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We're very pleased that you're at this event and hope you'll consider attending other UMS performances as well as some of the educational and social events surrounding our concerts.

You'll find listings of all of these events in this program book on page 22 through 25.

I'm privileged to work with a dedicated and talented staff. One of them, box office representative Sally Cushing, is celebrating 30 years with UMS this season, representing the longest-serving employee among our current staff. The entire UMS family joins me in thanking Sally for her loyalty, friendliness, and commitment to providing outstanding service to all of our patrons. Say "hi" to Sally

when you next call or stop by the box office.

I hope we have a chance to meet. I'd like to hear your thoughts about this performance. I'd also be pleased to answer any questions and to learn anything we can do at UMS to make your concertgoing experience the best possible. Your feedback and ideas for ways we can improve are always welcome. If we don't see each other in the lobby, please call my office at Burton Tower on the campus (734-647-1174) or send me an e-mail message at kenfisch@umich.edu.

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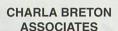
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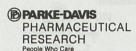
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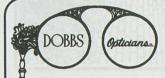
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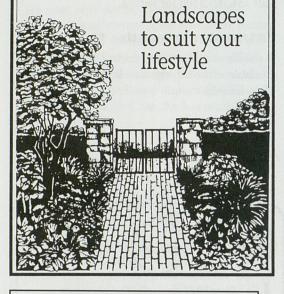
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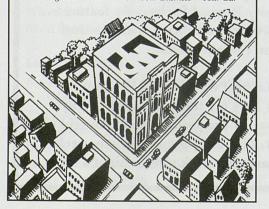


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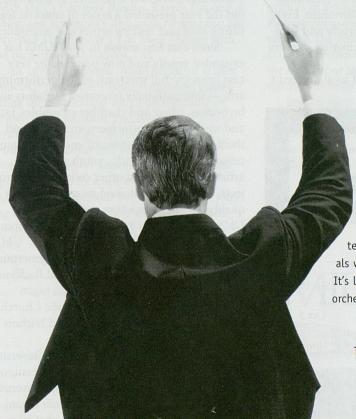
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The goal of the University Musical Society (UMS) is clear: to engage, educate, and serve Michigan audiences by bringing to our community an ongoing series of world-class artists, who represent the diverse spectrum of today's vigorous and exciting live performing arts world. Over its 120 years, strong leadership coupled with a devoted community have placed UMS in a league of internationallyrecognized performing arts presenters. Today, the UMS seasonal program is a reflection of a thoughtful respect for this rich and varied history, balanced by a commitment to dynamic and creative visions of where the performing arts will take us in the next millennium. Every day UMS seeks to cultivate, nurture and stimulate public interest and participation in every facet of the live arts.

UMS grew from a group of local university

and townspeople who gathered together for the study of Handel's *Messiah*. Led by Professor Henry Frieze and conducted by Professor Calvin Cady, the group assumed the name The Choral Union. Their first performance of Handel's *Messiah* was in December of 1879, and this glorious oratorio has since been performed by the UMS Choral Union annually.

As a great number of Choral Union members also belonged to the University, the University Musical Society was established in December 1880. UMS included the Choral Union and University Orchestra, and throughout the year presented a series of concerts featuring local and visiting artists and ensembles.

Since that first season in 1880, UMS has expanded greatly and now presents the very best from the full spectrum of the performing arts — internationally renowned recitalists and orchestras, dance and chamber ensembles, jazz and world music performers, and opera and theatre. Through educational endeavors, commissioning of new works, youth programs, artists residencies and other collaborative projects, UMS has maintained its reputation for quality, artistic distinction and innovation. UMS now hosts over 80 performances and more than 150 educational events each season. UMS has flourished with the support of a generous community which gathers in Hill and Rackham Auditoria, the Power Center, the Michigan Theater, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, and Nichols Arboretum.

While proudly affiliated with the University of Michigan, housed on the Ann Arbor campus, and a regular collaborator with many University units, UMS is a separate not-for-profit organization, which supports itself from ticket sales, corporate and individual contributions, foundation and government grants, and endowment income.



UMS Choral Union

Thomas Sheets, conductor

For more information about the UMS Choral Union, please call 734.763.8997.

Throughout its 120-year history, the UMS Choral Union has performed with many of the world's distinguished orchestras and conductors.

Based in Ann Arbor under the aegis of the University Musical Society, the 180-voice Choral Union remains best known for its annual performances of Handel's *Messiah* each December. Four years ago, the Choral Union further enriched that tradition when it began appearing regularly with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Among other works, the chorus has joined the DSO in Orchestra Hall and at Meadowbrook for subscription performances of Beethoven's *Symphony No. 9*, Orff's *Carmina Burana*, Ravel's *Daphnis et Chloé*, and Prokofiev's *Aleksandr Nevsky*, and has recorded Tchaikovsky's *The Snow Maiden* with the orchestra for Chandos, Ltd.

In 1995, the Choral Union began an artistic association with the Toledo Symphony, inaugurating the partnership with a performance of Britten's *War Requiem*, and continuing with performances of Berlioz' *Requiem*, Elgar's *The Dream of Gerontius* and Verdi's *Requiem*.

During the 1996-97 season, the Choral Union again expanded its scope to include performances with the Grand Rapids Symphony, joining with them in a rare presentation of Mahler's *Symphony No. 8* (Symphony of a Thousand).

Evidence of the Choral Union's artistic range can be found in the breadth of repertoire from the 1997-98 season: on one hand, the singers gave acclaimed performances of Mendelssohn's *Elijah* and Handel's *Messiah* in Hill Auditorium, and on the other, equally successful concert presentations of *Porgy and Bess* with the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra and musical theatre favorites with Erich Kunzel and the DSO at Meadow Brook.

This season, the UMS Choral Union will perform in three major subscription series at Orchestra Hall with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Neeme Järvi, including performances of Brahms' A German Requiem, Kodály's Psalmus Hungaricus, and Rachmaninoff's monumental The Bells. Other programs include Handel's Messiah and Mozart's Requiem with the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra, and Carmina Burana with the Toledo Symphony.

Participation in the Choral Union remains open to all by audition. Representing a mixture of townspeople, students and faculty, members of the Choral Union share one common passion — a love of the choral art.

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Hill Auditorium

Standing tall and proud in the heart of the University of Michigan campus, Hill Auditorium is associated with the best performing artists the world has to offer. Inaugurated at the 20th Annual Ann Arbor May Festival in 1913, this impressive structure has served as a showplace for a variety of important debuts and long relationships throughout the past 84 years. With acoustics that highlight everything from the softest notes of vocal recitalists to the grandeur of the finest orchestras, Hill Auditorium is known and loved throughout the world.

Former U-M regent Arthur Hill bequeathed \$200,000 to the University for the construction of an auditorium for lectures, concerts and other university events. Then-UMS President Charles Sink raised an additional \$150,000, and the concert hall opened in 1913 with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra perform-



Hill Auditorium

ing Beethoven's *Symphony No. 5*. The auditorium seated 4,597 when it first opened; subsequent renovations, which increased the size of the stage to accommodate both an orchestra and a large chorus (1948) and improved wheelchair seating (1995), decreased

the seating capacity to its current 4,163.

Hill Auditorium is slated for renovation. Developed by Albert Kahn and Associates (architects of the original concert hall), the renovation plans include elevators, expanded bathroom facilities, air conditioning, greater backstage space, artists' dressing rooms, and many other improvements and patron conveniences.

Rackham Auditorium

ixty years ago, chamber music concerts in Ann Arbor were a relative rarity, presented in an assortment of venues including University Hall (the precursor to Hill Auditorium), Hill Auditorium, and Newberry Hall, the current home of the Kelsey Museum. When Horace H. Rackham, a Detroit lawyer who believed strongly in the importance of the study of human history and human thought, died in 1933, his will established the Horace H. Rackham and Mary A. Rackham Fund, which subsequently awarded the University of Michigan the funds not only to build the Horace H. Rackham Graduate School which houses the 1,129-seat Rackham Auditorium, but also to establish a \$4 million endowment to further the development of graduate studies. Even more remarkable than the size of the gift, which is still considered one of the most ambitious ever given to higher-level education, is the fact that neither of the Rackhams ever attended the University of Michigan.

Power Center for the Performing Arts

The Power Center for the Performing Arts grew out of a realization that the University of Michigan had no adequate proscenium-stage theatre for the performing arts. Hill Auditorium was too massive and technically limited for most productions, and the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre too small. The Power Center was designed to supply this missing link in design and seating capacity.

In 1963, Eugene and Sadye Power, together with their son Philip, wished to make a major gift to the University, and amidst a list of University priorities was mentioned "a new theatre." The Powers were immediately interested, realizing that state and federal government were unlikely to provide financial support for the construction of a new theatre.

The Power Center opened in 1971 with the world première of *The Grass Harp* (based

on the novel by Truman Capote). No seat in the Power Center is more than 72 feet from the stage. The lobby of the Power Center features two hand-woven tapestries: *Modern Tapestry* by Roy Lichtenstein and *Volutes* by Pablo Picasso.

Michigan Theater

The historic Michigan Theater opened January 5, 1928 at the peak of the vaudeville/ movie palace era. Designed by Maurice Finkel, the 1,710-seat theater cost around \$600,000 when it was first built. The gracious facade and beautiful interior housed not only the theater, but nine stores, offices on the second floor and bowling alleys running the length of the basement. As was the custom of the day, the theater was equipped to host both film and live stage events, with a full-size stage, dressing rooms, an orchestra pit, and the Barton Theater Organ, acclaimed as the best of its kind in the country. Restoration of the balcony, outer lobby and facade is planned for 2003.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

In June 1950, Father Leon Kennedy was appointed pastor of a new parish in Ann Arbor. Seventeen years later ground was broken to build a permanent church building, and on March 19, 1969 John Cardinal Dearden dedicated the new St. Francis of Assisi Church. Father James McDougal was appointed pastor in 1997.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church has grown from 248 families when it first started to more than 2,800 today. The present church seats 900 people and has ample free parking. In 1994 St. Francis purchased a splendid three manual "mechanical action" organ with thirty-four stops and forty-five ranks, built and installed by Orgues Letourneau from Saint Hyacinthe, Quebec. Through dedication, a commitment to superb liturgical music and a vision to the future, the parish improved the



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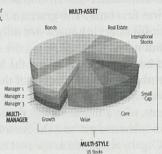
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acoustics of the church building, and the reverberant sanctuary has made the church a gathering place for the enjoyment and contemplation of sacred *a cappella* choral music and early music ensembles.

Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre

Now, with a new programmatic initiative to present song in recital, the superlative Mendelssohn Theatre for the 100th May Festival's Cabaret Ball. Now, with a new programmatic initiative to present song in recital, the superlative Mendelssohn Theatre has become a recent venue addition to the Musical Society's roster and the home of the Song Recital series.

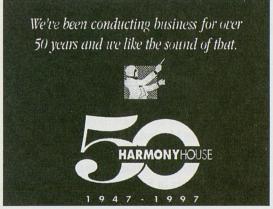
Detroit Opera House

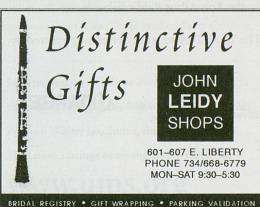
The Detroit Opera House opened in April of ■ 1996 following an extensive renovation by Michigan Opera Theatre. Boasting a 75,000 square foot stage house (the largest stage between New York and Chicago), an orchestra pit large enough to accommodate 100 musicians and an acoustical virtue to rival the world's great opera houses, the 2,800-seat facility has rapidly become one of the most viable and coveted theatres in the nation. In only two seasons, the Detroit Opera House became the foundation of a landmark programming collaboration with the Nederlander organization and Olympia Entertainment, formed a partnership with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and played host to more than 500 performers and special events. As the home of Michigan Opera Theatre's grand opera season and dance series, and through quality programming, partnerships and educational initiatives, the Detroit Opera House plays a vital role in enriching the lives of the community.

Burton Memorial Tower

S een from miles away, this well-known University of Michigan and Ann Arbor landmark is the box office and administrative location for the University Musical Society.

