giving background and a personal touch to the glorious sounds they make. Their program will include early American hymns, Mexican Baroque choral works, European madrigals, new works, and pieces drawn from American folk songs, jazz, and gospel.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29 | 8 PM
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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\$45 reserved seating
\$35 general admission



Lauded repeatedly for the beauty of his voice, as well as his seemingly effortless technical agility, Lawrence Brownlee is "on the brink of a major career...without doubt, the most impressive addition to the American tenor roster in many years." (*San Francisco Chronicle*, 2006) Brownlee first appeared at UMS in March, 2006 in the concert opera *Tancredi* — the same year that he was awarded both the Richard Tucker Award and the Marian Anderson Award, two of the biggest prizes for rising singers. A *bel canto* specialist, he frequently collaborates with pianist Martin Katz, with whom he partners on his UMS recital debut. The program will include songs and arias of Rossini, as well as assorted French and Italian songs.

Lawrence Brownlee tenor Martin Katz piano

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7 | 8 PM
Hill Auditorium

Main Floor \$50 / \$44 / \$36 / \$22
Mezzanine \$38 / \$32 / \$10
Balcony \$26 / \$22 / \$18 / \$10

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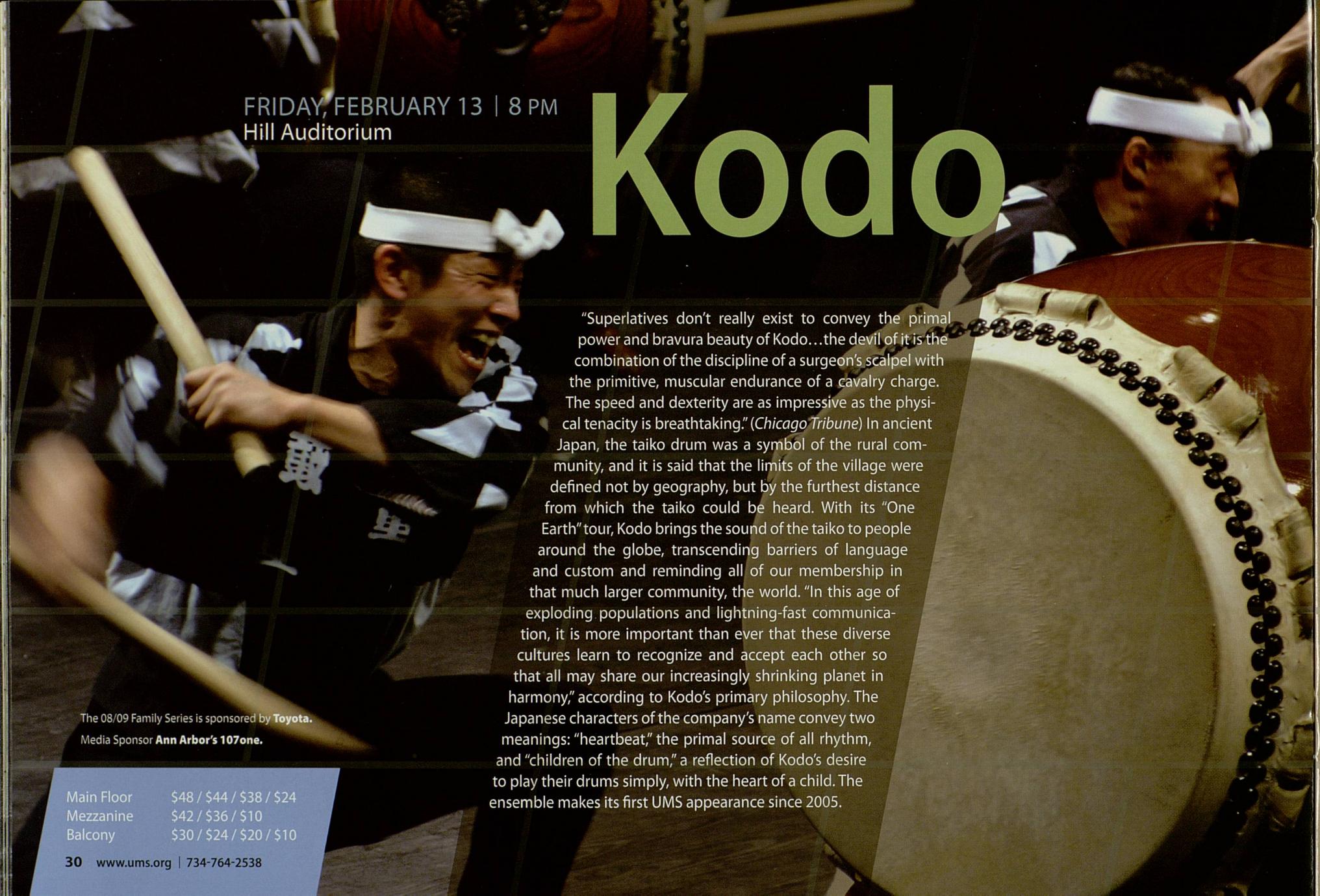
Sweet Honey In The Rock

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12 | 8 PM
Hill Auditorium

Honey — an ancient substance, sweet and nurturing. Rock — an elemental strength, enduring the winds of time. The metaphor of "sweet honey in the rock" captures completely these African American women whose repertoire is steeped in the sacred music of the Black church, the clarion calls of the Civil Rights movement, and songs of the struggle for justice everywhere. Rooted in a deeply held commitment to create music out of the rich textures of African American legacy and traditions, Sweet Honey In The Rock possesses a stunning vocal prowess that captures the complex sounds of Blues, spirituals, traditional gospel hymns, rap, reggae, African chants, hip-hop, ancient lullabies, and jazz improvisation. Founded by Bernice Johnson Reagon in 1973 at the DC Black Repertory Theater Company, Sweet Honey's collective voice, occasionally accompanied by hand percussion instruments, produces a sound filled with soulful harmonies and intricate rhythms. In the best and in the hardest of times, Sweet Honey In The Rock has come in song to communities across the US and around the world, raising their voices in hope, love, justice, peace, and resistance. Sign language interpreted.

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Main Floor	\$46 / \$42 / \$36 / \$22
Mezzanine	\$40 / \$34 / \$10
Balcony	\$28 / \$22 / \$18 / \$10



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13 | 8 PM
Hill Auditorium

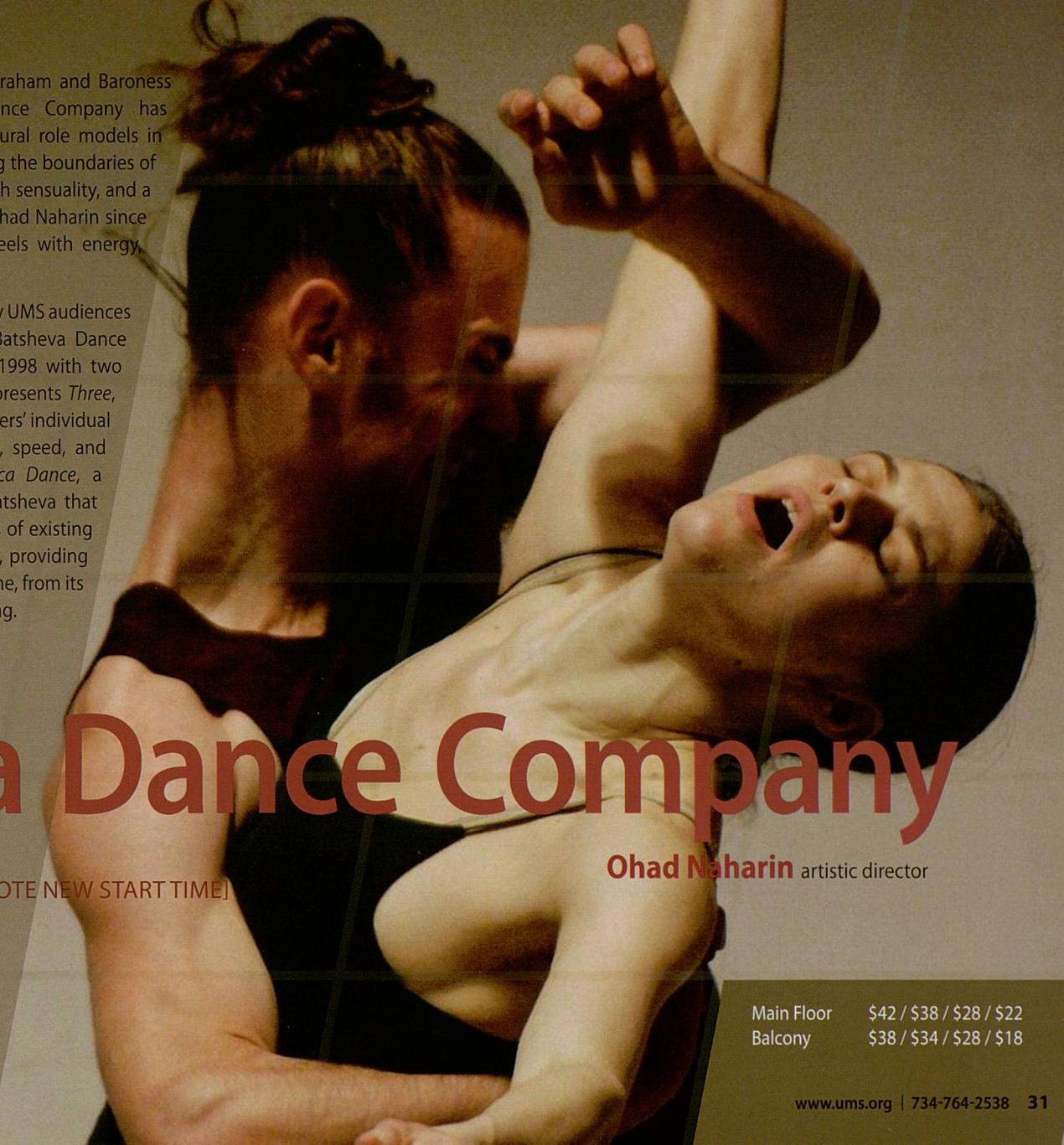
Kodo

"Superlatives don't really exist to convey the primal power and bravura beauty of Kodo...the devil of it is the combination of the discipline of a surgeon's scalpel with the primitive, muscular endurance of a cavalry charge. The speed and dexterity are as impressive as the physical tenacity is breathtaking." (*Chicago Tribune*) In ancient Japan, the taiko drum was a symbol of the rural community, and it is said that the limits of the village were defined not by geography, but by the furthest distance from which the taiko could be heard. With its "One Earth" tour, Kodo brings the sound of the taiko to people around the globe, transcending barriers of language and custom and reminding all of our membership in that much larger community, the world. "In this age of exploding populations and lightning-fast communication, it is more important than ever that these diverse cultures learn to recognize and accept each other so that all may share our increasingly shrinking planet in harmony," according to Kodo's primary philosophy. The Japanese characters of the company's name convey two meanings: "heartbeat," the primal source of all rhythm, and "children of the drum," a reflection of Kodo's desire to play their drums simply, with the heart of a child. The ensemble makes its first UMS appearance since 2005.

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Main Floor	\$48 / \$44 / \$38 / \$24
Mezzanine	\$42 / \$36 / \$10
Balcony	\$30 / \$24 / \$20 / \$10



Since its founding in 1964 by Martha Graham and Baroness Batsheva de Rothschild, Batsheva Dance Company has become one of the most influential cultural role models in Israel, internationally renowned for pushing the boundaries of cutting-edge dance with intense energy, rich sensuality, and a culturally diverse dance language. Led by Ohad Naharin since 1990, this contemporary dance company reels with energy, adrenaline, and force.

While Naharin's choreography has been seen by UMS audiences numerous times over the past decade, the Batsheva Dance Company returns for its first UMS visit since 1998 with two full-evening works. On Saturday, the company presents *Three*, a bewitching work from 2005 that tests the dancers' individual boundaries in a powerful composition of force, speed, and passion. The Sunday performance features *Deca Dance*, a celebration of 10 years of Naharin's work with Batsheva that was first performed in 2000. Naharin takes sections of existing works and reorganizes them into a new experience, providing an opportunity to look at Naharin's repertoire over time, from its most extravagant to its most intimate and heartrending.

Batsheva Dance Company

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14 | 8 PM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15 | 4 PM [NOTE NEW START TIME]

Power Center

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Ohad Naharin artistic director

Main Floor	\$42 / \$38 / \$28 / \$22
Balcony	\$38 / \$34 / \$28 / \$18



SATURDAY, MARCH 7 | 8 PM

SUNDAY, MARCH 8 | 7 PM [NOTE TIME]

Hill Auditorium

New York Philhar

Lorin Maazel music director

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The New York Philharmonic returns for the first time since the 05/06 season with two concerts and an educational residency that includes dozens of free master classes and educational opportunities for students at the U-M School of Music, Theatre & Dance. The concerts are conducted by Lorin Maazel, who finishes his last season as music director of the New York Philharmonic before Alan Gilbert assumes the post. Maazel, who has led more than 150 orchestras in over 5,000 opera and concert performances, became music director of the New York Philharmonic in September, 2002 after more than 100 performances as guest conductor.

PROGRAM (SAT 3/7)

Mendelssohn	A Midsummer Night's Dream Overture (1826)
Schumann	Symphony No. 4 in d minor, Op. 120 (1841)
Mussorgsky	Pictures at an Exhibition, arr. Ravel (1874/ arr. 1922)

PROGRAM (SUN 3/8)

Berlioz	Roman Carnival Overture (1843-44)
Tchaikovsky	Suite No. 3 in G Major, Op. 55 (1884)
Stravinsky	The Rite of Spring (1913)

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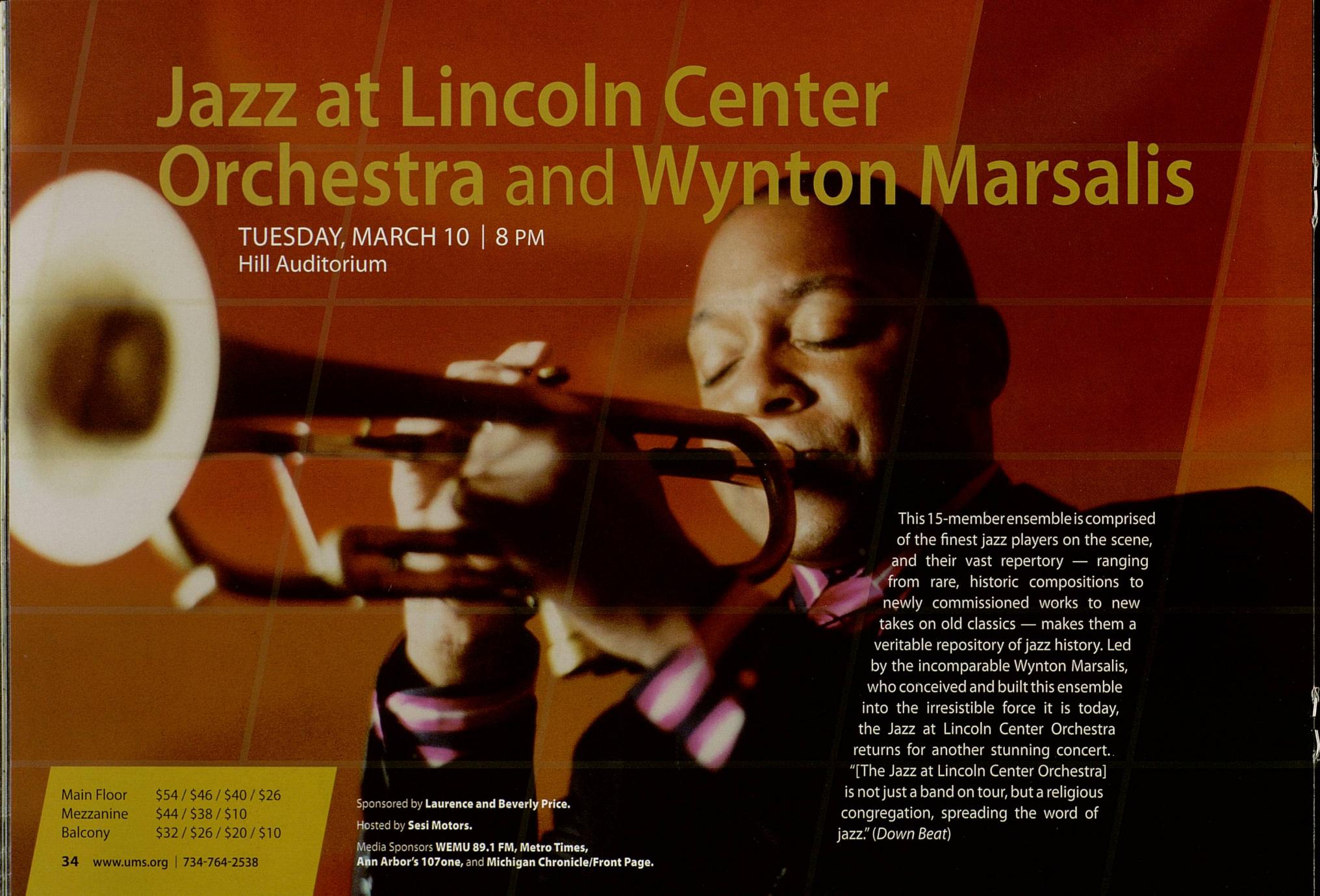
SATURDAY PERFORMANCE

Main Floor	\$125 / \$100 / \$80 / \$48
Mezzanine	\$80 / \$70 / \$10
Balcony	\$56 / \$48 / \$30 / \$10

SUNDAY PERFORMANCE

Main Floor	\$100 / \$90 / \$76 / \$48
Mezzanine	\$80 / \$70 / \$10
Balcony	\$56 / \$48 / \$30 / \$10

Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra and Wynton Marsalis



TUESDAY, MARCH 10 | 8 PM

Hill Auditorium

Main Floor \$54 / \$46 / \$40 / \$26
Mezzanine \$44 / \$38 / \$10
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This 15-member ensemble is comprised of the finest jazz players on the scene, and their vast repertory — ranging from rare, historic compositions to newly commissioned works to new takes on old classics — makes them a veritable repository of jazz history. Led by the incomparable Wynton Marsalis, who conceived and built this ensemble into the irresistible force it is today, the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra returns for another stunning concert.

"[The Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra] is not just a band on tour, but a religious congregation, spreading the word of jazz." (*Down Beat*)

Brentano String Quartet

Peter Serkin piano

Richard Lalli baritone

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11 | 8 PM

Rackham Auditorium

Named for Antonie Brentano, whom many scholars consider Beethoven's "Immortal Beloved," the intended recipient of his famous love confession, the Brentano Quartet transcends Beethoven to explore music both very old and very new, performing musical works that pre-date the string quartet as a medium and commissioning new works from some of the most important composers of our time. The ensemble is joined by Peter Serkin, who first appeared with UMS in 1963 as a teenager in a May Festival concert with his father (Rudolf), and the baritone Richard Lalli for a program that balances quartet standards with contemporary masterpieces. "The overall effect wasn't that the group was playing music, but releasing it." (*Philadelphia Inquirer*)

PROGRAM

Haydn	String Quartet in d minor, Op. 76, No. 2 ("Quinten") (Hob. III:76) (1796-97)
Wuorinen	New Piano Quintet (commissioned by the artists)
Schoenberg	Ode to Napoleon, Op. 41 (for quartet, piano, and baritone) (1942)
Beethoven	Grosse Fuge, Op. 133 (1825-26)

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\$42 / \$36 / \$28 / \$20





The Silk Road Ensemble with Yo-Yo Ma

cello

FRIDAY, MARCH 13 | 8 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 14 | 8 PM
Hill Auditorium

"Yo-Yo Ma is part modern Marco Polo, an explorer of cultures far beyond his own; part musical missionary, eager to share ideas and make vital connections between peoples." (*Chicago Tribune*) Founded by Yo-Yo Ma in 1998, the Silk Road Project has been a catalyst for a new kind of conversation, opening avenues of inter cultural communication and collaborative thinking.

For about 2,000 years, the Silk Road was the main conduit for the spread and exchange of goods, ideas, religions, and culture, connecting people from Asia to the Mediterranean. The collective is drawn from internationally renowned musicians interested in exploring the relationships between tradition and innovation in music from the East and West.

"When I started the Silk Road Project," says Yo-Yo Ma, whose 25 years of touring influenced his view and understanding of the world, "I began to understand the geographical and musical connections between all of these incredible cultures — all these 'other' classical musics, the Persian classical music, the Indian classical music, and so on. I got a sense that at one time these connections were much closer, and over time that certain things got split off and developed independently." After last season's stunning solo recital, Yo-Yo Ma returns with two different performances featuring artists from the Silk Road Ensemble.

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PROGRAM (FRI 3/13)

Gabriela Lena Frank
Evan Ziporyn
Sapa Perapaskero
Alim Qasimov

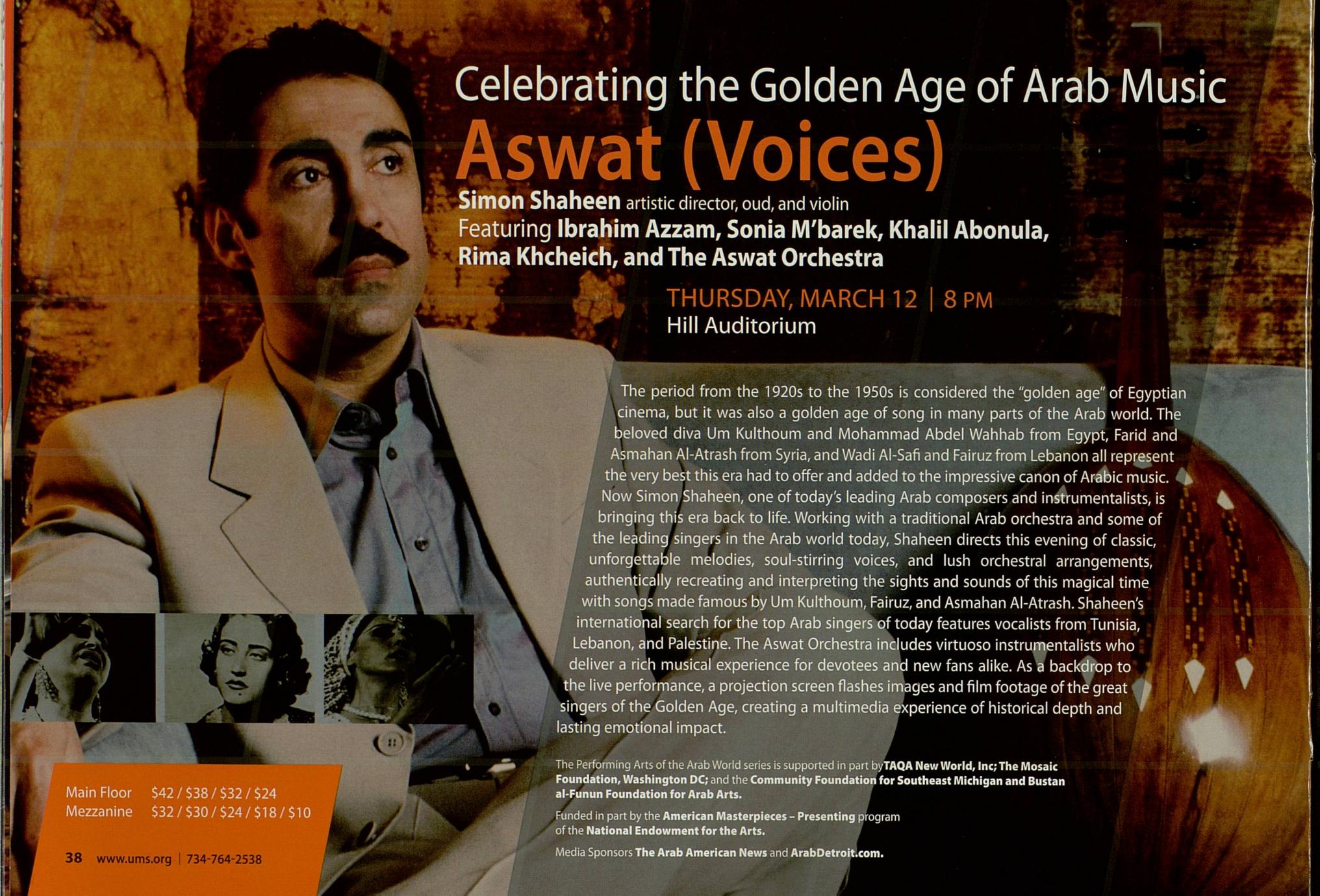
Ritmos Anchinos
Sulvasutra
Turceasca
Loyla and Majnun