Completed in 1935 and designed by Albert Kahn, the 10-story tower is built of Indiana limestone with a height of 212 feet. During the academic year, visitors may climb up to the observation deck and watch the carillon being played from noon to 12:30 pm weekdays when classes are in session and most Saturdays from 10:15 to 10:45 am.





Education and Audience Development

During the past year, the University Musical Society's Education and Audience Development program has grown significantly. With a goal of deepening the understanding of the importance of live performing arts as well as the major impact the arts can have in the community, UMS now seeks out active and dynamic collaborations and partnerships to reach into the many diverse communities it serves.

Several programs have been established to meet the goals of UMS' Education and Audience Development program, including specially designed Family and Student (K-12) performances. This year, more than 7,000 students will attend the Youth Performance Series, which includes The Harlem Nutcracker, Trinity Irish Dance Company, The Gospel at Colonus, Orpheus Chamber Orchestra with Pepe Romero, Kodo, and Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater. In addition to the Youth Performance Series, UMS inaugurates its new First Acts program, bringing school children to regularly scheduled evening and weekend performances and providing educational contexts. For more information on UMS youth education programs, please call 734.647.6712.

The University Musical Society and the Ann Arbor Public Schools are members of the Kennedy Center Performing Arts Centers and Schools: Partners in Education Program. UMS is also recognized as a "Partner in Excellence" by the Ann Arbor Public Schools.

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Other activities that further the understanding of the artistic process and appreciation for the performing arts include:

MASTER OF ARTS INTERVIEW SERIES

Now entering its third year, this series is an opportunity to showcase and engage our artists in informal, yet in-depth, dialogues about their art form, their body of work and their upcoming performances. This year's series includes interviews with:

- Maestro Valery Gergiev of the Kirov Orchestra of St. Petersburg
- · Jazz Tap Summit dancers and choreographers
- · Pianist Mitsuko Uchida
- · Choreographer Merce Cunningham
- · Composer Steve Reich and Filmmaker Beryl Korot.



Kimberly Camp, Director of the Museum of African American History in Detroit, interviews choreographer Donald Byrd

PREPS (PERFORMANCE-RELATED EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS)

This series of pre-performance presentations features talks, demonstrations and workshops designed to provide context and insight into the performance. Led by local and national experts in their field, all PREPs are free and open to the public and begin one hour before curtain time. Some highlights from this year's series include:

- Greg Hamilton of the Academy of Early Music hosts a brief interview with Jordi Savall, violist and Music Director of Hespèrion XX.
- Professor Steven Whiting's lecture series on Beethoven with live demonstrations by U-M School of Music students precedes three of the four concerts by the American String Quartet.
- David Vaughan, company archivist for the Merce Cunningham Dance Company, leads talks on Cunningham's 50-year body of work.
- Professor Kenn Cox interviews members of the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra,
- And other highlighted PREPs featuring Naomi André, Richard LeSueur and other experts.



Dr. Alberto Nacif leads a demonstration before the performance by Los Muñequitos de Mantanzas

RESIDENCY ACTIVITIES

UMS residencies cover a diverse spectrum of artistic interaction, providing more insight and greater contact with the artists. Residency activities include interviews, open rehearsals, lecture/demonstrations, in-class visits, master classes, workshops, seminars, symposia, and panel discussions. Most activities are free and open to the public and occur around the date of the artist's performances.

Major residencies for the 98/99 season are with:

- · Jazz Tap Summit
- American String Quartet/Beethoven the Contemporary Series
- · A Huey P. Newton Story
- · The Gospel at Colonus
- ImMERCEsion: The Merce Cunningham Dance Company

For detailed Residency Information, call 734.647.6712.

MEET THE ARTISTS: POST-PERFORMANCE DIALOGUES

The Meet the Artist Series provides a special opportunity for patrons who attend performances to gain additional understanding about the artists, performance and art form. Each Meet the Artist event occurs immediately after the performance, and the question-and-answer session takes place from the stage. This year, patrons will have the opportunity to meet, among others:

- Choreographers Bill T. Jones, Merce Cunningham and Meryl Tankard
- Members of the a cappella group Sweet Honey in the Rock
- · Actor Roger Guenveur Smith
- The American String Quartet and composer Kenneth Fuchs
- The Emerson String Quartet with pianist Menahem Pressler

TEACHER WORKSHOP SERIES

A series of workshops for all K-12 teachers, these workshops are a part of UMS' efforts to provide school teachers with professional development opportunities and to encourage on going efforts to incorporate the arts in the curriculum. This year's workshops include three by Kennedy Center educators and three led by local experts tailored to UMS performances:

- Bringing Literature to Life. Workshop Leader: Leonore Blank Kelner, Kennedy Center Arts Educator, Monday, October 12, 4-7 p.m., Washtenaw Intermediate School District, Ann Arbor, Grades K-5.
- The Gospel at Colonus. Tuesday, December 8, 4-6 p.m., Washtenaw Intermediate School District, Ann Arbor, Grades K-12.
- Kodo. Monday, January 25, 4-6 p.m., Washtenaw Intermediate School District, Ann Arbor, Grades K-12.
- Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater. Tuesday, February 2, 4-6 p.m., Washtenaw Intermediate School District, Ann Arbor, Grades K-12.
- Storytelling: Involving Students in African Tales.
 Workshop leader: Dylan Pritchett, Kennedy
 Center Arts Educator, Monday, March 8, 4-7
 p.m., Balas II building, Ann Arbor, Grades 1-6
- Special Education: Movement Strategies for Inclusion. Workshop leader: Eric Johnson, Kennedy Center Arts Educator, Monday, March 22, 4-7 p.m. Washtenaw Intermediate School District, Ann Arbor, Grades K-8.

The Teacher Workshop Series is made possible in part by the generous support of the Charles Reinhart Realty Company.

Information on the above events can be found in the season listing in the following pages, the UMS Fall and Winter brochures, the Fall and Winter Education Listings or on the UMS Website at:

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1998-99 UMS Season

Look for related Educational Events listed in blue.

SEPTEMBER

EIKO & KOMA: RIVER

Friday, September 11, 8:15 P.M. Saturday, September 12, 8:15 P.M. Seating on the banks of the Huron River in the Nichols Arboretum.

Master Classes taught by Eiko. Ten places per class open to the public, no oberservers. Thursday, September 10, 11 a.m. and 12:45 p.m., U-M Dance Department. Gall 734-763-5460 to register.

Brown Bag Lunch Video talk led by Eiko and Koma of their "Environmental Trilogy: Land, Wind and River." Friday, September 11, 12 noon, U-M Institute for the Humanities.

Delicious Movement Class for dancers, musicians, singers, actors and visual artists taught by Eiko and Koma. Saturday, September 12, 12 noon, Dance Gallery/Peter Sparling & Co. Call 734-747-8885 to register.

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY MICHAEL TILSON THOMAS, CONDUCTOR AND PIANO

Sunday, September 27, 4 P.M. Hill Auditorium Sponsored by McKinley Associates. Media Partner WGTE.

OCTOBER

JUAN D'MARCOS' AFRO-CUBAN ALL STARS

Friday, October 9, 8 P.M. Michigan Theater Sponsored by Charles Hall with additional support from AAA Michigan. Media partner WEMU.

ST. PETERSBURG PHILHARMONIC YURI TEMIRKANOV, CONDUCTOR GIDON KREMER, VIOLIN

Saturday, October 10, 8 P.M. Hill Auditorium Sponsored by Charla Breton Associates. Media Partner WGTE.

JOHN WILLIAMS, GUITAR

Wednesday, October 14, 8 P.M. Rackham Auditorium Sponsored by Red Hawk Bar & Grill and Zanzibar.

CAPITOL STEPS

Friday, October 16, 8 P.M. Michigan Theater Presented in partnership with the U-M Institute for Social Research in Celebration of its 50th Anniversary. Media Partner WEMU.

GUARNERI STRING QUARTET

Sunday, October 18 P.M. Rackham Auditorium Sponsored by Deloitte & Touche.

BILL T. JONES/ARNIE ZANE DANCE COMPANY

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Friday, October 23, 8 P.M.

Power Center

Master Class led by Janet Wong, Company Rehearsal Director. Wednesday, October 21, 7 p.m., Dance Gallery/Peter Sparling & Co. Call 734-747-8885 to register.

Master Classes led by Janet Wong, Company Rehearsal Director and dancer Alexandra Beller. Ten participant and ten free observer places per class open to the public. Thursday, October 22, 11 a.m. and 12:45 p.m., U-M Dance Deptarment. Call 734-763-5460 to register. PREP Video talk of Bill T. Jones' work.

Koessler Library.

Meet the Artists Post-performance dialogue from the stage.

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BUDAPEST FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA IVÁN FISCHER, CONDUCTOR ANDRÁS SCHIFF, PIANO

Saturday, October 24, 8 P.M. Hill Auditorium

PREP "Bartók and Stravinsky at the Crossroads" Glenn Watkins, Earl V. Moore Professor Emeritus of Musicology. Saturday, October 24, 7 p.m., MI League Koessler Library.

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DAVID DANIELS, COUNTERTENOR WITH THE ARCADIAN ACADEMY NICHOLAS MCGEGAN, DIRECTOR AND HARPSICHORD

Tuesday, October 27, 8 P.M. Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre Sponsored by KeyBank with additional support from Maurice and Linda Binkow. Media Partner WGTE.

LA CAPELLA REIAL DE CATALUNYA AND HESPÈRION XX JORDI SAVALL, VIOLA DA GAMBA MONTSERRAT FIGUERAS, SOPRANO

Friday, October 30, 8 P.M. St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church PREP Greg Hamilton of the Academy of Early Music interviews Jordi Savall. Friday, October 30, 7 p.m., St. Francis School Music Room.

NOVEMBER

MICHIGAN CHAMBER PLAYERS FACULTY ARTISTS OF THE UNIVERSITY

OF MICHIGAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC Sunday, November 1, 4 P.M.

Sunday, November 1, 4 P.M Rackham Auditorium Complimentary Admission

KIROV ORCHESTRA OF ST. PETERSBURG VALERY GERGIEV, CONDUCTOR

Monday, November 2, 8 P.M. Hill Auditorium

Master of Arts Interview and Open Rehearsal Conductor Valery Gergiev interviewed by Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra Conductor Sam Wong. Monday, November 2, 1 p.m., Hill Auditorium. Presented with the generous support of Dr. Herbert Sloan. Media Partner WGTE.

VIENNA VIRTUOSI

PRINCIPAL MEMBERS OF THE VIENNA PHILHARMONIC ERNST OTTENSAMER, CLARINET

Thursday, November 5, 8 P.M. Rackham Auditorium Presented with support from Butzel Long, Attorneys and Counselors.

JAZZ TAP SUMMIT

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Saturday, November 7, 8 P.M. Hill Auditorium

Photo Exhibit "Plenty of Good Women Dancers: African American Women Hoofers from Philadelphia." October 19-November 13, Ann Arbor District Library, Main Branch.

Gifts of Art Local and national tap artists

perform. Thursday, November 5, 12 noon, U-M Hospital Main Lobby.

Master of Arts Interview with artists from Jazz Tap Summit. Friday, November 6, 7 p.m., MI League Hussey Room.

Master Classes with tap artists featured in Jazz Tap Summit. For information and registration, call Susan Filipiak of Swing City Dance Studio, 734-668-7782.

Jazz Tap Lecture/Demonstration by Dianne Walker. Saturday, November, 7, 1 p.m., Ann Arbor District Library.

Tap Jam Saturday, November 7, 7 p.m., Hill Auditorium plaza. Sponsored by Elastizell. Media Partner WEMU.

AMERICAN STRING QUARTET BEETHOVEN THE CONTEMPORARY

Sunday, November 8, 4 P.M.
Rackham Auditorium
PREP Steven Whiting, U-M Assistant
Professor of Musicology, with U-M School

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of Music student musicians. Sunday, November 8, 3 p.m., Rackham Assembly Hall. **Meet the Artists** Post-performance dialogue from the stage.

Delicious Experience The American String Quartet cooks for UMS patrons as a part of the UMS Delicious Experience series. Monday, November 10. For information and reservations call 734-936-6837. Brochure available in late September

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MITSUKO UCHIDA, PIANO

Wednesday, November 11, 8 P.M. Hill Auditorium Master of Arts Interview with Mitsuko Uchida. Tuesday, November 10, 7 p.m., U-M School of Music Recital Hall

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ASSAD BROTHERS WITH BADI ASSAD

Thursday, November 12, 8 P.M. Rackham Auditorium Sponsored by NBD. Additional support provided by Crown House of Gifts.

SEQUENTIA

HILDEGARD VON BINGEN'S ORDO VIRTUTUM (PLAY OF THE VIRTUES) A FULLY STAGED SACRED-MUSICAL DRAMA

Friday, November 13, 8 P.M. St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church PREP Benjamin Bagby, director of *Ordo Virtutum*. Friday, November 13, 7 p.m., St. Francis School Music Room.

Presented with support from the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany. Media Partner WDET.

A HUEY P. NEWTON STORY CREATED AND PERFORMED BY ROGER GUENVEUR SMITH LIVE SOUND DESIGN BY MARC

LIVE SOUND DESIGN BY MARC ANTHONY THOMPSON

Wednesday, November 18 – Saturday, November 21, 8 P.M.

Trueblood Theatre

Lecture Ahmed Rahman, Ph.D. student in history. Thursday, November 19, 5 p.m., CAAS Lounge, 209 West Hall.

Meet the Artists Post-performance dialogue from the stage after each performance.

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EMERSON STRING QUARTET WITH MENAHEM PRESSLER, PIANO

Sunday, November 22, 4 p.m.
Rackham Auditorium
Meet the Artists Post-performance
dialogue from the stage.
PREP "The Trials and Tribulations of
Brahms' Piano Quintet" U-M Professor
Ellwood Derr, Sunday, November 22, 3
P.M. MI League, Vandenberg Room.
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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

THE HARLEM NUTCRACKER
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Friday, November 27 – Sunday, December 6 12 performances, Detroit Opera House. Co-presented with the Detroit Opera House and The Arts League of Michigan Youth Gospel Choirs Pre-performance songs by area youth gospel choirs sung in the lobby of the Detroit Opera House. Lobby Exhibit Photo exhibit of local African American family life in the 1920s. Detroit Opera House lobby.

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Saturday, December 5, 8 P.M. Sunday, December 6, 2 P.M. Hill Auditorium Presented with the generous support of Jim and Millie Irwin.

JANUARY

TRINITY IRISH DANCE COMPANY

Friday, January 8, 8 P.M.
Power Center
Meet the Artists Meet the Trinity dancers
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Saturday, January 9, 8 P.M. Sunday, January 10, 4 P.M. Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre Sponsored by KeyBank with additional support from Maurice and Linda Binkow. Media Partner WGTE.

RENÉE FLEMING, SOPRANO

Thursday, January 14, 8 P.M. Hill Auditorium PREP Naomi André, U-M Assistant Professor of Music History and Musicology. Thursday, January, 14, 7 p.m., MI League Hussey Room. Sponsored by Pepper, Hamilton and

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THE GOSPEL AT COLONUS

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Friday, January 15 – Saturday, January 16, 8 P.M.

Sunday, January 17, 3 P.M. Monday, January 18, 3 P.M.

Choir Workshop with the music director of *The Gospel at Colonus*. Saturday, November 14, Museum of African American Histoy in Detroit. Call 734-647 6712 for information and registration. Community Gospel Sing Along with the cast of *The Gospel at Colonus*. Wednesday, January 13, 7 p.m. Call 734-647-6712 for information and registration. Family Performance Special one-hour

Family Performance Special one-hour performance for parents and their children. Saturday, January 16, 2 p.m., Power Center.

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AMERICAN STRING QUARTET BEETHOVEN THE CONTEMPORARY

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ANNE SOFIE VON OTTER, MEZZO-SOPRANO CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF LINCOLN CENTER DAVID SHIFRIN, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR BENGT FORSBERG, PIANO

Friday, January 29, 8 P.M.
Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre
PREP Richard LeSueur, Vocal Arts
Information Services, Friday, January 29,
7 p.m., MI League Hussey Room.

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AMERICAN STRING QUARTET BEETHOVEN THE CONTEMPORARY ONE-HOUR FAMILY PERFORMANCE

Saturday, January 30, 2 P.M.
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FEBRUARY

AMERICAN STRING QUARTET BEETHOVEN THE CONTEMPORARY

Sunday, February 7, 4 P.M. Rackham Auditorium PREP Steven Whiting, U-M

PREP Steven Whiting, U-M Assistant Professor of Musicology with U-M School of Music student musicians. Sunday, February 7, 3 p.m., Ml League Vandenberg Room.

Meet the Artists Post-performance dialogue from the stage with the ASQ and composer Kenneth Fuchs.

Lecture by composer Kenneth Fuchs. Monday, February 8, 12 noon, U-M School of Music, Room 2033.

Panel Discussion "Interdisciplinary Creativity in the Arts" moderated by U-M English Professor Julie Ellison, in conjunction with the Beethoven the Contemporary and Merce Cunningham Residencies.

Tuesday, February 9, 7 p.m., Rackham Amphitheater.

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IMMERCESION: THE MERCE CUNNINGHAM DANCE COMPANY

Friday, February 12 – Saturday, February 13, 8 P.M. Power Center

Mini-Course U-M students can earn 2 credit hours in a course drawn from the UMS residency. Information session held in January, Call 734-763-5460 for information. Brown Bag Lunch about Merce Cunningham. Tuesday, January 12, 12 noon, U-M Institute for the Humanities.

Cunningham Company Family Event
Parents and their children (ages 7 and up)
explore visual art, dance and music in a
workshop which culminates in a free performance and reception at the Power
Center on Wednesday, February 10.
Workshop held Saturday, February 6, 4 p.m.
at the Ann Arbor Art Center and Dance
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Lobby Exhibit Art from the youth class at the Ann Arbor Art Center on display February 1-14, Power Center Lobby. Brown Bag Lunch on John Cage's Cartridge Music, presented by Laura Kuhn, Director of the John Cage Trust, and U-M Professor Stephen Rush. Tuesday, February 9, 12 noon, U-M Institute for

Music and Dance for choreographers and composers, with Laura Kuhn, Director of the John Cage Trust and U-M Professor Stephen Rush. Tuesday, February 9, 2:45 p.m., U-M Dance Building Studio A. Master of Arts Interview Choreographer Merce Cunningham is interviewed by Roger Copeland with video clips of his work. Thursday, February 11, 7 p.m., U-M Dance Building, Betty Pease Studio. Advanced Technique Master Classes taught by Meg Harper. Ten participant and ten free observer places per class open

to the public, with eight classes available. Tuesday, February 9 - Friday, February 12, U-M Dance Dept. Call 734-763-5460 to

Advanced Technique Master Class taught by Meg Harper. Saturday, February 13, 10:30 a.m., Dance Gallery/Peter Sparling & Co. Call 734-747-8885 to register. Study Day Cunningham Company Archivist David Vaughan leads class and discussions of Cunningham and his collaborators' works at an open class and company rehearsal. Saturday, February 13, 11 a.m., Power Center balcony. Call 734-647-6712 for information and registration.

PREP Company Archivist David Vaughan leads a video discussion of Cunningham works. Friday, February 12, 7 p.m., Modern Languages Building Lecture Room. Meet the Artists Post-performance dialogue from the stage, Friday, February 12, PREP Company Archivist David Vaughan leads a video discussion of Cunningham works. Saturday, February 13, 7 p.m., MI League Hussey Room. Media Partner WDET.

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Monday, February 15, 8 P.M. Rackham Auditorium

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Friday, February 19 – Saturday, February 20, 8 P.M. Power Center PREP Video talk of Meryl Tankard's work. Friday, February 19, 7 p.m., MI League Hussey Room. PREP Video talk of Meryl Tarkard's work.

Saturday, February 20, 7 p.m., MI League Koessler Library. **Meet the Artists** Post-performance dialogue from the stage.

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TAKÁCS QUARTET

Thursday, March 18, 8 P.M. Rackham Auditorium

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Friday, March 19 – Saturday, March 20, 8 P.M.

Sunday, March 21, 4 P.M.

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keynote speaker Michael Steinberg on Beethoven and contemporary composers. Saturday, March 27, 2 p.m., U-M School of Music Recital Hall.

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TRIO FONTENAY

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APRIL

STEVE REICH ENSEMBLE

Saturday, April 10, 8 P.M. Michigan Theater

Master of Arts Interview Composer Steve Reich and Filmmaker Beryl Korot interviewed by Mark Stryker. Friday, April 9, time and location TBD.

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Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky The Nutcracker, Op. 71

ACT I

Overture

The Christmas Tree March

Little Galop and Entrance of the Guests Dance Scene: Distribution of the Presents

Scene and Grandfather's Dance

Scene: Guests Depart

Scene: Battle between the Nutcracker and the Mouse King

Scene: Pine Forest in Winter Waltz of the Snowflakes

INTERMISSION

ACT II

Scene: The Magic Castle

Clara and the Nutcracker Appear

Divertissement:

Chocolate (Spanish Dance) Coffee (Arabian Dance) Tea (Chinese Dance) Trepak (Russian Dance) Dance of the Mirlitons

Clowns' Dance

Waltz of the Flowers

Pas de Deux:

Entrata

Variation 1 (Tarantelle)

Variation 2 (Dance of the Sugar-Plum Fairy)

Final Waltz and Apotheosis

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Fourteenth Performance

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The Nutcracker, Op. 71

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky Born May 7, 1840, in Kamsko-Votkinsk, Vyatka province, Russia Died November 6, 1893, in St. Petersburg

With some trepidation, Tchaikovsky agreed to appear as a conductor in the inaugural concert of New York's Carnegie Hall on May 5, 1891. Perhaps he felt that even the seasickness, homesickness, and stage fright that awaited him on his trip to America might be preferable to the uncongenial assignment that now lay on his desk. He had played no part in choosing the subject of his ballet The Nutcracker — the Director of the Imperial Theater had done that — and now the enigmatic fantasy tale by E.T.A. Hoffmann had been reduced to a confused, stop-and-start libretto bristling with loose ends. Furthermore, before composition even began, the celebrated choreographer Marius Petipa had presented Tchaikovsky with pages of instructions, specifying the mood, the sounds, and even the exact number of bars of music he wanted for each section of the ballet. The composer resolved to make the best of the situation. "I am laboring with all my might, and am beginning to be reconciled to the subject of the ballet," he wrote his Tchaikovsky brother Modest. "I think I shall finish a good deal of it before my departure."

In April, with Act I mostly written, Tchaikovsky departed for Paris, where he first heard a *celesta*, the new instrument that would help create the magical atmosphere of *The Nutcracker*, especially in the Sugar-Plum Fairy scenes. He wrote to his publisher Jurgenson in Moscow with instructions to buy a *celesta*: "I don't want you to show it to anybody, for I'm afraid that Rimsky-Korsakov or Glazunov will smell it out and take advantage of its unusual effects before me." Then it was on to New York (and

Baltimore, Washington, Philadelphia, and Niagara Falls), where he basked in lavish American hospitality ("there is nothing like it – save, perhaps, in our own country," he wrote to Modest) and admiration of his music ("It seems I am ten times better known in America than I am in Europe.... They have played the *Fifth Symphony* two years running. Isn't this funny?!!!").

Reinstalled in his country house near St. Petersburg, and perhaps buoyed by his successes abroad, he finished *The Nutcracker* in two weeks, at first glumly calling it "infinitely worse than *The Sleeping Beauty*," his acclaimed ballet of the year before, but admitting a few weeks later that "authors are often wrong in evaluating their works while in the throes of creation...now it seems to me that the ballet is good."