PROGRAM (SAT 3/14)

Silk Road Suite featuring works by Kim/Umezaki/Tong,
Karhan Kalhor, Zhao Jiping, and Shane Shanahan
Rabih Abou-Khalil
Angel Lam
Dmitry Yanov-Yanovsky
Colin Jacobsen

Arabian Waltz
Empty Mountain, Spirit Rain
Paths of Parables
Ascending Bird

Main Floor	\$100 / \$90 / \$76 / \$48
Mezzanine	\$80 / \$70 / \$10
Balcony	\$56 / \$48 / \$30 / \$10



Celebrating the Golden Age of Arab Music **Aswat (Voices)**

Simon Shaheen artistic director, oud, and violin

Featuring **Ibrahim Azzam, Sonia M'barek, Khalil Abonula, Rima Khcheich, and The Aswat Orchestra**

THURSDAY, MARCH 12 | 8 PM
Hill Auditorium

The period from the 1920s to the 1950s is considered the “golden age” of Egyptian cinema, but it was also a golden age of song in many parts of the Arab world. The beloved diva Um Kulthoum and Mohammad Abdel Wahhab from Egypt, Farid and Asmahan Al-Atrash from Syria, and Wadi Al-Safi and Fairuz from Lebanon all represent the very best this era had to offer and added to the impressive canon of Arabic music. Now Simon Shaheen, one of today’s leading Arab composers and instrumentalists, is bringing this era back to life. Working with a traditional Arab orchestra and some of the leading singers in the Arab world today, Shaheen directs this evening of classic, unforgettable melodies, soul-stirring voices, and lush orchestral arrangements, authentically recreating and interpreting the sights and sounds of this magical time with songs made famous by Um Kulthoum, Fairuz, and Asmahan Al-Atrash. Shaheen’s international search for the top Arab singers of today features vocalists from Tunisia, Lebanon, and Palestine. The Aswat Orchestra includes virtuoso instrumentalists who deliver a rich musical experience for devotees and new fans alike. As a backdrop to the live performance, a projection screen flashes images and film footage of the great singers of the Golden Age, creating a multimedia experience of historical depth and lasting emotional impact.

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Altenberg Trio Vienna

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18 | 8 PM
Rackham Auditorium



Since its "official" debut during the Salzburg Mozart Week in January, 1994, the Altenberg Trio Vienna has earned a reputation as one of the most daring and consistent ensembles of its kind. When forming their ensemble, pianist Claus-Christian Schuster, violinist Amiram Ganz, and cellist Alexander Gebert chose as their namesake the revered 19th-century Viennese writer and poet Peter Altenberg, a contemporary and compatriot of renowned Viennese artists at the turn of the 19th century (Schoenberg, Berg, Mahler, Schiele, Klimt, and others). Their choice illustrated perfectly the values captured in the Trio's music-making: love of beauty, venture toward life, precision of style, and a sense of humor. The trio members have impressive individual reputations in chamber music circles and take great pride in remaining faithful to the style and tradition of the "Viennese sound" so often admired in reviews.

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PROGRAM

Takemitsu
Haydn
Dvořák

Between Tides (1993)
Piano Trio in C Major, Hob. XV:21 ("Pastoral") (1794)
Piano Trio in f minor, Op. 65 (1883)

\$36 / \$30 / \$24 / \$18



Sulayman Al-Bassam Theatre

Richard III - An

THURSDAY, MARCH 19 | 8 PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 20 | 8 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 21 | 8 PM

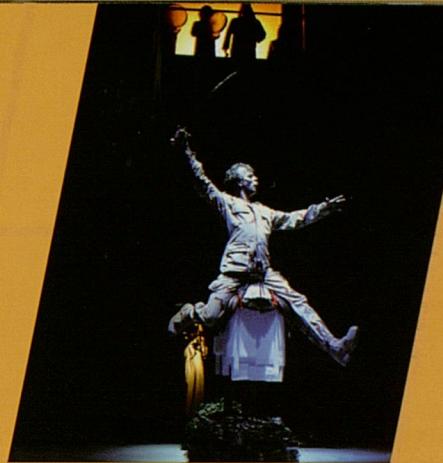
SUNDAY, MARCH 22 | 2 PM

Power Center



Arab Tragedy

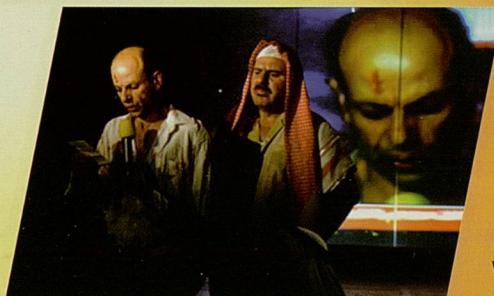
Based on *Richard III* by William Shakespeare
Directed by Sulayman Al-Bassam



Commissioned by the Royal Shakespeare Company as part of its "Complete Works" Festival, this engrossing Arab adaptation of *Richard III* comes from Kuwait. The play unfolds within the hothouse, feudal atmosphere of desert palaces in an unidentified oil-rich kingdom. In this world of tribal allegiances, family in-fighting, and absolute power, the questions of leadership, religion, and foreign intervention that are at the heart of Shakespeare's play take on powerful new meanings in a modern Arab-Islamic context.

The evil Richard of Gloucester is interpreted as the aspirant king of a Middle Eastern peninsula. Backed by foreign interests, in the form of a French Buckingham, he falls out with them once he has grasped control of the crown. Eventually, his tyrannical behavior leaves him open to an external invasion backed by dissident internal forces. "Viewed as history, Richard becomes a product of his society; perverse, irrational, and inexplicable he remains, but he is also the product of endless cycles of violence, revenge, and civil war," explains Al-Bassam. "The play can also be read as an urgent prophecy or a cautionary tale with particular relevance to the Gulf region today."

Filled with exhilarating multimedia interventions and theatrical displays, this engrossing adaptation gives a window into the often misunderstood world of the Arabian Gulf in all its richness: its social customs, musical heritage, and some of its darker mystical rituals. Performed by a company of actors from England and across the Arab world, the work is accompanied by a live Arab musical score.



Performed in Arabic with English supertitles. Two hours, no intermission.

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OPENING NIGHT

Main Floor	\$44 / \$40 / \$26 / \$20
Balcony	\$40 / \$36 / \$26 / \$18

FRI/SAT/SUN PERFORMANCES

Main Floor	\$50 / \$44 / \$28 / \$22
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Zakir Hussain tabla Pandit Shivkumar Sharma santoor

Zakir Hussain is today appreciated both in the field of percussion and in the music world at large as an international phenomenon. A classical tabla virtuoso of the highest order, his consistently brilliant and exciting performances have not only established him as a national treasure in his own country, India, but earned him worldwide fame. His playing is marked by uncanny intuition and masterful improvisational dexterity. The favorite accompanist for many of India's greatest classical musicians and dancers, he has not let his genius rest there, but is widely considered a chief architect of the contemporary world music movement with historic collaborations including Shakti (which he founded with John McLaughlin and L. Shankar in the 1970s), Sangam (with Charles Lloyd and Eric Harland), and performances and recordings with artists as diverse as George Harrison, Van Morrison, Rennie Harris, and the Kodo Drummers of Japan. Hussain, who last appeared in Ann Arbor with Ali Akbar Khan in March, 2000, is joined by Pandit Shivkumar Sharma, who singlehandedly transformed the santoor from an instrument of accompaniment to one that deserves center stage.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22 | 7 PM [NOTE TIME]
Rackham Auditorium



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50th Anniversary Concert

The Romeros

THURSDAY, MARCH 26 | 8 PM

Rackham Auditorium

The "Royal Family of Guitar" returns to Ann Arbor for the first time since 2000. A veritable institution in the world of classical music, the Romeros celebrate their 50th anniversary this season. Celedonio Romero, founder and creator of the Romeros guitar dynasty, was a renowned soloist in Spain who began teaching his sons as they approached the age of two or three. He died in 1996, but his sons and grandsons continue Celedonio's legacy. This unparalleled family ensemble has become the international emissary for guitar chamber music, their name synonymous with style, elegance, and technique. To have so many virtuosos of the same instrument in one family is unique in the world of musical performance, and in the realm of classical guitar it is absolutely unprecedented. The Romeros are "Guardians of the Holy Grail of the Classical Guitar." (Leipzig)



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Special One-Hour Family Performances

Dan Zanes & Friends

SUNDAY, MARCH 29 | 1 PM & 4 PM

Rackham Auditorium



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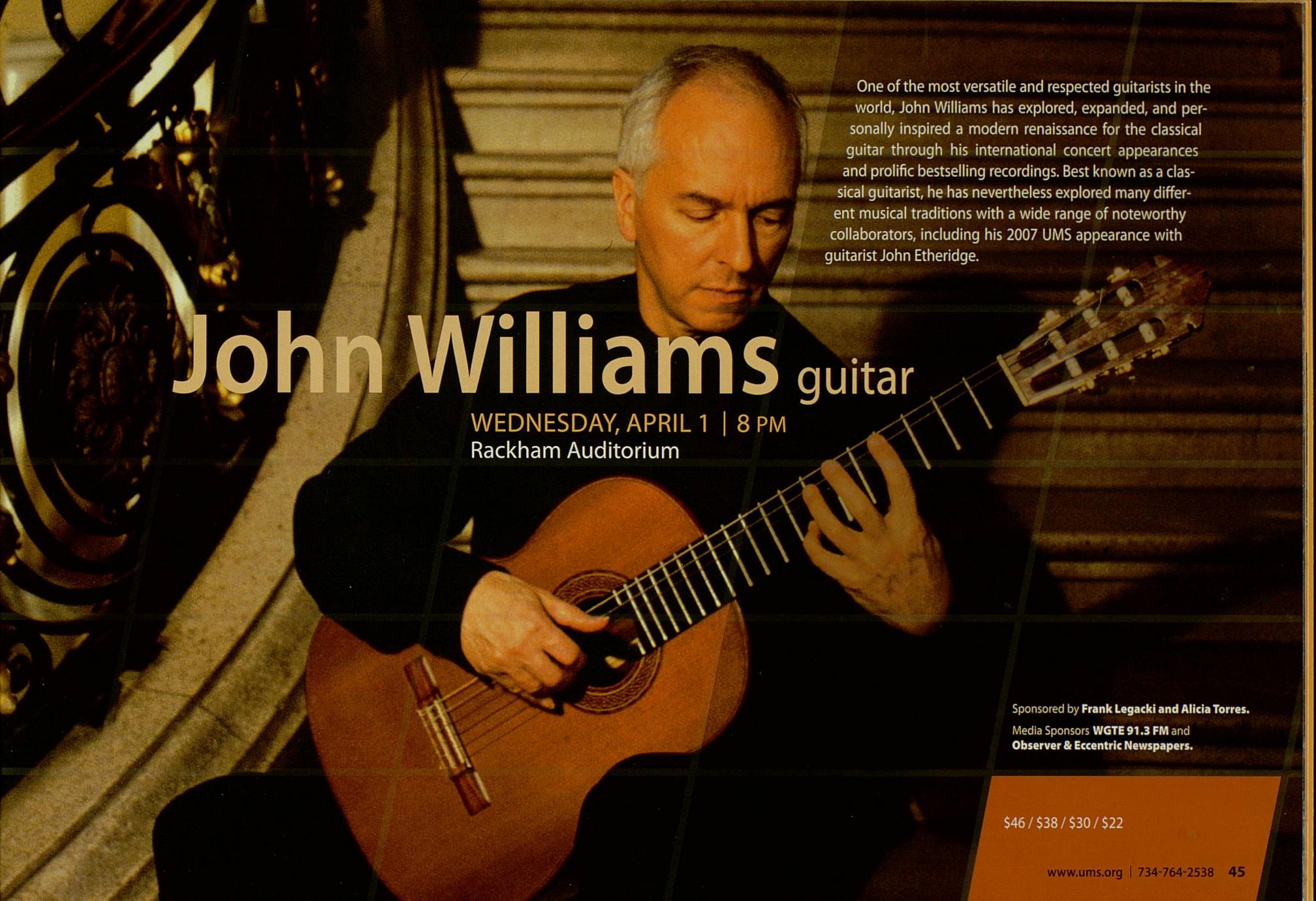
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\$20 adults / \$10 children

Kid-rock revolutionaries Dan Zanes and Friends bring their wild and festive family dance party to town! As seen on Playhouse Disney and Sesame Street, these all-ages folk heroes create a unique and joyous 21st-century sound with a rich blend of traditional American folk songs, Latin and Caribbean rhythms, and soulful originals from their new Spanish album *jNueva York!* and the Grammy Award-winning CD, *Catch That Train!* Zanes and his band create a rollicking "Woodstock for Kids" that is filled with rootsy, whimsical songs brimming with warmth, wisdom, and wonderful music. "Dan Zanes has quietly become the best new thing to happen to family music in the nearly four decades since Woody Guthrie's death." (*Houston Chronicle*)



John Williams guitar

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1 | 8 PM
Rackham Auditorium

One of the most versatile and respected guitarists in the world, John Williams has explored, expanded, and personally inspired a modern renaissance for the classical guitar through his international concert appearances and prolific bestselling recordings. Best known as a classical guitarist, he has nevertheless explored many different musical traditions with a wide range of noteworthy collaborators, including his 2007 UMS appearance with guitarist John Etheridge.