Apparently Tchaikovsky's music was the best thing about this ballet. Critics mocked the dancers, the plot, and the costumes, but

they admired the composer's

melodies and, in some cases, his "symphonic" style. Even before the first stage performance, the composer compiled and conducted *The Nutcracker Suite* that would keep this music familiar to concertgoers for nearly a century. In recent years, countless ballet companies have discovered the complete ballet's

matchless properties as a Christmas spectacle, box-office attraction and bridge-builder to youthful and family audiences.

As a result of this latest trend, the music of the complete ballet is not so unfamiliar as it once was. Nevertheless, it's good to sit in a concert hall, away from extravagant costumes and settings, and focus our attention on the enormous creativity that Tchaikovsky has lavished on seemingly simple themes, evoking the vibrant imagination and complex emotions of childhood.

Since the music was composed to

accompany dramatic action, some play-byplay description is called for. The Overture is in toy-symphony style, cunningly scored for only the higher-pitched strings and winds, with only a tinkling triangle to suggest military percussion. The stage curtain then rises on the Silberhaus family's Christmas party, with many greetings and dances for the whole ensemble. The elderly "Uncle" Drosselmayer arrives, bearing gifts for all the children, including a nutcracker for daughter Clara and her brother Fritz, which the latter breaks while playing with it. A rocking string theme accompanies the gradual departure of the party guests and the children's going off to bed. The darkness of night — evoked in the empty sonic space between very high and low instruments — settles on the scene, and Clara returns for one last look at the nutcracker. Drosselmayer's face appears in the clock as it strikes midnight. Mice scurry around the room; Clara tries to flee, but instead collapses in a chair. Now the world of fantasy takes over, as a long orchestral crescendo depicts the family Christmas tree growing to enormous size.

The mice return, and the toy soldiers around the tree rise up to do battle with them, in a sort of weightless parody of Tchaikovsky's own 1812 Overture. At first, the toys are getting the worst of it, but then the Nutcracker enters the fray, engaging the Mouse King in single combat. At a crucial moment, Clara saves the Nutcracker's life by throwing her slipper at the Mouse King. The battle music halts, to be replaced by swelling, romantic melody as the Nutcracker reveals himself to be a handsome Prince, who invites Clara to visit his kingdom. They journey to this snow-covered landscape, then watch the flutter and swirl of the falling snow, as represented by the corps de ballet in the Waltz of the Snowflakes. On this serene note, Act I comes to a quiet close.

As Act II begins, Clara and the Prince are on their way again, accompanied by the

sort of delicate, harp- and celesta-colored music that suits a fantasy journey. They arrive in the land of the Sugar-Plum Fairy — the Confiturembourg, literally the "Jam Mountain" - where the Prince recounts how Clara saved his life (in a short recapitulation of themes from Act I) and a banquet table is spread for the guests. The divertissement, or entertainment, consists of brief, fanciful dances on Spanish, Arabian, Chinese, and Russian themes (the long-familiar music of The Nutcracker Suite), a Dance of Mirlitons (which means both a kind of cookie and a small flute), and the famous Waltz of the Flowers, written to Petipa's precise specifications and yet overflowing with spontaneous melodies. The next-to-last section is the romantic climax of the ballet, its first and only pas de deux. In dramatic terms, the moment should belong to Clara and her Prince, but in productions (including the original one) where a child dancer plays Clara, the Sugar-Plum Fairy and her consort do the honors. This number is itself in four sections: the fervent Entrata, featuring a patented Tchaikovsky love theme, overflowing with passion yet tinged with tragedy in its falling phrases, a foretaste of the Pathétique Symphony; a tarantella variation; the Sugar-Plum Fairy's variation, matching the magic of the celesta with the humor of the bass clarinet; and a brilliant coda. After one more waltz for the company, Clara and her Prince board a boat and sail away into the sky.

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he Kirov Orchestra has a long and distinguished history as one of the oldest musical institutions in Russia. Founded in the eighteenth century during the reign of Peter the Great, it was known before the revolution as the Russian Imperial Opera Orchestra. Housed in St. Petersburg's famed Mariinsky Theatre (named for the favorite daughter of Czar Nicholas I) since 1860, the Orchestra entered

its true "golden age" during the second half of the nineteenth century under the music direction of Eduard Napravnik (1839-1916). Napravnik single-handedly ruled the Imperial Theatre for more than half a century (from 1863-1916) and under his leadership, the Mariinsky Orchestra was recognized as one of the finest in Europe. He also trained a generation of outstanding conductors, developing what came to be known as "the Russian school of conducting."

The Mariinsky Theatre has also been the birthplace of numerous operas and ballets which have come to be regarded as masterpieces of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. World première performances at the theatre include Glinka's *Life of a Tsar* and *Ruslan and Lyudmila*; Borodin's *Prince Igor*; Mussorgsky's *Boris Godunov* and *Khovanshchina*; Rimsky-Korsakov's *Maid of Pskov, The Snow Maiden* and *Legend of the Invisible City of Kitezh*, among others; Tchaikovsky's *Queen of Spades, Iolanta, Swan Lake, The Nutcracker* and *Sleeping Beauty*; Prokofiev's *The Duenna*; as well as operas by Shostakovich and ballets by Khachaturian.

Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky was closely associated with the Mariinsky Theatre, not only conducting the orchestra but also premièring his *Symphony No. 5*, fantasy overture *Hamlet* and *Symphony No. 6*. Serge Rachmaninoff conducted the Orchestra on numerous occasions, including premières of his cantata *Spring* and symphonic poem, *The Bells*. In addition, he was highly regarded as an interpreter of Russian composers and led notable performances of Tchaikovsky's *Queen of Spades* and Prokofiev's *Sinfonietta*. The Orchestra also premièred the music of the young Igor Stravinsky, including his *Scherzo Fantastique* and suite from *The Firebird* ballet.

Throughout its history, the Mariinsky Theatre has presented works by Europe's leading opera composers — Handel, Rossini, Gounod and Wagner. In 1862, Verdi's *La Forza del Destino* was given its world première

at the theatre in the presence of the composer. Wagner was a favorite at the Mariinsky Theatre, where his operas were frequently performed from the nineteenth through the beginning of the twentieth centuries, including the first Russian performances of the complete *Ring* cycle, *Tristan und Isolde*, *Die Meistersinger* and *Parsifal*. The *Ring* cycle was conducted by Hans Richter, who was the first to conduct the complete *Ring* in Bayreuth and at Covent Garden.

The Mariinsky Orchestra also gave the first Russian performances of Richard Strauss' *Elektra*, *Salome* and *Der Rosenkavalier*, and Berg's *Wozzeck* in a production that took place two years after its world première in Berlin and twenty years before its première in Vienna.

By 1917 the orchestra's name had changed to The Royal Imperial Theatre Orchestra, and was regarded as St. Petersburg's most renowned symphony orchestra. Its repertoire — operatic and orchestral — has traditionally encompassed not only music of Russian composers but also that of European composers, both classical and contemporary. Numerous internationally famous musicians conducted the Orchestra, among them Hans von Bulow, Felix Mottl, Felix Weingartner, Alexander von Zemlinsky, Otto Nikisch, Willem Mengelberg, Otto Klemperer, Bruno Walter and Erich Kleiber.

On two occasions, 1847 and 1867, Hector Berlioz led performances of his own works, including *Damnation of Faust, Romeo and Juliet, Symphony fantastique* and *Harold in Italy*. Berlioz wrote in his memoirs, "Such an orchestra! Such precision! Such an ensemble!" And in a letter dated December 1867, he wrote, "I don't think Beethoven had a better performance of his compositions!" In March and April 1863, Richard Wagner visited St. Petersburg and led the Royal Imperial Theatre Orchestra in six programs of Beethoven symphonies and his own compositions, plus the world's first concert per-

formance of the "Prelude" and "Liebestod" from *Tristan und Isolde*. Gustav Mahler appeared with the Orchestra in both 1902 and 1907, conducting five concerts, including a performance of his *Symphony No. 5*. In 1912, Arnold Schoenberg conducted the première of his symphonic poem, *Pelléas et Mélisande*.

Renamed the Kirov during the Soviet era, the orchestra continued to maintain its high artistic standards under the leadership of Evgeni Mravinsky and Yuri Temirkanov. Since Valery Gergiev became artistic director in 1988, the Kirov has forged important relationships with the world's great opera houses, among them London's Royal Opera House, the San Francisco Opera, Paris Opéra de la Bastille, and the Metropolitan Opera. Soon after the city of Leningrad was renamed St. Petersburg, the Kirov Theatre reverted to its original title of the Mariinsky Theatre, home to the Kirov Opera, the Kirov Ballet, and the Kirov Orchestra.

This performance marks the Kirov Symphony Orchestra's second appearance under UMS auspices.

alery Gergiev is Director of the Mariinsky Theatre in St. Petersburg, Russia, home to the Kirov Opera and Ballet, Principal Conductor of the Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra and Principal Guest Conductor of The Metropolitan Opera.

Mr. Gergiev is Artistic Director of the Stars of the White Nights Festival held annually in St. Petersburg, presenting principal soloists of the Mariinsky Theatre and international guest artists in opera, ballet, recital, symphonic and choral concerts. The Rotterdam Philharmonic/Gergiev/Philips Festival, for which he is Artistic Director, features performances by the Rotterdam Philharmonic and the Kirov Opera and Orchestra. He is Director and founder of the



Valery Gergiev

Mikkeli International Festival in Finland, Peace to the Caucasus Festival, and the Red Sea International Music Festival in Eilat, Israel, all featuring the Kirov Opera and Orchestra and major soloists.

In 1998-99, Valery Gergiev and

the Kirov Orchestra make their first tour of China. They return to America for a national tour which includes this Ann Arbor concert and three concerts at Carnegie Hall featuring the later works of Tchaikovsky. Maestro Gergiev conducts *Kovanshchina* and *Pique Dame* at The Metropolitan Opera and returns to the San Francisco Opera for the Kirov production of *Betrothal In A Monastery*. He appears with the New York Philharmonic for two weeks, Philharmonia, Santa Cecilia Orchestra and makes his debut with the Philadelphia Orchestra.

During 1997-98, the Kirov Opera appeared in South America for the first time. They returned to the Theatre des Champs-Elysées in Paris presenting *Boris Godunov* and *Betrothal in a Monastery*. Their activities in London include concerts at the Barbican and Royal Festival Hall, and a Royal Gala performance of *Boris Godunov* at the Theatre Royal in the presence of The Prince of Wales. They presented *Salome* at the New Israeli Opera and appear at the Baden-Baden Festival with *Pique Dame*, *The Gambler* and symphonic programs. They opened EXPO 1998 in Lisbon, the last world's fair of the twentieth century, and tour extensively throughout Europe.

During the spring of 1998, Valery Gergiev and the Kirov were presented by The Metropolitan Opera for a three-week "Kirov Opera Festival" featuring *Prince Igor*, *Ruslan and Lyudmila*, *Betrothal in a Monastery*, *Mazeppa* and a Gala concert.

Mr. Gergiev appeared with the New York Philharmonic for two weeks, the London Philharmonic, Philharmonia, Royal Opera with concert performances of Tchaikovsky's The Enchantress, La Scala for Khovanshchina, The Metropolitan Opera for Boris Godunov and for the opening concert of the Baden-Baden Festival, he conducted an orchestra comprised of principal musicians from the leading orchestras of the world. Mr. Gergiev inaugurated the Kirov/Philharmonia Festival at the Royal Festival Hall under the patronage of The Prince of Wales. He returned to the Salzburg Festival for appearances with the Vienna Philharmonic including Parsifal with Placido Domingo and Waltraud Meier in concert.

Born in Moscow to Ossetian parents, Mr. Gergiev studied conducting with Ilya Musin at the Leningrad Conservatory. At the age of twenty-three he won the Herbert von Karajan Conductors Competition in Berlin. He made his Kirov Opera debut in 1978 with War and Peace, later became Assistant Conductor to Yuri Temirkanov and was designated Artistic Director and Principal Conductor in 1988. In 1996, the Russian government appointed Valery Gergiev Director of the Mariinsky Theatre. He has appeared with the leading orchestras of the former Soviet Union and for four years was Chief Conductor of the Armenian State Orchestra.