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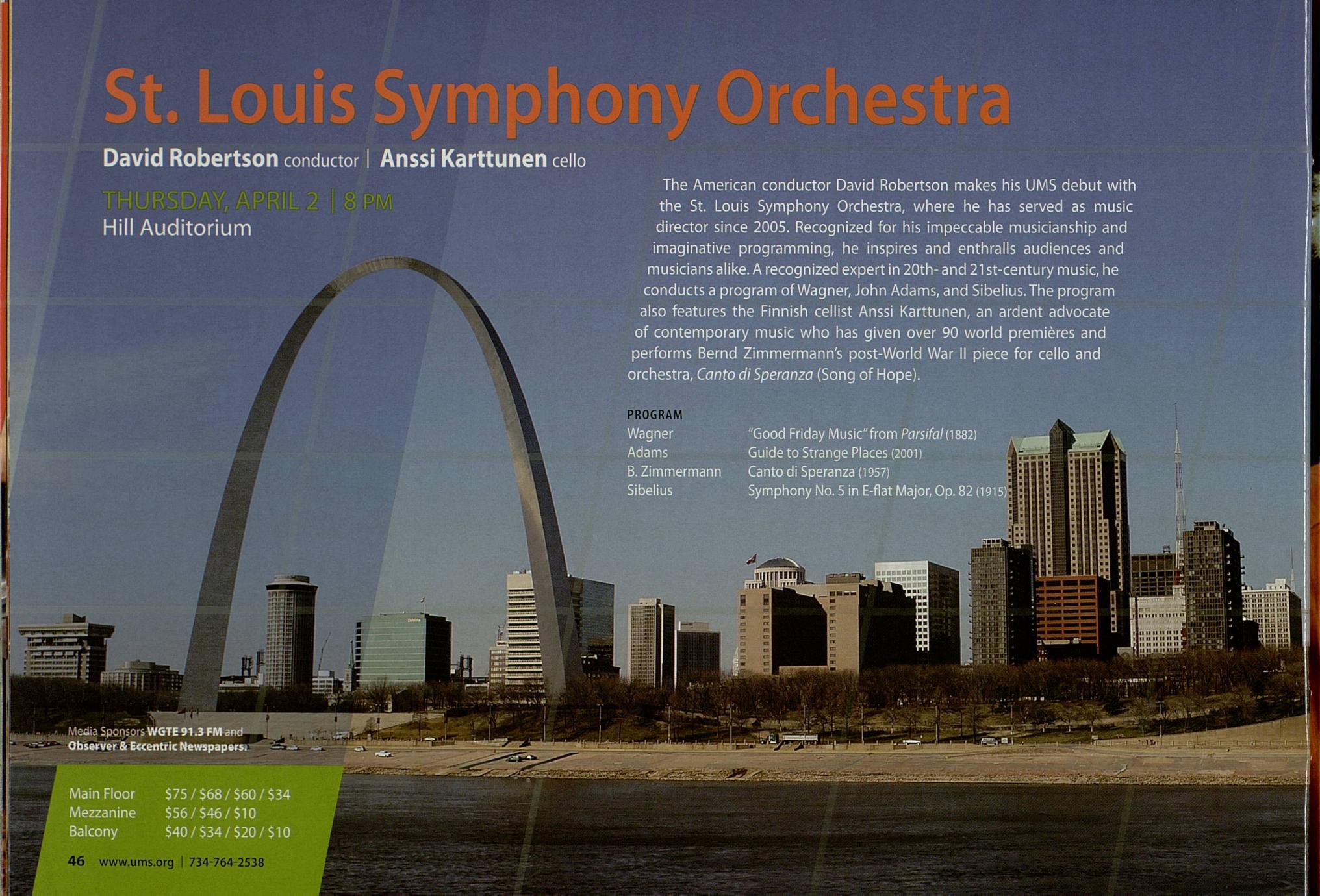
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St. Louis Symphony Orchestra

David Robertson conductor | **Anssi Karttunen** cello

THURSDAY, APRIL 2 | 8 PM

Hill Auditorium



The American conductor David Robertson makes his UMS debut with the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, where he has served as music director since 2005. Recognized for his impeccable musicianship and imaginative programming, he inspires and entralls audiences and musicians alike. A recognized expert in 20th- and 21st-century music, he conducts a program of Wagner, John Adams, and Sibelius. The program also features the Finnish cellist Anssi Karttunen, an ardent advocate of contemporary music who has given over 90 world premières and performs Bernd Zimmermann's post-World War II piece for cello and orchestra, *Canto di Speranza* (Song of Hope).

PROGRAM

Wagner
Adams
B. Zimmermann
Sibelius

"Good Friday Music" from *Parsifal* (1882)
Guide to Strange Places (2001)
Canto di Speranza (1957)
Symphony No. 5 in E-flat Major, Op. 82 (1915)

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Main Floor	\$75 / \$68 / \$60 / \$34
Mezzanine	\$56 / \$46 / \$10
Balcony	\$40 / \$34 / \$20 / \$10

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John McLaughlin and Chick Corea created two of the most explosive live fusion bands in the 1970s. McLaughlin's Mahavishnu Orchestra and Corea's Return to Forever were two of the most popular instrumental groups of all time. Their music went far beyond the ordinary, fusing energy, spirituality, and emotion with improvisation and hard rock. These groups inspired a new generation to expand their own musical horizon. This concert tour will be the first time that these virtuoso improvisers join forces since they were both members of Miles Davis's *Bitches Brew*-era band over 40 years ago. Playing music from then and now, this concert features Detroit native Kenny Garrett, Christian McBride, and the incomparable Vinnie Colaiuta.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4 | 8 PM
Hill Auditorium

Chick Corea/John McLaughlin: Five Peace Band

Chick Corea piano and keyboards | **John McLaughlin** guitar

Christian McBride bass | **Kenny Garrett** alto saxophone | **Vinnie Colaiuta** drums

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On performing Beethoven, András Schiff says, "In my mind, there is no such thing as a born Beethoven interpreter — you have to learn how to approach this work, and much of that comes from life's lessons." Schiff closes out his two-year, eight-concert cycle of the complete Beethoven piano sonatas with these final two concerts in Hill Auditorium. The concerts feature Beethoven's late sonatas, including the "Hammerklavier," widely considered one of the most important works of Beethoven's late period and one of the most challenging solo works in the entire piano repertoire to this day. "The Beethoven cycle has become one of the most important events in my life, if not the most important," said Schiff in an interview in England, where he began his first complete Beethoven cycle in 2004. "There is no other sequence of works that is so varied. It is like asking an actor to play all the main Shakespearean roles, but also acting the other roles with them."

Beethoven Sonata Project Concerts 7 & 8 — Series Finale

András Schiff piano

THURSDAY, APRIL 9 | 8 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 11 | 8 PM

Hill Auditorium

Main Floor	\$56 / \$50 / \$44 / \$24
Mezzanine	\$46 / \$40 / \$10
Balcony	\$30 / \$24 / \$20 / \$10

The Saturday performance is sponsored by
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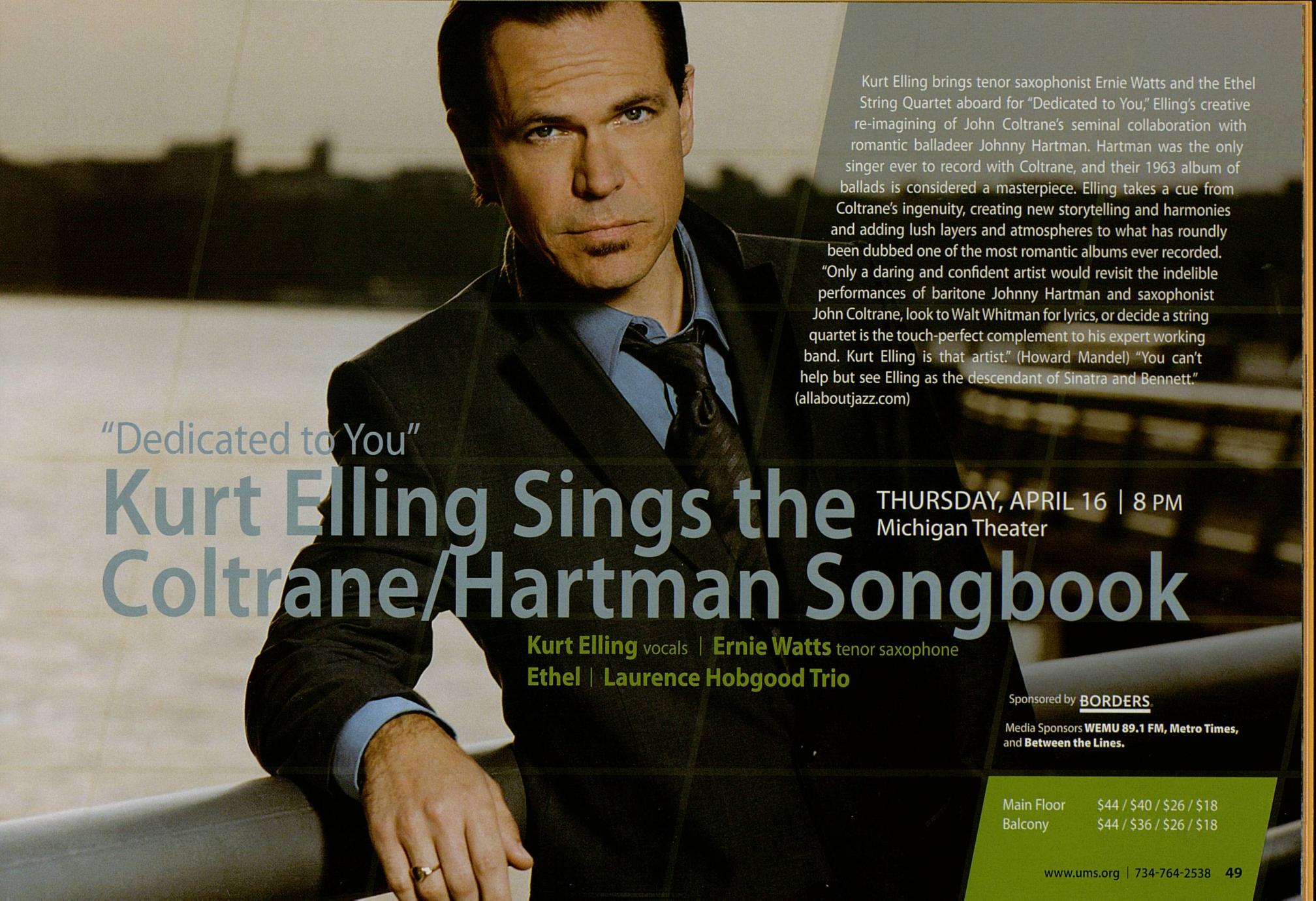
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PROGRAM (THU 4/9)

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| Beethoven | Sonata No. 27 in e minor, Op. 90 (1814) |
| Beethoven | Sonata No. 28 in A Major, Op. 101 (1816) |
| Beethoven | Sonata No. 29 in B-flat Major, Op. 106 ("Hammerklavier") (1817-18) |

PROGRAM (SAT 4/11)

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| Beethoven | Sonata No. 30 in E Major, Op. 109 (1820) |
| Beethoven | Sonata No. 31 in A-flat Major, Op. 110 (1821-22) |
| Beethoven | Sonata No. 32 in c minor, Op. 111 (1821-22) |



"Dedicated to You"

Kurt Elling Sings the Coltrane/Hartman Songbook

Kurt Elling vocals | Ernie Watts tenor saxophone
Ethel | Laurence Hobgood Trio

THURSDAY, APRIL 16 | 8 PM
Michigan Theater

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Main Floor	\$44 / \$40 / \$26 / \$18
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Takács Quartet Marc-André Hamelin piano

\$46 / \$38 / \$30 / \$22

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The brilliant Canadian pianist Marc-André Hamelin joins the Takács Quartet, an ensemble renowned for its ability to fuse four distinct, expressive musical personalities into gripping unified interpretations. The Quartet's intellectual curiosity and passion are demonstrated through collaborations with a variety of artists, ranging from classical pianists to Hungarian folk music groups and poets.