Mr. Gergiev has guest conducted the major orchestras of the world, including the Los Angeles Philharmonic, New York Philharmonic, San Francisco Symphony, Royal Concertgebouw in Amsterdam, Royal Philharmonic, Santa Cecilia of Rome, Boston Symphony, Chicago Symphony, Cleveland Orchestra, London Philharmonic, London Symphony, NHK Symphony in Tokyo and Berlin Philharmonic.

Valery Gergiev has recorded exclusively for Philips Classics since 1989. His recordings include the complete operas *Maid of Pskov*, *Khovanshchina*, *War and Peace*, *Sadko*, *Prince Igor*, *Pique Dame*, *Ruslan and Lyudmila*, Iolanta, Fiery Angel (Gramophone Magazine's 1996 selection for Opera recording of the year), La Forza del Destino and the complete ballets Romeo and Juliet and Sleeping Beauty. Releases of orchestral music include Rachmaninov's Symphony No. 2, Shostakovich's Symphony No. 8, Borodin Symphonies Nos. 1 and 2, a disc of Russian showpieces entitled White Nights as well as Tchaikovsky and Verdi arias with Galina Gorchakova and Mussorgsky's Songs and Dances of Death with Dmitri Hvorostovsky.

Current releases include *The Gambler*, *Mazeppa*, *Kashchei the Immortal*, *Maid of Pskov*, *Betrothal in a Monastery*, the complete cycle of Prokofiev piano concertos with Alexander Toradze with the Kirov, and *Ivan the Terrible* with the Rotterdam Philharmonic.

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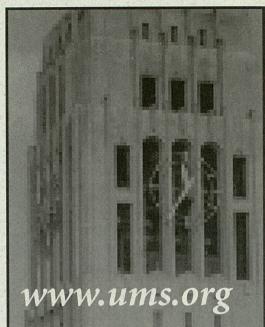


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Thursday Evening, November 5, 1998 at 8:00 Rackham Auditorium, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Contredanses, K. 106 (K. 588a) and 101 (K. 250a)

K. 106:

Overture

Contredanse 1

Contredanse 2

Contredanse 3

K. 101:

Contredanse

Andantino

Presto

Gavotte

Mozart

Clarinet Concerto in A Major, K. 622 (arr.)

Allegro

Adagio

Rondo: Allegro

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INTERMISSION

Ludwig van Beethoven (?) Three Mödlinger Dances, WoO. 17

Waltz

Menuetto [sic]

Waltz

Johann Strauss, Jr. Kaiserwaltzer, Op. 437

Tik-Tak Polka, (on themes from Die Fledermaus), Op. 365

Stadt- und Landpolka, Op. 322

Franz Schubert Grätzer Galop, D. 925 (arr.)

Fritz Kreisler Tamborin chinois, Op. 3

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Contredanses, K. 106 and K. 101 (K. 588a)

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Born January 27, 1756 in Salzburg Died December 5, 1791 in Vienna

One theory on the origins of the *contredanse* is that it is a continental variation of the English "country dance." Another claims it is a bastardization of "counter-dance," in which the partners stand across from each other, as opposed to a "round dance." By Mozart's time, the term was applied generically to a variety of dance types, and usually referred to instrumental pieces (whether intended to accompany dancing or not) rather than the dance itself.

Mozart composed his first set of four contredanses (K. 101) in early 1776, scoring them for doubled winds and a small string section. Apparently the second and third pieces in this set were drawn from a separate collection of twelve contredanses, now lost. But the combination that constitutes K. 101 is fortuitous in that, when played as a group, it blends aspects of the dance suite with the early Classical symphony. Mozart may not have intended this parallel, but the outer pieces nevertheless establish a tonic key for the set (F Major), and the second piece (Andantino) assumes the role of a slow movement.

Despite the closeness of Köchel number (referring to the chronological catalog of Mozart's works), the K. 106 contredanses were written much later than K. 101, and date from 1790 when Mozart was in Vienna. (Consequently, they have been assigned a new Köchel number, K. 588a, in the revised catalog). The scoring is similar to the first set, but the key relationships and ordering of sections are more heterogeneous. An Overture in D Major introduces the three contredanses — in the keys of D Major, A Major, and B-flat Major respectively. As expected in works of such folk-like simplicity,

the melodies are evenly-phrased, mostly triadic, and the harmonies keep mostly to the primary triads.

Clarinet Concerto in A, K. 622 (arr.)

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Mozart first heard the clarinet played in 1764, when it was already a regular part of the wind section in London orchestras. He was attracted to it again in Milan in 1771, and Mannheim (where he heard the famous orchestra) in 1777. But it wasn't until his Vienna years when he befriended Anton Stadler, clarinetist in the Viennese court orchestra, that Mozart began to exploit the instrument's full potential, and in that regard he was a pioneer. His Clarinet Quintet (K. 581) of 1789, written for Stadler, was one of the first works by any major composer to treat the instrument soloistically, utilizing its characteristic agility and the warmth of its middle register. In several regards this quintet was also a study, in preparation for Mozart's only fully-fledged orchestral work to feature a solo clarinet (and the last concerto he composed), the Clarinet Concerto in A, K. 622.

Though Mozart composed this concerto for Anton Stadler, the original version was not for clarinet. Stadler also played the basset horn, a similar instrument (now rarely heard) but with a range that extended a few notes lower. In the first edition, published after Mozart's death, the lower passages were transposed up to conform to the clarinet's range, and since that time the work has been considered a fundament of the clarinet repertoire.

The first movement follows the traditional concerto form, with a complete ensemble exposition before the solo clarinet plays an embellished repeat of the themes. Immediately the clarinet demonstrates its dexterity in quick runs and rapid leaps, interspersed with passages of warm lyricism.

In the development section, Mozart treats the ensemble chamberistically, allowing the clarinet to occasionally accompany the ensemble, rather than *vice versa*.

The "Adagio" is one of the most poignant and affecting movements Mozart ever composed. By casting it in the form of a *da capo* aria, he creates an analogy with the human voice that highlights the clarinet's "singing" tone, as it unfolds a melodic line of unfettered profundity.

In the "Rondo" finale the soloist takes the lead. Though lively, this movement is not all light-hearted. Minor-key episodes in c-sharp and f-sharp relate back to the development section of the first movement, which also contained dramatic passages in those keys.

Three Mödlinger Dances

Ludwig van Beethoven Born December 15 or 16, 1770 in Bonn Died March 26, 1827 in Vienna

Today Mödling is a suburb of Vienna, but in Beethoven's time it was a quaint resort town several miles from the edges of the city. Beethoven spent long stretches of time there between 1818 and 1820, and legend has it that in 1819 he wrote a set of eleven waltzes (subsequently lost) for a band at the local inn. When the music scholar Hugo Riemann found a set of parts for eleven dances in Leipzig in 1907, and observed that they were somewhat skillfully written, he concluded that they must be these lost dances by Beethoven. This collection of four waltzes, five minuets, and two ländler were published two years later, and designated as the composer's WoO ("without opus") 17.

Scholars disagree on whether these dances are actually by Beethoven. They do not follow the typical arrangements found in Beethoven's other dance sets, and the key progressions from piece to piece are uncharacteristically awkward. Yet several of the

dances share themes with other Beethoven works, including the *Symphony No. 2* and the Op. 119 piano bagatelles. As there is no conclusive evidence either way, it is safe only to say that they are possibly spurious.

Emperor Waltz, Op. 437 Tik-Tak Polka, Op. 365 Stadt- und Landpolka, Op. 322

Johann Strauss, Jr. Born October 25, 1825 in Vienna Died June 3, 1899 in Vienna

As the eldest son of one of Vienna's most popular dance orchestra leaders and composers, Johann Strauss Jr. was well-positioned to assume his father's legacy. But the elder Strauss was vehemently opposed to a musical career for his son, and steered him toward the banking profession instead. With his mother's help, the young Strauss secretly studied violin, until his father left the family in 1842. But by that time the young man's mind was made up, and a career in music was inevitable.

Though he actively avoided direct comparisons with his father, Johann Strauss, Jr. was without doubt more musically prolific, wrote in a broader range of genres, and enjoyed an even greater popular reputation. Wagner claimed his was the most musical mind he had ever encountered. And by the end of the nineteenth century, he was without peer in the field of light music.

Strauss composed the *Kaiserwalzer* (Emperor Waltz) in 1888, for the fortieth anniversary of Austrian Emperor Franz Josef's reign. Rather than writing simply a dance tune, Strauss originally presented his *hommage* as an extended scene, with a march introduction, a moment of solemn preparation, and then an elegant waltz that William Ritter once desribed as "the most beautiful flower that the fantastic tree of

Strauss music had borne for seventy-five years."

Though he composed numerous operettas and music theater pieces, only two have remained in the performing repertoire: *Die Fledermaus* (The Bat), and *The Gypsy Baron*. Premièred in April 1873, *Die Fledermaus* was a failure in Vienna, but a huge success in Berlin and Paris later in the year. It became so popular that in 1874 Strauss wrote several independent dance pieces based on the operetta, including a *Fledermaus Polka* and a *Fledermaus Quadrille*. That same year he also wrote the *Tik-Tak Polka*, a frantic spree based on several of the operetta's most popular themes.

The Stadt- und Landpolka (City and Country Polka), written in 1868, is actually a polka-mazurka: a variant in which the characteristic steps and rhythmic figures of the polka are adapted to the triple-time meter of the mazurka.

Grätzer Galop, D. 925 (arr.)

Franz Schubert
Born January 31, 1797 in Himmelpfortgrund
(now Vienna)
Died November 19, 1828 in Vienna

During Schubert's final years, as he faced illness, financial problems, and the pressures of Viennese social circles, he would find occasional respite in summer trips to Graz, a provincial capital in southern Austria. Though not always musically productive, these visits were therapeutic for the composer, and the few pieces he managed to write while in Graz are invariably high-spirited. In the summer of 1827, for instance, he composed several charming piano works — the twelve Grätzer waltzes (Op. 91) and the lively *Grätzer Galop* — naming them gratefully after the town that was his haven from Vienna.

The *Grätzer Galop* follows the standard ABA format, with repeating sixteen-measure sections, and a contrasting Trio section in

the dominant key. Widely-known also in a two-piano version (not by the composer), the *Grätzer Galop* has since been arranged for numerous other instrumental ensembles.

Tambourin chinois, Op. 3 Syncopation

Fritz Kreisler Born February 2, 1875 in Vienna Died January 29, 1962 in New York

Though he was one of the most beloved violin virtuosos of the century, Fritz Kreisler's relationship with sections of the music community was not always amicable. He was a victim of strong anti-Austro/German sentiment (despite his wife being a U.S. citizen) that virtually kept him off the American concert stage during World War I. (A noted appearance during this period included a 1916 performance in Ann Arbor under University Musical Society auspices, one of over thirteen career concerts he gave before Ann Arbor audiences.) But decades later, after his reputation was solidly re-established, there were many who would also never forgive him for perpetuating a harmless hoax. In 1935 Kreisler admitted that several of his most popular recital pieces, which had been attributed to various early composers including Couperin, Stamitz, and Vivaldi, were actually fakes that he had composed himself. For thirty years he had fooled many of the most prominent musicologists, composers, critics, and supposed experts, who refused to believe that Kreisler had the compositional skills to match his playing ability.

Tambourin chinois, one of Kreisler's most popular encores, is somewhat of an oxymoron. The tambourin is an old Provençal dance, but Kreisler combines its frenetic rhythms with a strongly pentatonic flavor intended to evoke the music of Asia. A tangolike piu lento section provides momentary

contrast. *Syncopation* was published with several other miniatures in a collection titled *Apple Blossoms*. As the name suggests, it is a delightfully virtuosic study in offset rhythms and cross accents.

Chinese Galop, Op. 20

Johann Strauss, Sr. Born March 14, 1804 in Vienna Died September 25, 1849 in Vienna

The elder Johann Strauss' early musical training included a stint in Michael Pamer's dance orchestra — an ensemble that also included, for a time, Strauss' friend and colleague Joseph Lanner. Lanner and Strauss are credited equally with establishing the Viennese waltz as the mainstay of European entertainment establishments in the early nineteenth-century. Though his music is generally considered less inspired than that of his rival, Strauss' strength was his rhythmic ingenuity and vitality — a feature solidly evident in his most enduring work, the *Radetzky March*.