PROGRAM

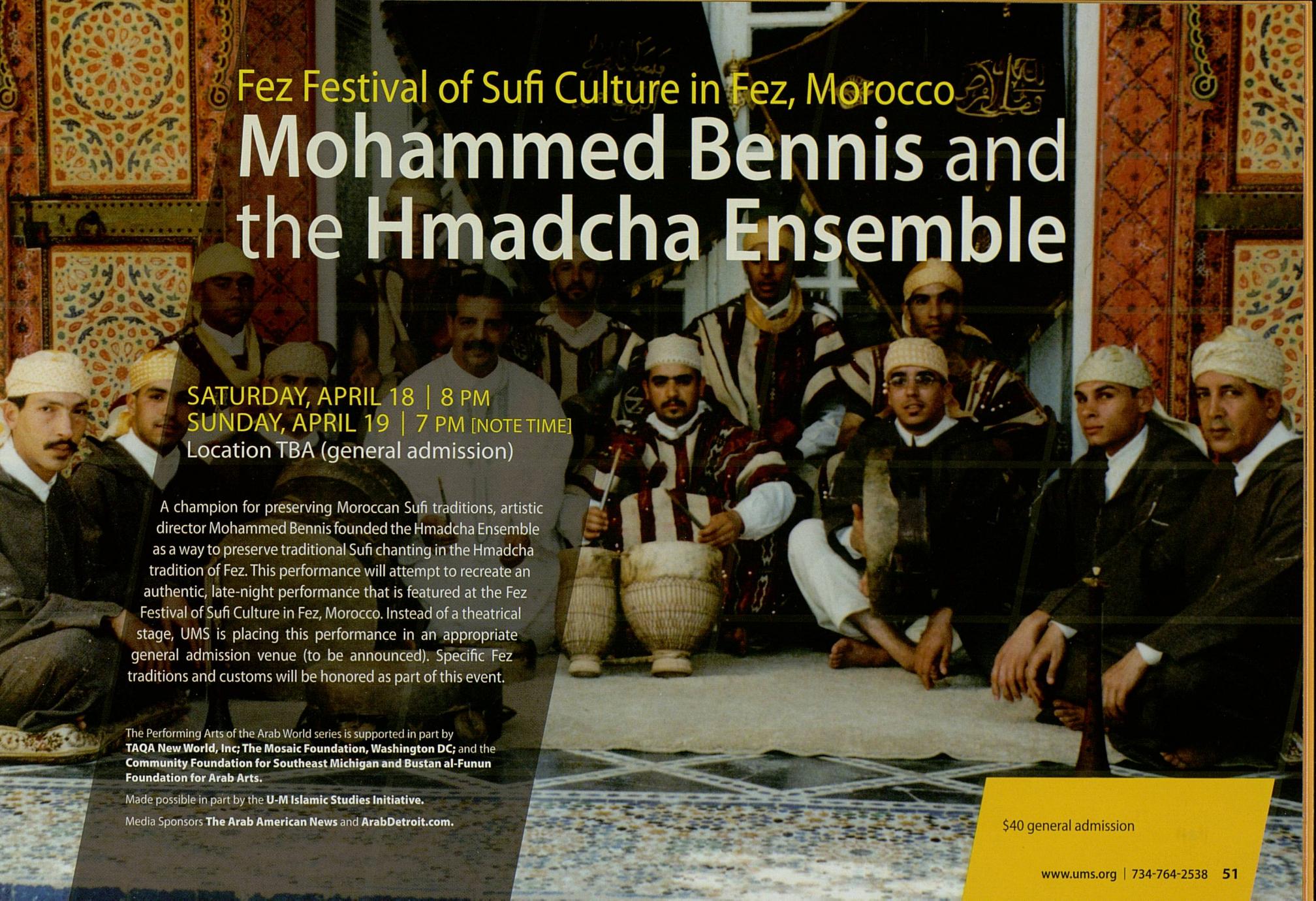
Haydn	String Quartet in G Major, Op. 77, No. 1, Hob. III:81 (1799)
Bartók	String Quartet No. 1 in a minor (1909)
Schumann	Piano Quintet in E-flat Major, Op. 44 (1842)

FRIDAY, APRIL 17 | 8 PM
Rackham Auditorium



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Fez Festival of Sufi Culture in Fez, Morocco

Mohammed Benni and the Hmadcha Ensemble

SATURDAY, APRIL 18 | 8 PM
SUNDAY, APRIL 19 | 7 PM [NOTE TIME]
Location TBA (general admission)

A champion for preserving Moroccan Sufi traditions, artistic director Mohammed Benni founded the Hmadcha Ensemble as a way to preserve traditional Sufi chanting in the Hmadcha tradition of Fez. This performance will attempt to recreate an authentic, late-night performance that is featured at the Fez Festival of Sufi Culture in Fez, Morocco. Instead of a theatrical stage, UMS is placing this performance in an appropriate general admission venue (to be announced). Specific Fez traditions and customs will be honored as part of this event.

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Made possible in part by the **U-M Islamic Studies Initiative.**

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\$40 general admission

Added Event!

THURSDAY, APRIL 23 | 8 PM
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

UMS Choral Union

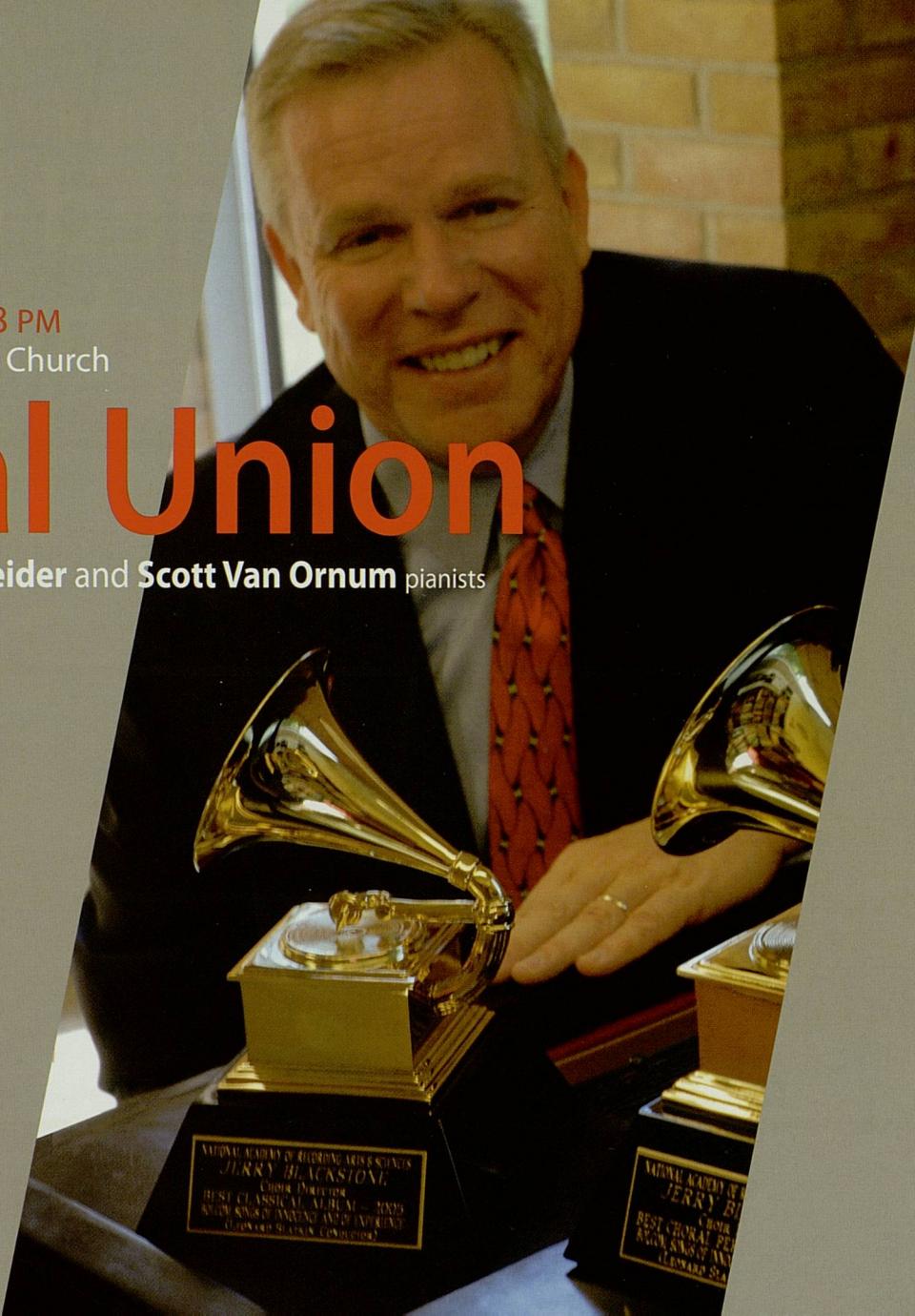
Jerry Blackstone music director and conductor | **Jean Schneider** and **Scott Van Ornum** pianists

Comprised of community members from throughout southeastern Michigan, the UMS Choral Union annually performs Handel's *Messiah* and is also regularly featured with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Last season, they presented J.S. Bach's *St. Matthew Passion* in a gorgeous Good Friday performance that will not be forgotten by the sellout house of 3,500 people who braved a late March snowstorm to experience the glories of Bach's music. Now the UMS Choral Union performs works of Mendelssohn, Rachmaninoff, Jonathan Dove, and Carl Orff in the more intimate setting of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church.

PROGRAM

Mendelssohn	Three Psalm Settings (1843-44)
Rachmaninoff	All-Night Vigil, Op. 37 (excerpts) (1915)
Jonathan Dove	The Passing of the Year (2000)
Orff	"O fortuna" from <i>Carmina Burana</i> (1937)

\$30 reserved seating
\$20 general admission





The young German violinist Julia Fischer made her UMS debut in November, 2007 as soloist with the St. Petersburg Philharmonic. Born in Munich in 1983, she has received a hailstorm of superlative reviews. Named "Artist of the Year" at the 2007 Gramophone Awards (voted on by more than 14 million individuals), she has also been featured as a major emerging artist by several distinguished music publications. She started off 2008 with a bang: performing Saint Saëns's Violin Concerto No. 3 before intermission at a concert in Frankfurt, then making her professional piano debut with Grieg's Piano Concerto in a minor after intermission. Fischer makes her UMS recital debut with her Stradivarius in hand.