The Viennese light music made so popular by Lanner, Strauss, and especially by Strauss' eldest son, Johann Jr., had it roots in the same folk materials that influenced the orchestral dances of Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Weber, and Schubert. But while these other composers sought to capture the spirit of the native folk through dance, Strauss saw an opportunity for invention. It was his inventive bent that produced, for example, the *Chinese Galop*, in which he blends the rapid 2/4 dance with faint hints of the exotic East.

Program notes by Luke Howard.

orn in Upper Austria, Ernst Ottensamer studied at the Bruckner Conservatory in Linz and with Professor Peter Schmidl at the Hochschule für Musik in Vienna, where he graduated with honors in 1979. That same year, he joined the Vienna State Opera Orchestra, and has been a soloist with the Vienna Philharmonic since that time. Mr. Ottensamer is the founder of the Vienna Virtuosi and the Wiener Blaeserensemble. He has performed as soloist with the Vienna Chamber Orchestra, the Haydn Sinfonietta, the Budapest Philharmonic, the Tokyo Philharmonic Orchestra, the New Japan Philharmonic Orchestra, the Mozarteum Orchestra of Salzburg, the Bach Collegium Stuttgart, and the Vienna Philharmonic under Sir Colin Davis. He has recorded the Mozart and Weber clarinet concertos on Naxos.



The Vienna Virtuosi

he Vienna Virtuosi is a chamber ensemble composed of youngergeneration players of the Vienna Philharmonic who occupy solo or first-chair positions in the orchestra. The ensemble was founded by Ernst Ottensamer, solo clarinettist of the orchestra, in 1990. It is a flexible group ranging in size from a small string- and/or wind-ensemble to occasional chamber orchestra, and it offers works for smaller string or wind ensembles to octets, nonets, and even works for chamber orchestra or solo concertos. The repertoire spans from the Classical and Romantic to the Contemporary. The Vienna Virtuosi frequently invites world-renowned guest artists, such as Daniel Barenboim, André Previn, Rudolf Buchbinder and Stefan Vladar to join the group. The ensemble has its own concert cycle at the Musikverein Wien, appears at festivals such as Salzburg, Vienna and Ossiach, and regularly tours throughout Europe and Japan. In tonight's concert, U-M School of Music fac-

ulty members Richard Beene and Bryan Kennedy join the Vienna Virtuosi in the Mozart *Clarinet Concerto*.

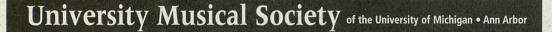
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he spirit and joy of jazz tap has survived over time through a trail of artists who have nurtured, supported and communed with one another, all the while, passing along this authentic American art form.

Tap dance began with the founding of the American colonies. During the 1600s Irish step, English clog, Native American, and African rhythm dance forms began to meld. Over time tap evolved. It is unique for its jazz rhythms which were contributed by its African heritage.

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Jazz tap, rhythm tap, or "hoofing" (some people even call it "story dancing",) emphasize rhythm, syncopation, melody and tone. Generally improvisational, but also choreographic, each dancer has a distinct individual sound and presentation — unlike other dance forms that may feature uniformity and line. This diversity adds to the flavor and substance of the performance.

The artists in "Jazz Tap Summit" are special for the pure musical traditions they bring to the stage and how it has been passed on to them — not in a classroom or studio, but through the one-on-one mentorship of the tap artists who proceeded them. Not unlike storytellers who pass on cultural tales, each generation makes a new statement, always issuing from a recognizable "low-to-the-floor" style.

Tonight's performers are internationally

renowned masters who have graced theaters throughout the world and have appeared in productions such as Broadway's *Black and Blue* and in the movie *Tap*. They are distinguished for their pure musical abilities and links to the lineage of late great dancers including Bill Robinson, Charles "Honi" Coles, Steve Condos and Leon Collins and for the new generations of dancers they have mentored who have in turn inspired the stunning performances in *Jelly's Last Jam* and *Bring in Da Noise, Bring in Da Funk*.

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It is with great pleasure that I join the University Musical Society in bringing this historic "Jazz Tap Summit" to the University's concert stage. The distinguished, spirited and entertaining artists who will perform are true American cultural treasures who bring with them a rich legacy of dance as music.

Program note by Eva Soltes.

Tonight's performance marks the debut of the entire cast of this Jazz Tap Summit under UMS auspices.

Alfred Bruce Bradley, a protoge of the late Lloyd Storey, (The Detroit Sultans) traveled to Europe in 1996 to team with Lloyd in a smooth softshoe duet as a cast member in the world-renowned stage production of *Black and Blue*. A staff member of the Center for Creative Studies and adjunct faculty member of the University of Michigan—Flint as a tap instructor, he is also a Co-director of the Creative Expressions Dance Studio which is dedicated to teaching dance to minority and disadvantaged youth.

Brenda Bufalino is a trailblazer in the renaissance of jazz and tap dance. She performs and teaches throughout the US and in Israel, Italy,







Brenda Bufalino



Dave Burrell



Yvette Glover

England, Germany, France, and most recently in Australia. She has appeared as a guest soloist in such prestigious arenas as Carnegie Hall, Avery Fisher Hall, The Apollo Theater, the Brooklyn Academy of Music, the Smithsonian Institute, and the Kennedy Center in Washington DC. She also performed in concert with the late Charles "Honi" Coles, touring America, England, France, and appeared on BBC Television in England and on cable for Atlantic City Live. They also choreographed the Morton Gould Tap Concerto performing with the Brooklyn Philharmonic and the Norwalk Symphony. Recently Ms. Bufalino performed the Concerto as guest soloist with the Detroit Symphony. In 1986 Ms. Bufalino formed the American Tap Dance Orchestra. Using their feet the ATDO presents a new concept in tap ensembles by creating a spectrum of musical tones and rhythms in the manner of a conventional orchestra.

Dave Burrell has distinguished himself as a performing artist and composer on the international contemporary music scene. During the last thirty years he has appeared on 100 recordings, numerous TV and radio broadcasts, and film soundtracks. He has received many awards including from the National Endowment for the Arts, Philadelphia Music Foundation, New York State Council on the Arts and recently was awarded the prestigious Pew Fellowship in the Arts in music composition. His dynamic compositions, with roots in blues and gospel, recall the tradition of Scott Joplin,

Jelly Roll Morton, Duke Ellington and reach forward to the next century. He has written operas, dance dramas and is currently developing a jazz ballet in addition to working frequently with LaVaughn Robinson and Germaine Ingram.

Yvette Glover, like so many others, began her music career in the church where she sang gospel under the tutelage of her mother who was a minister of music. As time passed Yvette ventured out carrying gospel with her, but adding jazz, pop and rhythm and blues to her repertoire. She has given a command performance for King Hassan in Morocco, and now, along with her trio, is making appearances throughout the United States. In the Spring of 1996 Yvette made her acting debut, to critical acclaim, in David Rousseve's Urban Scenes/Creole Dreams during an international tour, followed by Rousseve's The Whispers of Angels at the Brooklyn Academy of Music. Her love of tap dancing has allowed her to travel around the country as guest vocal artist with such tap giants and legends as Jimmy Slyde, Gregory Hines, Buster Brown, Dianne "Lady Di" Walker, Ted Levy, Brenda Bufalino and two of her three sons Savion and Abron Glover. Her third son Carlton is Savion's technical director. Yvette Glover is fondly nick-named "The Tap Mom" and thanks God for her achievements.

Barry Harris known as the "keeper of the bebop flame," has devoted his life to the advancement of jazz. He is a living legend in







Germaine Ingram



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the field and has been recognized with many awards including the 96/97 "Living Legacy Jazz Award," a Lifetime Achievement Award from the International Association for Jazz Educators, and a special tribute at New York's Town Hall on National Tap Dance Day for his contributions to this field. He was born in Detroit. He was taught piano by his mother; played in a Baptist church at four, with Gene Ammons at fourteen, and soon after with all the jazz musicians who passed through the area. He moved to New York in 1960 playing with Cannonball Adderly, Yusef Lateef and Coleman Hawkins. In addition to a phenomenally busy performing calendar he has been firmly committed to preserving jazz through education and performance. In the early 1980s Mr. Harris founded the Jazz Cultural Center laying the foundation for many of today's young jazz performers.

Germaine Ingram fell under the spell of jazz tap in the early 1980s when she began intensive study with internationally acclaimed tap artist and teacher LaVaughn Robinson. She has pursued tap's call through performance, choreography, teaching, oral history, film making, and stage production. She began performing with Robinson in 1985 and appeared with him in the Emmy-Award winning television special, Gregory Hines' *Tap Dance In America*, where they were dubbed "the fastest taps in the business." Her choreographic credits include commissions for Manhattan Tap and Washington-based *Tappers with Attitude*, and works for

musical theater. Her work in documenting the lives and artistic styles of veteran African-American tap dancers in Philadephia resulted in *Plenty of Good Women Dancers*, a video and exhibition. Germaine Ingram earned a law degree from the University of Philadelphia and is currently CEO for the School District of Philadelphia.

Paul Keller is one of the busiest bassists in the Detroit area. He leads the sixteen-piece Bird of Paradise Orchestra which plays original, obscure and classic big band material collected from all periods of jazz history. Under Paul's leadership, the BOPO has garnered critical and popular acclaim, winning the 1995 Ann Arbor Annie Arts Award, as well as the 1995 Detroit Music Award for "Best Traditional Act." Paul is also the co-leader of the Keller/Kocher Quartet in addition to heading the Paul Keller Ensemble, a three horn sextet featuring some of the best Ann Arbor and Detroit area musicians. Paul is a prolific composer and arranger for these three groups and they are all regulars at the Montreaux Detroit Jazz Festival. In addition, Paul plays with many different groups at the festival and was voted MVP in 1994. In 1997 he won the Detroit Music Award for best bass player.

Andy McGhee, saxophone has enjoyed a long and fruitful career as a professional musician and educator. He graduated from the New England conservatory of Music and was a professor at Berklee School of Music for thirty-two years. He performed and toured with







LaVaughn Robinson



Pete Siers



Jimmy Slyde

Lionel Hampton for seven years and was a featured saxophone with Woody Herman. In the 1990s he toured Europe with the "Golden Men of Jazz," including Clark Terry, Sweet Edison, Benny Goldson, Jimmy Woode, Julian Mann, Al Grey and Lionel Hampton. He most recently returned from a tour of Switzerland, Austria and Germany and performed at the Jacob's Pillow dance festival with dancers including Gregory Hines, Jimmy Slyde, and Dianne Walker.

Margaret Morrison is a founding member and featured soloist with the American Tap Dance Orchestra, one of today's most innovative and exciting tap companies, directed by the internationally renown tap artist Brenda Bufalino. With the ATDO Margaret has performed throughout Europe, Bermuda, and the United States, appearing at Lincoln Center, the Joyce Theater, the Apollo, and on the PBS Television Special, Tap Dance in America. Her dance credits include the comic duo of Tribble & Morrison, Tap Express, Vanaver Cravan, Foot & Fiddle Dance Company, and a national commercial for Seagrams. As a soloist, Margaret has performed in many New York City venues and, since 1993, she has collaborated with percussionists Robin Burdulis on pieces interweaving tap, percussion, poetry and humor.

LaVaughn Robinson has danced with Billie Holiday, Cab Calloway, Tommy Dorsey, Ella Fitzgerald, Maynard Ferguson, and Charlie Parker. He learned to dance in the early twentieth century and as a child performed on the street corners of South Philadelphia where it was possible to walk the twenty blocks of South Street and encounter a different style of tap on each corner along the way. In 1988 Mr. Robinson received the distinguished National Heritage Fellowship Award from the National Endowment for the Arts and in 1989 participated in an artistic exchange with the Soviet Union sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution. He frequently performs as a duo with his protegée Germaine Ingram.

Pete Siers, a Michigan native, is one of Southeast Michigan's busiest drummers. He is a vital member of the Bird of Paradise Orchestra, the Keller/Kocher Quartet and the Ron Brooks Trio. Pete also has played with jazz legends such as Russell Malone, Mulgrew Miller, Mose Allison, Doc Cheetham and Frank Morgan. Pete has integrated music philosophy from lessons with Jeff Hamilton, Adam Nussbaum, and Kenny Werner into his own teaching methods. In addition to his busy performing schedule he currently teaches at Washtenaw Community College and The Ann Arbor Academy for Performing Arts.

Jimmy Slyde is without question one of the greatest "rhythm" dancers in tap history. His performance is total improvisation. Mr. Slyde has appeared in the films *Tap*, *The Cotton Club* and *Round Midnight*. He starred in both the Paris and Broadway productions of *Black and Blue*. Mr. Slyde has performed internationally in some of the world's great dance festivals



The Steppettes and Friends



Straight No Chaser

and at major jazz festivals including Newport, North Sea, Umbria and Pourri. His legendary reputation for elegant movement and his characteristic slides were developed when he performed with Jimmy Mitchell as The Slyde Brothers.

The Steppettes and fellow tappers come through the Creative Expressions Dance Studio in Flint, Michigan. Co-founder and tap instructor Alfred Bruce Bradley has been dedicated for the past thirteen years to providing dance instruction to disadvantaged minority youths. Of the thousands of children served, many have competed in dance competitions and appeared in tap festivals throughout the country and have taken classes with master teachers including Dianne Walker, Ted Levy, Savion Glover, Robert Reed, Van Porter, Henry Letang and Lane Alexander. Most recently they were featured at the St. Louis Tap Festival, and in 1997 at the Human Rhythm Project in Chicago. They appeared on Showtime At The Apollo in New York, where the Stepettes, Rhythmettes, and the Taptations won and appeared several times on national television. Tonight's performance is choreographed by sixteen year-old Alexandria Bradley. She is joined by Frances Bradley, Kandee Hogan, Anthony Campbell, Natasha Graham, Alyse Jones, Dionte Lee, Shatarian Lee-Hall, Lucretia Lever, Troy Swanigan, Richard Swanigan, and Iarel Waters.

Straight No Chaser, the dance duo of Parris Mann and Michael Minery, are currently appearing on Broadway at the Supper Club in its production of *The Joint is Jumpin*', Parris and Michael have performed with Jimmy Slyde and Dianne Walker at the Jacobs Pillow Dance Festival; and with Buster Brown who was the honored guest of Dance Inn's *Tap Dance Day 1998* in Boston. As dancers and choreographers they have been featured with Manhattan Tap and the New Jersey Tap Ensemble at both the Joyce Theater and New Jersey Performing Arts Center. In 1997 this young duo toured France.

Tony Waag has performed in and choreographed for many concert, nightclub, stage, video and television productions throughout the US and abroad. Since 1986, he has been a featured dancer and the executive director for the American Tap Dance Orchestra. He has performed at the Apollo Theater, Joyce Theater, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Dance Theater Workshop, The Cotton Club, Town Hall and internationally in Turkey, Poland, Cypress, Germany, Italy and Moscow. Tony also teaches master classes and workshops throughout New York City. He introduces new takes on comic hoofing through his special "comic and eccentric" tap classes.

Dianne Walker (Lady Di) is one of the few internationally recognized women in the field of tap dancing. For the Broadway production







Dianne Walker



Baakari Wilder

of *Black and Blue*, she was the assistant choreographer/dance captain and had the prestigious honor of being the only female "hoofer" in the show. As a soloist, she has performed at jazz festivals including North Sea/Den Haag, Festival American/ Cannes, JVC/Chicago and tap dance festivals (Colorado, Boston, Portland) with such notables as Jimmy Slyde, the Hoofers, the Copasetics, and Gregory Hines, to name a few. Ms. Walker was a featured dancer in the movie *Tap*, and her television appearances include a PBS Great Performances: *Dance in America* special. Dianne Walker is also a much sought master teacher.

Baakari Wilder is currently starring in the Broadway production of Bring in Da' Noise, Bring in Da' Funk. Mr. Wilder is also studying acting at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts. He has danced and acted professionally since the age of nine, and his choreography has been featured in several concerts. Mr. Wilder tapped with Savion Glover and Friends at the Delacorte Theatre, in Cavalcade of Stars at Carnegie Hall and in Jazz Tap at the Kennedy Center. He has also performed in the National Tap Dance Gala at the Joyce Theatre and in the Memorial Tribute to "Honi" Coles at the Apollo. Television appearances include the Tony Awards, The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, The Today Show, The Kennedy Center Honors, The Rosie O'Donnell Show, and Live with Regis and Kathy Lee. He has taught tap classes in New York City and Washington, DC.

He is associated with Tappers With Attitude and the American Tap Dance Orchestra.

Eva Soltes has produced, directed and written over one thousand programs internationally for a variety of media including live performance, broadcast and print. Working with exceptional artists in the fields of music, theater and dance she began producing jazz tap tours with Carolyn Evans in the 1980s and was fortunate to work with some of the late great dancers including Charles "Honi" Coles, Steve Condos and Eddie Brown. Soltes' productions have been in a wide range of venues from the Lincoln and Kennedy Centers to universities and theaters around the country. Among her media credits are Producer/Director/Editor for television and radio documentaries on arts subjects made for National Public Radio and BBC TV. Her award-winning documentaries have also aired on PBS stations and other broadcast networks world-wide.

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Thurs, Jan 288 P.M.

Rackham Auditorium

In this concert, Beethoven is paired with two well-known American composers: Charles Ives and Aaron Copland, Ives' string quartet was composed while he was studying at Yale and reflects nostalgically on the New England of his boyhood. The two pieces by Copland find their influence in the vernacular jazz style that was so popular in the 1920s.

PROGRAM

Copland Two Pieces for String Quartet (1923, 1928) Quartet No. 1 ("A Revival Service") Ives Beethoven Quartet in C Major, Op. 59, No. 3

Sun, Feb

Rackham Auditorium

Postponed from last season, this concert features the exciting world première of Kenneth Fuchs' new string guartet. Fuchs draws inspiration from visual artists, including Robert Motherwell and Andrew Wyeth, in many of his works. Here, he looks to the literary world and the poetry of Walt Whitman.

PROGRAM

Beethoven Quartet in F Major, Op. 18, No. 1

Quartet No. 3 ("Whispers of Heavenly Death") Fuchs

World Première

Beethoven Quartet in e minor, Op. 59, No. 2

Sun, Mar 28 4 P.M.

The final program of this season's Beethoven the Contemporary series showcases the rarely-heard string quartet by Ruth Porter Crawford. Crawford composed only a handful of works during her lifetime, with her early compositions indebted to Scriabin and Debussy, and her later works influenced by Arnold Schoenberg and America's folk music tradition.

PROGRAM

Beethoven Quartet in f minor, Op. 95 ("Serioso")

Crawford Quartet (1931)

Beethoven Quartet in B-flat Major, Op. 130 with Grosse Fuge

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Program

Sunday Afternoon, November 8, 1998 at 4:00 Rackham Auditorium, Ann Arbor, Michigan

Ludwig van Beethoven

Quartet in A Major, Op. 18, No. 5
Allegro
Menuetto

Andante cantabile Allegro

Richard Danielpour

String Quartet No. 2 (Shadow Dances)

Stomping Ground The Little Dictator My Father's Song The Trickster

INTERMISSION

Beethoven

Quartet in F Major, Op. 59, No. 1

Allegro
Allegretto vivace e sempre scherzando
Adagio molto e mesto
Theme Russe: Allegro

Please remain after the performance for a brief Meet the Artists session to be led from the stage.

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Special thanks to Steven Whiting and U-M School of Music, the Michigan American String Teachers Association, and Sara and Michael Frank for their involvement in this residency.

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String Quartet in A, Op. 18, No. 5

Ludwig van Beethoven Born December 15 or 16, 1770 in Bonn Died March 26, 1827 in Vienna

Beethoven's Op. 18 quartets, composed between 1798 and 1800, reflect a transition from Classical gentility to Romantic passion, but it is not a smooth transition. As the composer worked on refining his own voice in this first set of quartets, his style alternated between acknowledgment of the genre's heritage and cultural magnitude, and the desire to forge new paths in music. The first quartet, for instance, is full of drama (and melodrama), and the kind of motivic intensity more associated with Beethoven's middle period works. While the sixth and final quartet's conclusion points prophetically to nineteenth-century Romanticism, the fifth is the most Mozartian Beethoven ever composed.

There is more to the Mozart legacy in Beethoven's Op. 18, No. 5 than simply the stylistic influence of a great master. Beethoven was especially impressed with Mozart's *Quartet in A*, K. 464, copying out two movements for himself by hand, and later exclaiming, "That's what I call a work!". It's no coincidence that this quartet, in the same key, draws several features directly from that work.

The first movement is a lilting, somewhat gentle sonata form, with the unusual time signature (for a first movement) of 6/8. The opening theme has a delicacy not normally associated with the name of Beethoven, though the unison statement of the second theme in e-minor infuses some extra intensity into the exposition. The development begins in c-sharp minor, and includes long passages in D, prefiguring the key of second movement. The modulation back to tonic takes place before the return of the first theme, making the arrival of the recapitulation a smooth elision rather than a distinct formal marker.

Just as Mozart did in his A-Major quartet, Beethoven switches the inner movements, placing the minuet first. Here the debt to Mozart is especially clear, as Beethoven rarely used the title "Minuet" (preferring the Scherzo instead), and even more rarely were they minuets in anything but name. This movement is one of the few exceptions. It begins with a duet between the violins in which the accompanying voice accents the second beat. In the trio section, where the tune resembles a theme from Haydn's Piano Sonata No. 58, the accent shifts to third beat, creating an effect that Melvin Berger has likened to "a poorly played accordion."

The third movement is not really a slow movement, despite the tempo marking "Andantino". But while the theme and five variations differ in tempi and rhythmic activity, the composer wrote the indication "pastoral" over the score, showing that he still intended it to have the function of a slow movement. The theme itself is little more than a scale pattern, harmonized in sixths. But because of its simplicity, it is easily recognized in each of the variations, while allowing for a wider diversity of treatments. Beethoven maintains a democratic division among the instruments, with each of them given the chance to solo. But even in the variations where all play the theme together (the first — a fugato, and the fourth — a hushed chorale) he allows each instrument to make equal contributions. The fifth and final variation includes a surprisingly dramatic modulation to B-flat, and is followed by an expansive coda that recalls the simple opening.

Beethoven returns to a sonata form for the finale. The first theme is more of a succession of agitated ornaments than a distinct melody, and again the musical materials are equally divided among the four instruments. The composer recalls directly the Mozart model at the start of the second key area, with its four-part chorale texture in long pianissimo notes (Beethoven also used the theme of this section in the rondo of his Pathétique sonata, Op. 13). The movement's rhythmic energy – derived from a motif similar to the famous "fate" theme of the *Symphony No.* 5 — is dissipated by the coda, and the quartet concludes quietly.

String Quartet No. 2 (Shadow Dances)

Richard Danielpour Born in New York City, January 28, 1956

Richard Danielpour, presently a member of the composition faculty at the Curtis Institute and the Manhattan School of Music, has in recent years cemented his place as one of America's foremost young composers. His major commissions include works for the orchestras of Pittsburgh, Baltimore, San Francisco, and New York, and his ballet score, Anima Mundi, has been widely acclaimed. One of his most-performed works, the Concerto for Orchestra, invites obvious comparisons with Bartók (a connection that also surfaces in Danielpour's chamber music), and he doesn't hesitate to admit a direct influence. He also gives credit in his music to other composers such as Shostakovich, Copland, and Stravinsky: "[They] can't help but be part of the brew."