Julia Fischer violin Milana Chernyavskaya piano

FRIDAY, APRIL 24 | 8 PM
Hill Auditorium

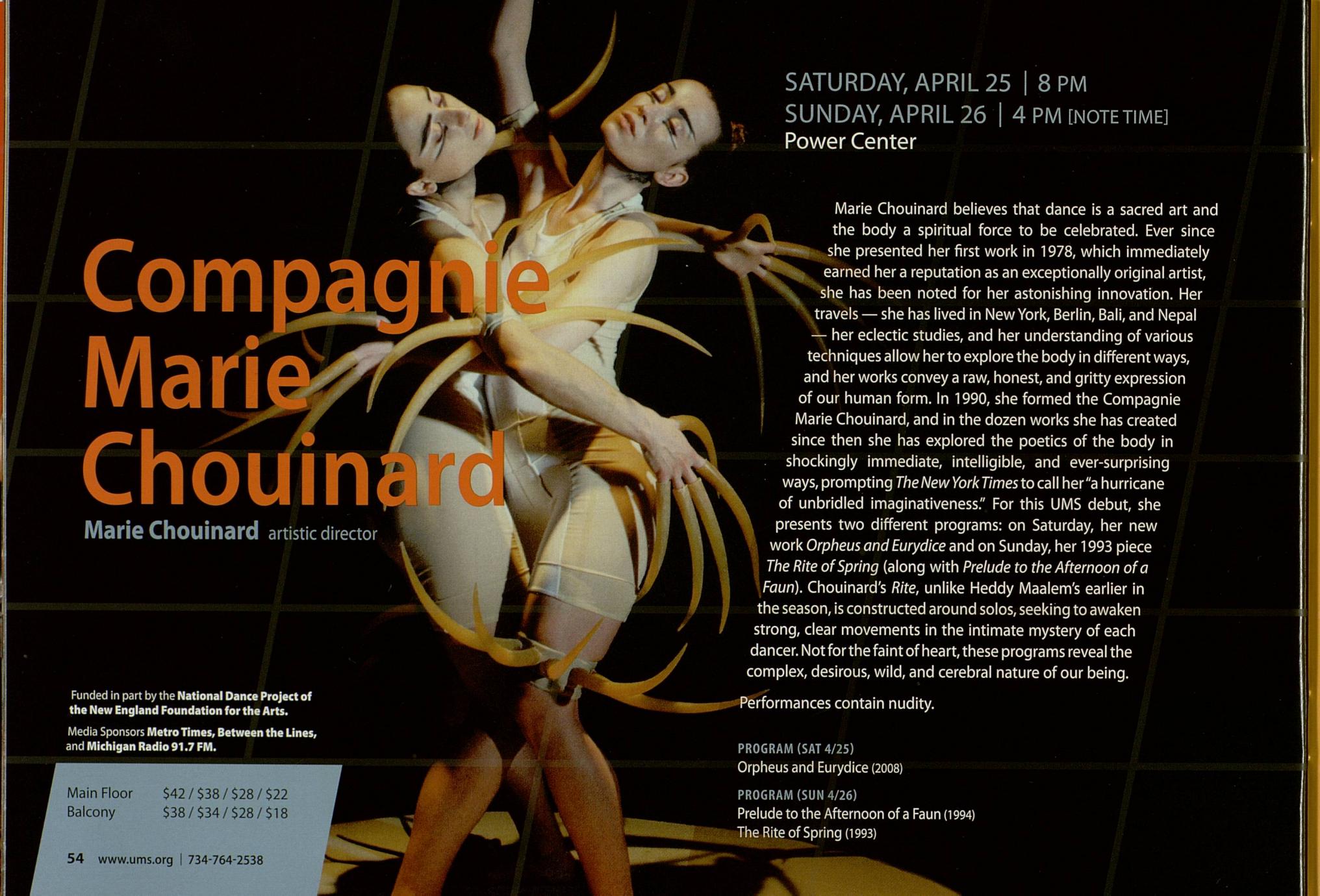
PROGRAM

Mozart	Sonata for Violin and Piano in C, K. 296 (1778)
Prokofiev	Sonata No. 1 in f minor for Violin and Piano, Op. 80 (1938-46)
Beethoven	Sonata No. 8 in G Major for Violin and Piano, Op. 30, No. 3 (1801-02)
Martinů	Sonata No. 3 for Violin and Piano, H. 303 (1944)

Co-Sponsored by Dennis and Ellie Serras.

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Main Floor	\$50 / \$44 / \$36 / \$22
Mezzanine	\$38 / \$32 / \$10
Balcony	\$26 / \$22 / \$18 / \$10



Compagnie Marie Chouinard

Marie Chouinard artistic director

Funded in part by the **National Dance Project of the New England Foundation for the Arts**.

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and **Michigan Radio 91.7 FM**.

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Balcony \$38 / \$34 / \$28 / \$18

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SATURDAY, APRIL 25 | 8 PM
SUNDAY, APRIL 26 | 4 PM [NOTE TIME]
Power Center

Marie Chouinard believes that dance is a sacred art and the body a spiritual force to be celebrated. Ever since she presented her first work in 1978, which immediately earned her a reputation as an exceptionally original artist, she has been noted for her astonishing innovation. Her travels — she has lived in New York, Berlin, Bali, and Nepal — her eclectic studies, and her understanding of various techniques allow her to explore the body in different ways, and her works convey a raw, honest, and gritty expression of our human form. In 1990, she formed the Compagnie Marie Chouinard, and in the dozen works she has created since then she has explored the poetics of the body in shockingly immediate, intelligible, and ever-surprising ways, prompting *The New York Times* to call her "a hurricane of unbridled imaginativeness." For this UMS debut, she presents two different programs: on Saturday, her new work *Orpheus and Eurydice* and on Sunday, her 1993 piece *The Rite of Spring* (along with *Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun*). Chouinard's *Rite*, unlike Heddy Maalem's earlier in the season, is constructed around solos, seeking to awaken strong, clear movements in the intimate mystery of each dancer. Not for the faint of heart, these programs reveal the complex, desirous, wild, and cerebral nature of our being.

Performances contain nudity.

PROGRAM (SAT 4/25)
Orpheus and Eurydice (2008)

PROGRAM (SUN 4/26)
Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun (1994)
The Rite of Spring (1993)

Make A Difference

UMS is counting on your contribution to help present this exciting season. Ticket revenues cover just half of our program costs. Your generosity makes a vital difference in the ability of UMS to bring the world's greatest music, dance, and theater to Ann Arbor.

UMS provides priority to donors in purchasing tickets to individual performances. The fall single ticket brochure is mailed to donors first, and donors of \$250 or more are able to purchase tickets one week before tickets go on sale to the general public. In addition, UMS donors enjoy:

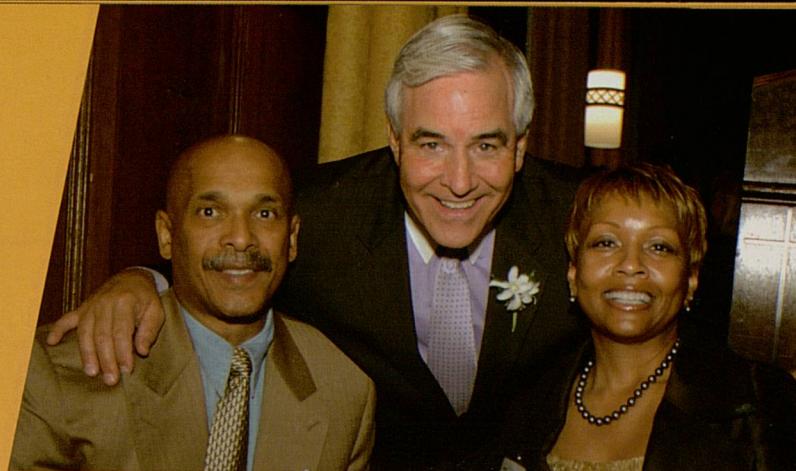
- ❖ Discounted tickets to select performances
- ❖ Acknowledgement in UMS program books and donor listings (\$250 or more)
- ❖ Advance notice of performances and advance purchasing privileges
- ❖ Invitations to special events

Sponsoring a Concert

Many donors have inquired about increasing their support to honor a family member or colleague, or to commemorate a milestone event in their lives. You can support UMS while celebrating your special occasion and receive the benefits of sponsorship at the same time. UMS staff will work with you to create a package of benefits that meets your individual needs. To discuss sponsorship and related benefits, call Susan McClanahan, Director of Development, at 734-764-8489.

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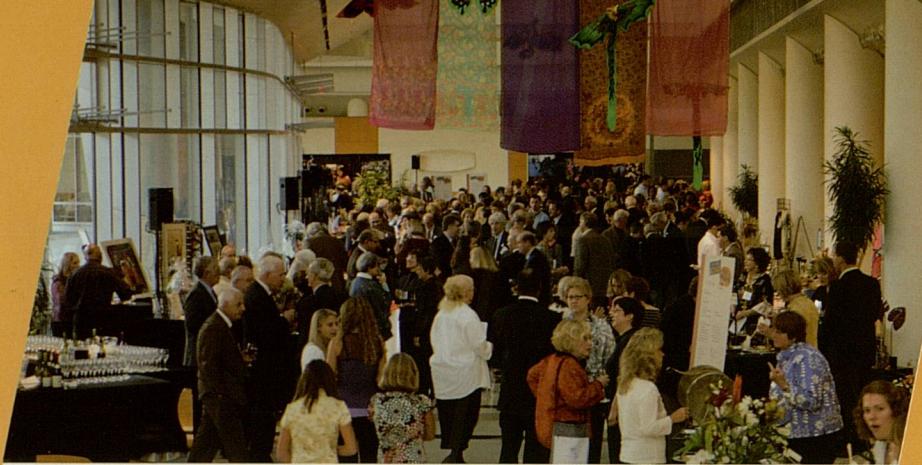
Do you work for a company that matches charitable contributions? You may be able to double the impact of your gift to UMS and increase your donor level and benefits at the same time. Ask your employer for a matching gift form, which you can complete and include with your contribution.



Al Nettles, Ken Fischer, and Toni Hoover, a member of the UMS National Council.

Prelude Dinners

Learn more about our presentations by attending Prelude Dinners before select Choral Union concerts and other performances. The dinners are held in convenient locations so you can park early, dine with friends, and learn from guest speakers who share their expertise about the artists, composers, and topics related to the programs. A complete listing of the Prelude Dinners will be mailed with subscription tickets in August and posted at www.ums.org. Call the Development Office at 734-764-8489 for more information, or to make reservations.



On the Road with UMS

A Fundraiser for the UMS Education Program

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 | 6 PM

Sesi Lincoln Mercury Volvo, 3990 Jackson Road, Ann Arbor

The University Musical Society Advisory Committee invites you to "On the Road with UMS," a fun-filled evening of silent and live auctions, delicious food, music, and merriment. Proceeds from the evening benefit UMS's education programs, which reach up to 35,000 adults and children each year through a diverse mix of initiatives and educational events. Last year's auction netted more than \$73,000 for these UMS programs.

Fabulous auction items include cultural and culinary getaways to Washington, DC, San Francisco, and Chicago; other exotic destinations for relaxation; performing arts events; special cooking and group dining opportunities; and many more. The evening includes a sit-down dinner, held in conjunction with the live auction.

For reservations, contact the UMS Development Office at 734-764-8489. A preview list of auction items will be available online at www.ums.org in early September.

\$100 per person, advanced registration required.

Other Events of

Free Concerts!

Michigan Chamber Players

Faculty Artists of the U-M School of Music, Theatre & Dance

Each year, UMS hosts two free concerts by the Michigan Chamber Players, showcasing the talents of faculty members of the University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre & Dance.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27 | 8 PM

Stamps Auditorium (in the Walgreen Drama Center on North Campus)

Nancy Ambrose oboe | William Campbell trumpet | Anthony Elliott cello
Daniel Gilbert clarinet | Diana Gannett bass | Joseph Gramley percussion
David Jackson trombone | Jeffrey Lyman bassoon | Steven Shipps violin
Donald Sinta saxophone | Ellen Rowe piano

PROGRAM

Evan Chambers	Come Down Heavy (1994, rev. 1996)
Poulenc	Le Bal Masque
Stravinsky	L'Histoire du Soldat (1918)

Creative Imaginations

Michigan Chamber Players with The Phoenix String Quartet

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31 | 8 PM

Rackham Auditorium

Katherine Collier piano | Daniel Gilbert clarinets | Anthony Elliott cello
David Jackson trombone | Andrew Jennings violin | Carmen Pelton soprano
Kathryn Votapek viola

PROGRAM

Mendelssohn	Octet in E-flat Major, Op. 20 (1825)
Schoenberg	Pierrot Lunaire, Op. 21 (1912)

Interest

The 12th Annual Sphinx Competition for Young Black and Latino String Players

The Sphinx Competition showcases young Black and Latino string players in the country. Each year, 18 semi-finalists come to southeastern Michigan to compete for cash prizes and scholarships totaling over \$100,000. Both concerts are accompanied by the Sphinx Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Chelsea Tipton II.

Presented by **Chase**.

Junior Division Honors Concert

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30 | 12 NOON
Rackham Auditorium

This free performance features the three Junior Division finalists (under age 18) competing for their final placement. This concert focuses on participation by young audiences from around the state of Michigan. For tickets, contact the UMS Education Department at 734-615-0122 or umsyouth@umich.edu.

Senior Division Finals Concert

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1 | 2 PM
Orchestra Hall, Detroit

This nationally-broadcast concert features the three Senior Division Laureates (ages 18-26) competing for their final placement and the \$10,000 first prize. The Junior Division Laureate also performs.

For information on admission to the Finals Concert, please visit www.sphinxmusic.org or call the Max M. Fisher Music Center box office at 313-576-5111.



UMS Choral Union

UMS's Grammy Award-winning chorus, the UMS Choral Union, is best known locally for its annual performances of Handel's *Messiah*. However, the volunteer ensemble performs throughout southeastern Michigan each year under the direction of Jerry Blackstone.

To audition for this celebrated ensemble, contact 734-763-8997 or choralunion@umich.edu.

UMS Choral Union at UMS

Tickets: 734-764-2538 or www.ums.org

Handel's *Messiah*

Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra
Jerry Blackstone conductor
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6 | 8 PM
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 | 2 PM
Hill Auditorium

UMS Choral Union Concert

Featuring works of Mendelssohn, Rachmaninoff,
Jonathan Dove, and Carl Orff
THURSDAY, APRIL 23 | 8 PM
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

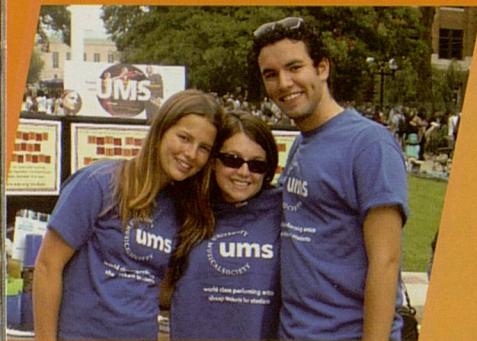
UMS Choral Union in Detroit

Tickets: 313-576-5111

Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11 | 8 PM
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12 | 8 PM
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13 | 8:30 PM
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 | 3 PM
Orchestra Hall, Detroit

About UMS



Members of the UMS Student Committee — Amy Fingerle, Liz Stover, and Leonard Navarro — help out at Festifall in September, 2007.

UMS is committed to connecting audiences with performing artists from around the world in uncommon and engaging experiences.

One of the oldest performing arts presenters in the country, the University Musical Society enters its 130th season in September, 2008.

With a program steeped in music, dance, and theater performed at the highest international standards of quality, UMS contributes to a vibrant cultural community by presenting approximately 60-75 performances and over 100 free educational activities each season.

UMS also commissions new work, sponsors artist residencies, and organizes collaborative projects with local, national, and international partners.

While audience members see what UMS puts on the stages in Ann Arbor, they may not always be aware of the happenings behind the scenes, the activities that help to make UMS a distinctive partner within the southeastern Michigan community, but also within the field of performing arts institutions. We've put together some information about UMS that we hope you'll find interesting.



A young fan presents Yo-Yo Ma with a portrait of the artist after his November, 2007 recital.



West Bloomfield resident Wei Shen held a reception in her home for the Chinese community, honoring the Chinese pianist Yuja Wang in January, 2008.

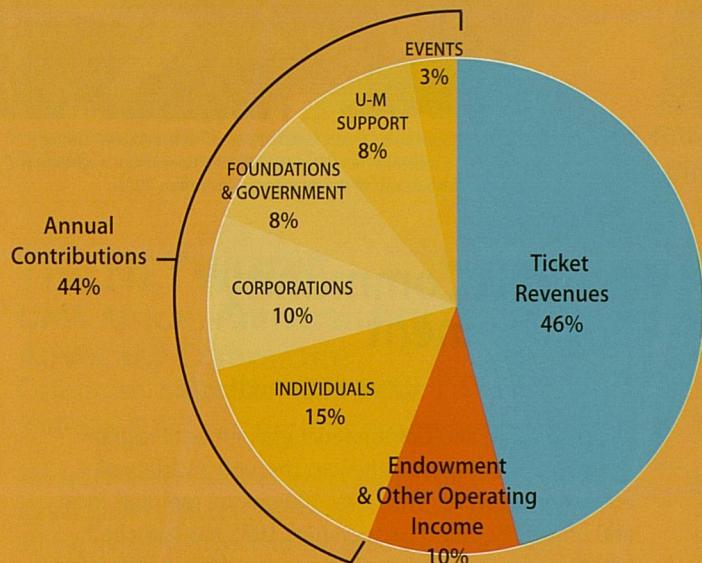
Relationship to the University of Michigan

UMS has a unique "independent but affiliated" status with the University of Michigan. We are a separate, independent 501(c)3 organization with a 34-member board of directors, including the U-M President, other U-M executives, and the Superintendent of the Ann Arbor Public Schools as *ex-officio* members.

UMS has received annual support from the University of Michigan Office of the President since FY2002 as part of the U-M/UMS Partnership Program, in addition to support for the three Royal Shakespeare Company residencies. Other U-M departments and offices also contribute to special projects at UMS. Overall, this support has ranged from 4-9% of our annual budget. For a breakdown of revenues, please see the graph at right.

U-M students are active consumers of UMS events; in the 07/08 season, students comprised more than 21% of our total audience (as measured through special student discount programs). Students purchased more than 17,000 tickets to UMS events last year and collectively saved over \$325,000 through half-price student ticket sales, rush tickets, the UMS Student Card, and the popular monthly Arts & Eats events, which combine tickets, a free pizza dinner and brief talk by someone knowledgeable about the performance.

UMS PROJECTED REVENUES FY2009



Commissioning of New Work

While UMS is not presenting any new commissions in the 08/09 season, we maintain an active role in Music Accord, a nine-member commissioning consortium that has helped develop nearly 25 new works in the past 10 years, most recently William Bolcom's Double Quartet, which was premiered by the Guarneri and Johannes String Quartets in February, 2008.

In addition to commissions of musical works, UMS has helped in the creation of dance and theater productions, helping to commission a total of more than 50 works since 1990. Partners in these efforts include internationally prominent presenters (e.g., Chatalet of Paris, Schleswig-Holstein Festival, South Bank Centre, etc.) as well as major US presenters (Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Tanglewood, and other university-based presenters).

Education & Community Engagement

Each season, UMS hosts over 100 educational events, providing background and context to the work that appears on the stage. Nearly all of these events are free and open to the public.

In addition, UMS's active youth performance program serves up to 25,000 youngsters from 65 school districts, as well as private and home schools.

These efforts are possible because of UMS's work with more than 100 community partners each season, including arts organizations, human-service organizations, culturally-specific community partners, educational institutions, and corporate partners. UMS works with over 50 U-M academic units and more than 150 individual U-M faculty members as partners in our educational programming.

In recognition of these efforts, UMS received the first Arts Presenters/MetLife Foundation Award for Arts Access in Underserved Communities in January, 2007. The award specifically recognized our partnerships with the Arab, African American, Latino/a, and Asian communities, developed in conjunction with our global programming cycles.

These efforts also reinforce UMS's commitment to diversity, from the artists and educational programs we present to the communities with whom we work and the make-up of our staff, Board, and volunteers.



UMS's popular "Arts & Eats" program draws more than 200 students each month who get together to enjoy a performance with free pizza and a brief talk before the concert.



A youngster poses in the lobby with dancers who performed in the *Pamina Devi* family performance in October, 2007.

UMS Education

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UMS Youth, Teen, Family, Adult, and Community Programs are central to UMS's mission and core values. We are committed to sustaining these efforts for generations to come.

Youth, Teen and Family Program

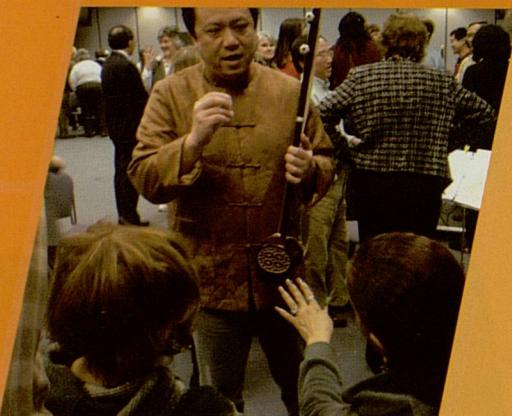
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UMS has one of the largest K-12 education initiatives in the State of Michigan and is dedicated to making world-class performance opportunities and professional development activities available to K-12 students and educators.

With public school cultural educational opportunities being cut at an extraordinary rate, UMS continues to take a leadership role in advocating for the support of transformative arts education programs for our community.

Serving up to 25,000 schoolchildren and educators in southeastern Michigan each year, the UMS Youth Program gives many students their first opportunities to experience the live performing arts. The UMS 08/09 Youth Performance Series, which includes nine performances by artists on the UMS season, is sponsored by the Esperance Family Foundation.

The UMS Youth Education Program is overseen by a 35-member Teacher Advisory Committee and enhanced by official partnerships with the Ann Arbor Public Schools and the Washtenaw Intermediate School District, as well as UMS's affiliation with the Kennedy Center Partners in Education Program. The UMS Youth Education Program was awarded "Best Practice" status in 2004 by the Dana Foundation and ArtServe Michigan.



Local Chinese musicians led a session at the China Immersion for Teachers in February, 2007.



Eric Booth leads a "very open rehearsal" at the Alumni Center, where audience members were invited to interrupt a rehearsal to ask questions of the musicians, November, 2007.

Adult & Community Engagement

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The UMS Adult and Community Engagement Program serves many different audiences through a variety of educational events. With over 100 unique regional, local, and university-based partnerships, UMS has launched initiatives for the area's Arab-American, African, Mexican/Latino/a, Asian, and African-American audiences. Among the initiatives is the creation of the NETWORK, a program that celebrates world-class artistry by today's leading African and African-American performers (see next page for details).

UMS has earned national acclaim for its work with diverse cultural groups, thanks to its proactive stance on partnering with and responding to individual communities. Though based in Ann Arbor, UMS Audience Development programs reach the entire southeastern Michigan region.

UMS also hosts a wide variety of educational events to inform the public about arts and culture. These events include lectures, study clubs, symposiums, and receptions. Education events will be posted at www.ums.org throughout the season.



The Indonesian ensemble Çudamani worked with students from the University of Michigan and Bowling Green University.



Dianne Reeves greets fans at a NETWORK reception after her concert in October, 2007.

The NETWORK UMS African American Arts Advocacy Committee

Celebrate. Socialize. Connect.

734-615-0122 | www.ums.org/network

The NETWORK — also known as UMS's African American Arts Advocacy Committee — was launched during the 04/05 season to create an opportunity for African Americans and the broader community to celebrate world-class artistry of today's leading African and African American performers and creative artists. NETWORK members connect and socialize with the African American community through attendance at UMS events and free pre- or post-concert receptions. NETWORK members receive ticket discounts for selected UMS events.

Membership in the NETWORK is free. For more information, or to join the NETWORK, please contact the UMS Education Department at 734-615-0122 or e-mail umsed@umich.edu.

2008/09 NETWORK Performances

The Rite of Spring

Compagnie Heddy Maalem

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15 | 8 PM

Power Center

Soweto Gospel Choir

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17 | 8 PM

Hill Auditorium

Rubberbandance Group

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9 | 8 PM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11 | 2 PM

Power Center

Lawrence Brownlee tenor

Martin Katz piano

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7 | 8 PM

Hill Auditorium

Sweet Honey in the Rock

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12 | 8 PM

Hill Auditorium

Wynton Marsalis and
Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra

TUESDAY, MARCH 10 | 8 PM

Hill Auditorium

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Family-Friendly UMS Events

All Ages

Rubberbandance Group Family Performance
Dan Zanes & Friends

Ages 9 and up (4th grade)

Soweto Gospel Choir
Sweet Honey in the Rock
Kodo
Silk Road Ensemble with Yo-Yo Ma

Ages 12 and up (middle school)

Mark Morris Dance Group
Anne-Sophie Mutter, violin and Camerata Salzburg
András Schiff, piano: Beethoven Sonata Project (four concerts)
Emanuel Ax and Yefim Bronfman, pianos
Jerusalem Symphony
Handel's *Messiah*
Rubberbandance Group (Friday/Sunday performances)
Richard Goode, piano
Batsheva Dance Company (Sunday performance)
New York Philharmonic
Wynton Marsalis and Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra
The Romeros

Ages 14 and up (high school)

Complicite: *A Disappearing Number*
Compagnie Heddy Maalem
Gilgamesh: Kinan Azmeh and Kevork Mourad
Chanticleer
Aswat: Celebrating the Golden Age of Arab Music
Sulayman Al-Bassam Theatre: *Richard III* — An Arab Tragedy
(based on *Richard III* by William Shakespeare)
Zakir Hussain and Pandit Shivkumar Sharma
St. Louis Symphony
Fez Festival of Sufi Culture: Mohammed Bennis
and the Hmadcha Ensemble
Julia Fischer violin

IMPORTANT INFORMATION for Families



Classical Kids Club

Designed to nurture and create the next generation of musicians and music lovers, the Classical Kids Club allows students in grades 1-9 and their parents to purchase tickets to all classical music concerts at significantly discounted prices.

Two weeks before any UMS classical music performance (see listing at right), parents can purchase up to two kids' (ages 5-14) tickets for \$10 each with the purchase of an adult ticket for \$20. Seating is subject to availability. UMS will reserve a limited number of Classical Kids Club tickets for each eligible performance — even those that sell out. Parents are encouraged to call the Ticket Office at 734-764-2538 with any questions.

Students over age 14 are welcome to purchase \$10 rush tickets to most UMS events the day of the performance (\$15 at the door) through UMS's Teen Ticket Program, subject to availability.

Membership is Free! There's no membership fee and no need to register in advance. However, if you'd like to receive reminders about upcoming Classical Kids Club performances, join UMS E-News and check the box for Classical Kids Club.

Great Prizes. After kids attend three different events in the 08/09 season, they'll receive a UMS Classical Kids Club t-shirt.

2008/09 Classical Kids Club performances

Tokyo String Quartet and Sabine Meyer	Sun, Oct 12
Anne-Sophie Mutter and Camerata Salzburg	Sun, Oct 19
András Schiff Beethoven Concert 5	Fri, Oct 24
András Schiff Beethoven Concert 6	Sun, Oct 26
Emanuel Ax and Yefim Bronfman	Sat, Nov 8
Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir	Thu, Nov 13
Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra	Sun, Nov 16
Handel's <i>Messiah</i>	Sat-Sun, Dec 6-7
Guarneri String Quartet	Sun, Jan 11
Richard Goode	Sun, Jan 25
Chanticleer	Thu, Jan 29
Lawrence Brownlee and Martin Katz	Sat, Feb 7
New York Philharmonic	Sat-Sun, Mar 7-8
Brentano String Quartet/Serkin/Lalli	Wed, Mar 11
Silk Road Ensemble with Yo-Yo Ma	Fri-Sat, Mar 13-14
Altenberg Trio Vienna	Wed, Mar 18
John Williams	Wed, Apr 1
St. Louis Symphony	Thu, Apr 2
András Schiff Beethoven Concert 7	Thu, Apr 9
András Schiff Beethoven Concert 8	Sat, Apr 11
Takács Quartet and Marc-André Hamelin	Fri, Apr 17
UMS Choral Union	Thu, Apr 23
Julia Fischer and Milana Chernyavskaya	Fri, Apr 24

Tickets & Info

Please Make Sure We Have Your E-mail Address on File!

UMS regularly sends relevant, updated concert-related parking and late seating information via e-mail a couple of days before the event. Please be sure that the Ticket Office has your correct e-mail address on file.

Ticket Exchanges

Subscribers may exchange tickets free of charge. Non-subscribers may exchange tickets for a \$6 per ticket exchange fee. Exchanged tickets must be received by the Ticket Office (by mail or in person) at least 48 hours prior to the performance. The value of the tickets may be applied to another performance or will be held as UMS Credit until the end of the season. You may also fax a copy of your torn tickets to 734-647-1171. Lost or misplaced tickets cannot be exchanged. UMS Credit must be redeemed by Sunday, April 26, 2009.

The UMS Ticket Office will accept subscription ticket exchanges after subscription tickets are mailed in August.

Ticket Donations/Unused Tickets

Unused tickets may be donated to UMS for a tax-deductible contribution up to 15 minutes prior to the performance. Unused tickets that are returned after the performance are not eligible for UMS Credit or for a tax-deductible contribution.

Lost or Misplaced Tickets

Call the Ticket Office at 734-764-2538 to have duplicate tickets waiting for you at Will-Call. Duplicate tickets cannot be mailed.

Refunds

Due to the nature of the performing arts, programs are subject to change. Refunds are given only in the case of event cancellation or date change. Handling fees are not refundable.

Will-Call/Ticket Pick-Up

All ticket orders received less than 10 days prior to the performance will be held at Will-Call, which opens in the performance venue 90 minutes prior to the published start time.

Access for Persons with Disabilities

All UMS venues are accessible for persons with disabilities. Call 734-764-2538 for more information.

Start Time & Latecomers

UMS makes every effort to begin concerts at the published time. Most of our events take place in the heart of central campus, which has limited parking and may have several events occurring simultaneously in different theaters. Please allow plenty of extra time to park and find your seats.

Latecomers will be asked to wait in the lobby until seated by ushers. Most lobbies have been outfitted with monitors and/or speakers so that latecomers will not miss the performance entirely.

The late seating break is determined by the artists and generally occurs during a suitable repertory break in the program. This could be as late as intermission or, for classical music concerts, after the first piece (not after individual movements). UMS makes every effort to alert patrons in advance when we know that there will be no late seating.

UMS works closely with the artists to allow a more flexible late seating policy for family performances.

Notices about start times and late seating will be sent via e-mail. Please make sure that the UMS Ticket Office has your e-mail address on file.

Parking/Parking Tips

Detailed directions and parking information will be mailed with your tickets and are also available at www.ums.org/parking.

Construction of the University of Michigan's North Quad residence hall over the next two seasons will increase traffic congestion and require occasional lane and street closures in the block surrounding the construction area, which may affect access to the performance venues. However, **all parking structures will remain open during construction.**

To reduce the likelihood of congestion, we suggest that you consider accessing the Power Center structure from the Palmer Drive entrance. There's a light at the intersection

of Palmer and Washtenaw, making it easier to access the structure. You'll save time both entering and exiting the structure and avoid sitting in traffic too.

UMS also recommends parking at the off-campus Liberty Square structure (entrance off of Washington Street, between Division and State), about a two-block walk from most performance venues. \$2 after 3 pm weekdays and all day Saturday/Sunday.

Children and Families

Children of all ages are welcome to attend UMS Family Performances. Please call the Ticket Office at 734-764-2538 if you are bringing a child under the age of two to a UMS Family Performance.

Children under the age of three will not be admitted to regular, full-length UMS performances. All children attending such performances must be able to sit quietly in their own seats without disturbing other patrons. Children unable to do so, along with the adult accompanying them, may be asked by an usher to leave the auditorium. Please use discretion in choosing to bring a child. Remember, for regular UMS performances, everyone must have a ticket regardless of age.

See page 62 for information about the UMS Classical Kids Club. For more information about the family-friendliness of specific UMS performances, please call the Ticket Office at 734-764-2538.

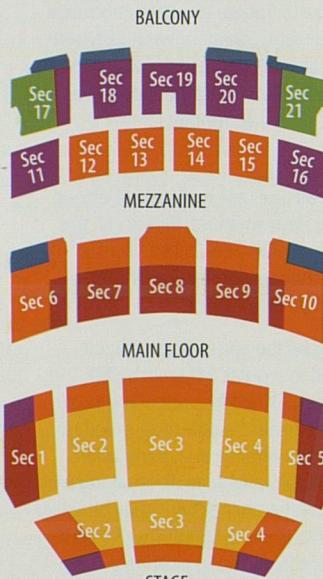
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[at www.ums.org/tickets/seat_maps.asp](http://www.ums.org/tickets/seat_maps.asp)

Hill Auditorium

825 North University Avenue

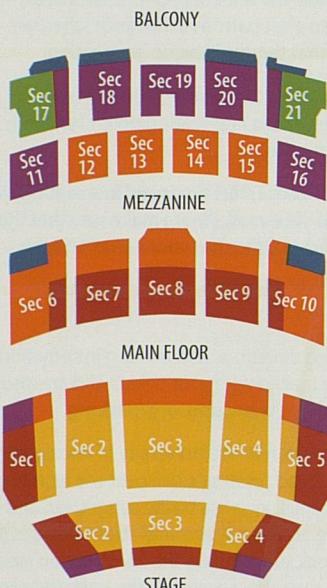
Map 1 - Orchestras



Hill Auditorium (H1)

Anne-Sophie Mutter/Camerata Salzburg	Sun Oct 19
Jerusalem Symphony/Botstein	Sun Nov 16
Handel's Messiah	Sat Dec 6 & Sun Dec 7
New York Philharmonic/Maazel	Sat Mar 7 & Sun Mar 8
St. Louis Symphony/Robertson	Thu Apr 2

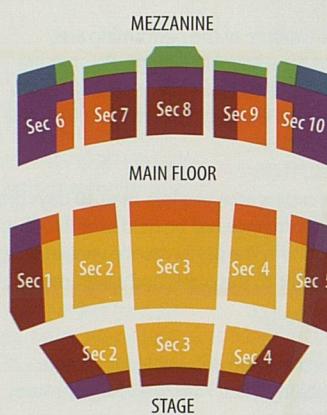
Map 2 - Classical Recitals & Jazz/World



Hill Auditorium (H2)

Soweto Gospel Choir	Fri Oct 17
Emanuel Ax and Yefim Bronfman	Sat Nov 8
Ford Honors Program	Sat Jan 24
Richard Goode	Sun Jan 25
Lawrence Brownlee/Martin Katz	Sat Feb 7
Sweet Honey in the Rock	Thu Feb 12
Kodo	Fri Feb 13
Wynton Marsalis/Jazz at Lincoln Center	Tue Mar 10
Silk Road Ensemble with Yo-Yo Ma	Fri Mar 13 & Sat Mar 14
András Schiff: Beethoven Project Concert 7	Thu Apr 9
András Schiff: Beethoven Project Concert 8	Sat Apr 11
Julia Fischer/Milana Chernyavskaya	Fri Apr 24

Map 3 - Main Floor & Mezzanine Only



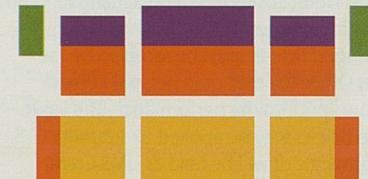
Hill Auditorium (H3)

Wayne Shorter Quartet & Imani Winds	Sat Sep 27
Milton Nascimento & Jobim Trio	Sat Oct 18
Aswat: Celebrating the Golden Age of Arab Music with Simon Shaheen	Thu Mar 12
Chick Corea & John McLaughlin	Sat Apr 4

Michigan Theater

603 East Liberty Street

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Michigan Theater (MT)

Joe Lovano and Jason Moran	Fri Nov 7
Kurt Elling Sings Coltrane/Hartman	Thu Nov 16

Power Center

121 Fletcher Street



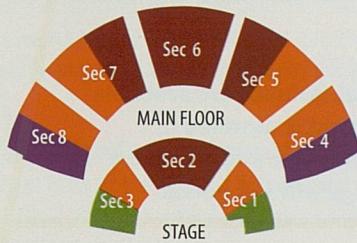
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Compagnie Marie Chouinard

Wed Sep 10 – Sun Sep 14
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Rackham Auditorium

915 East Washington Street



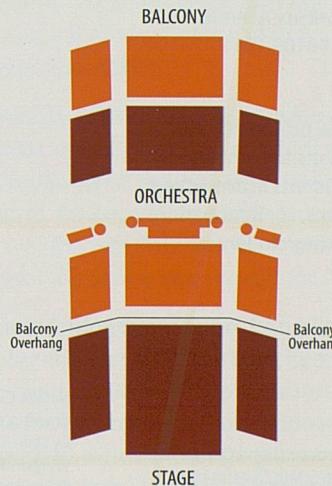
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Sat Oct 4
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Fri Oct 24
Sun Oct 26
Sun Jan 11
Wed Mar 11
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Sun Mar 22
Thu Mar 26
Sun Mar 29
Wed Apr 1
Fri Apr 17

Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre

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Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre (LMT)

Tord Gustavsen Trio
Fri Jan 16

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Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir

Chanticleer

UMS Choral Union

Thu Nov 13

Thu Jan 29

Thu Apr 23

Biomedical Science Research Building Auditorium

109 Zina Pitcher Place

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Fri Jan 23 & Sat Jan 24

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Phone

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734-764-2538

Outside the 734 area code and within
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Internet

www.ums.org

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In Person

Please visit the Ticket Office on the
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Fax

734-647-1171

Mail

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Burton Memorial Tower
881 North University Avenue
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1011

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UMS has several programs offering
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degree programs. For information,
visit www.ums.org/students.

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