For Danielpour, dance is one of the most important foundations of music. Even when not writing works intended to be choreographed, the relationship between music and dance affects his compositions. Danielpour sees this as a trait common to many American composers, claiming that the idiosyncratic relationship of movement and music is "part of what we are as Americans." But even more prominent than the dance influence is Danielpour's belief in

what he calls music's "internal memory," or the maintaining of an unbroken connection with earlier masters and masterworks. Though this suggests his aesthetic is neoromantic, Danielpour is also something of a mystic, allowing his music to be influenced by dreams, premonitions, philosophies, viewing music as a vehicle through which we have access to the other-worldy.

In Danielpour's first book of Urban Dances (1988) for brass quintet, he titled the third piece Shadow Dance. On a commission from the Barlow Endowment, he reworked and expanded this piece (while reducing the size of the ensemble) in 1992 into the similarly-titled second string quartet. The original piece for brass is, in Danielpour's own words, "pre-occupied with the death, dving, and desolation" found in his native New York, while the string quartet explores "the shadowy aspects of our personalities." The combination of personal feeling, public expression, and a sense of foreboding recalls the music of Shostakovich (a connection that continues in Danielpour's Quartet No. 3 (Psalms of Sorrow) — a remembrance of the Holocaust that includes a part for baritone solo).

"Stomping Ground", the first movement of *Shadow Dances*, intersperses child-like play with moments of nostalgia. In the second movement, "The Little Dictator", a pungent scherzo-like march frames a middle section in which the nostalgia is further intensified.

"My Father's Song" is a true slow movement. Reflective and more intensely personal than the rest of the work, its high registers culminate in an anguished climax that evokes Bartók's quartets. Bartók and Shostakovich both inform the energetic and wryly humorous finale, "The Trickster", though the dominant personality in this mix, as in the entire quartet, is clearly Danielpour himself.

String Quartet in F, Op. 59, No. 1

Ludwig van Beethoven

When Beethoven accepted the commission to write a set of three quartets for Count Razumovsky, the Russian ambassador to Vienna, he pledged to "weave a Russian melody into every quartet." In the end, only the finale of No. 1 and the third movement of No. 2 have Russian content. In each case, the strength and individuality of Beethoven's own voice completely subsumes the quoted folk tunes, making the "Razumovsky" quartets thoroughly Beethovenian in breadth, concept, and invention.

At the première in February 1807, the three Op. 59 quartets were not received with the same enthusiastic response that had greeted the Op. 18 quartets several years earlier. The performers themselves laughed at the pieces, thinking Beethoven was playing a joke on them. The violinist remarked, "Surely you do not consider this music," to which the composer replied, "Not for you, but for a later age." Indeed, later critics have praised them as masterworks – giving them place alongside the "Eroica" symphony as crucial representatives of Beethoven's middle period.

The formal design of the first quartet, in F-Major, is peculiar and without precedent in that all four movements are written in some kind of sonata form. The first movement is at once serene and noble. The first and second key areas abound with distinctive melodies, and the exposition unfolds without any major surprises. But what sounds like a repeat of the exposition is actually one of the composer's boldest formal inventions. He disguises the fact that the exposition does not repeat by making the first four measures of the development section identical to it. The development itself is dominated by a central fugal section, and further development of themes takes place in the lengthy coda.

Beethoven again puts the dance movement before the slow movement in this quartet; even at this later stage of his musical development that was a little unusual. But more odd (and to the quartet's first audience, particularly amusing), is the insistent drumming on one note that starts the movement. It creates a theme based not on melody or harmony, but purely on rhythm, and the emphasis on rhythmic development continues throughout. This light-hearted scherzo — the first movement so titled to be written in a sonata form — omits the repeat of the exposition, and greatly telescopes the recapitulation.

Above the sketches for the third movement, Beethoven wrote, "A weeping willow or acacia tree upon my brother's grave." This lament of almost Shakespearian tragedy develops around two lyrical themes, both characterized by wide melodic leaps. After a florid and impassioned violin recitative, the fourth movement follows without a break.

The Russian tune in the finale (which, in its original form, was in a minor key and twice as slow) is not especially captivating. But here, as in Beethoven's music in general, it's not so much the tune itself as what he does with it that makes the difference. In Beethoven's hands it takes on added energy and brilliance, and when played off against the rhythmic motifs and lyricism of the second theme group, creates a wonderfully unified and well-crafted whole. Although lively and brisk, this movement brings a relaxation of emotional intensity to the quartet. Near the conclusion the Russian theme returns, re-harmonized and in a slower tempo, but before it has a chance to become nostalgic it is dismissed with a final presto flourish.

Program notes by Luke Howard.

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The four musicians studied at The Juilliard School, where the Quartet was formed in 1974, winning the Colemna Competition and the Naumburg Award that same year. Outside the Quartet, each finds time for solo appearances, recitals, and teaching.



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Mozart Mozart Symphony No. 25 in g minor, K. 183

Mozart

Piano Concerto No. 25 in C Major, K. 503 "Alma grande e nobil core," K. 578 "Ch'io mi scordi di te." K. 505

Mozart

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English Suite No. 3 in g minor, BWV 808

Prelude
Allemande
Courante
Sarabande
Gavotte and Musette

Gigue

Frédéric Chopin

Two Nocturnes, Op. 62

No. 1 in B Major No. 2 in E Major

Chopin

Polonaise-Fantaisie in A-flat Major, Op. 61

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Chopin

Twenty-Four Preludes, Op. 28

No. 1 in C Major

No. 13 in F-sharp Major

No. 2 in a minor

No. 14 in e-flat minor

No. 3 in G Major No. 15 in D-flat Major No. 4 in e minor No. 16 in b-flat minor

No. 5 in D Major
No. 6 in b minor
No. 17 in A-flat Major
No. 18 in f minor

No. 7 in A Major No. 19 in E-flat Major

No. 8 in f-sharp minor
No. 9 in E Major
No. 20 in c minor
No. 21 in B-flat Major

No. 10 in c-sharp minior No. 21 in B-flat Ma
No. 10 in c-sharp minior No. 22 in g minor

No. 11 in B Major No. 23 in F Major

No. 12 in g-sharp minor No. 24 in d minor

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Series

English Suite No. 3 in g minor, BWV 808

Johann Sebastian Bach Born March 21, 1685 in Eisenach, Germany Died July 28, 1750 in Liepzig

Musicians have been talking about Bach's six "English" and six "French" suites for over two centuries now, but the names have nothing to do with the composer. Bach himself probably called them simply "suites for the harpsichord" or, in the case of the English suites, "suites with preludes." Stylistically, both the "English" and the "French" suites are French: a set of French dances Bach knew from the works of François Couperin, Charles Dieupart and others. Both the English and the French suites were written during the Köthen years (1717-1723), where Bach devoted his attention primarily to instrumental music.

All six English suites begin with substantial preludes that are often imitative, toccata- or concerto-like, or contain diverse combinations of the above qualities. In the third suite, the prelude opens with a theme reminiscent of a horncall and a countersubject all of running sixteenth-notes. The two themes are developed in four-part fugal imitation, visiting a number of different keys before the final return to the main tonality. The "Allemande," a dance in a 4/4 meter of moderate tempo, has the usual, gently undulating sixteenth-note runs couched in a free, invention-like (rather than fugal) polyphony. There is a moment in it that has raised the eyebrows of every music professor: a glaring parallel octave of the sort that is most strictly forbidden in every textbook. Yet this is one of those things that "offended every beginner in composition, but afterwards soon justified themselves," in the words of Johann Nicolaus Forkel, the author of the first Bach biography (1802). Also, it goes by so fast that it will be noticed only by the most attentive harmony student.

The next movement, the "Courante," follows French models in its metrical complexity and contrapuntal interest (as opposed to the faster, simpler courantes of several of the French Suites which, ironically, seem more Italianate in inspiration). The Sarabande — the slow movement of the set — is one of the most beautiful examples of its kind, with its expressive melody, daring modulations and highly chromatic harmonies. The ornaments, to be played at the repeats, were fully written out by Bach (not left to the performer's discretion). The following dance is a Gavotte-Musette-Gavotte sequence, where melody and accompaniment are, in accordance with custom, much simpler than in the preceding movements. The "Gavotte", in strictly two-part writing throughout, surprises by the drum-like bass that appears in the second half. The "Musette" evokes a different instrument, namely the bagpipe, by means of the pedal point that runs through the entire piece like a drone. As always, the "Gavotte" is repeated after the "Musette".

The Suite closes with a "Gigue", a quick dance Bach often treated contrapuntally. In this case he used strict fugal imitation in three parts, though the third part drops out soon after being introduced. The second half of the movement is a varied repeat of the first half, with inversion (the descending scale of the opening theme becomes an ascending one).

Two Nocturnes, Op. 62

Frédéric Chopin Born March 1, 1810 in Zelazowa Wola, near Warsaw Died October 17, 1849 in Paris

These are the last two nocturnes Chopin wrote and published. The nocturne as a solo piano piece was a genre Chopin had inherited from the Irish composer John Field

(1782-1837), yet he had made it thoroughly his own, and done so at the very beginning of his career. The sixteen nocturnes published before Op. 62 had created certain expectations regarding musical form and general mood; by adding another pair, Chopin did not contradict those expectations, yet he managed to produce works with an individual phisiognomy (despite the strong family resemblance).

The first of the two nocturnes (B Major) retains the ABA form characteristic of the genre, but whereas in many of the earlier nocturnes the slow main section was followed by a middle part in a faster tempo, in the present piece both sections are slow (Andante and Sostenuto). They are, however, contrasted in keys (B Major versus A-flat Major, with a clearly audible shift between the two). At the recapitulation, the first melody is embellished by an unbroken chain of trills, adding a special radiance to the music.

The second nocturne (E Major) has a slow principal melody and a faster middle section in the minor mode. The beautiful, almost operatic *bel canto* of the first theme is transformed, without any warning, into the turbulence of the "Agitato" section, whose theme is accompanied by a nervous syncopated motion. All tensions subside, however, when the calm opening melody returns.

Polonaise-Fantaisie in A-flat Major, Op. 61

Frédéric Chopin

Just as the Op. 62 nocturnes are Chopin's last word on the nocturne, the "Polonaise-Fantaisie" is his final contribution to the polonaise genre. Yet, as its title suggests, this work transcends the scope of Chopin's earlier polonaises in many important respects. It

is less a polonaise dance than a meditation on its melodic and rhythmic patterns. The suspenseful arpeggios of the beginning gradually lead into the section where the polonaise theme unfolds, but the exuberance of the earlier polonaises is always tempered by reflection, even — perhaps — nostalgia. The range of tonalities employed is much wider than elsewhere, with the initial A-flat Major yielding to E and B-flat even before we reach the "Più lento" middle section where the introduction of a new key would normally be expected. Halfway through this middle section - which started as a quiet quasi-nocturne — the polonaise rhythm returns, only to be interrupted by the meditative arpeggios from the work's opening. There is no recapitulation in the strict sense of the word; instead, the polonaise theme is developed into a brilliant coda. Just before the end, however, we are reminded of the mysterious side of the composition by a few introspective measures, with a few soft harmonies in the low register with a series of rumbling trills in the bass.

Twenty-Four Preludes, Op. 28

Frédéric Chopin

Let us try to forget, for a moment, that these preludes belong to the best-known and most-beloved pieces in the piano repertoire, and pretend we are hearing them for the first time. The novelty, the boldness, and the utter unpredictability of these twenty-four small (and not so small) gems then become readily apparent.

One of the most puzzling aspects of the preludes is their extreme diversity in length and level of difficulty. Some are extremely brief (No. 7 is only sixteen measures long; No. 9 — in a slower tempo — just twelve), and others are quite elaborate (the D-flat major piece, No. 15, takes about six minutes to perform). Also, there are a few preludes

that even a beginner could tackle, while most present the performer with formidable technical challenges. Some of the preludes give the impression of being mere sketches, or the beginnings of longer pieces, while others might just as well be included among the nocturnes or etudes. Most of them focus on a single idea, rhythmic, harmonic, or technical; only a few include contrasting materials.

The twenty-four preludes were written in 1838-39, shortly after the beginning of Chopin's relationship with Aurore Dupin, the Baroness of Dudevant, better known under the pseudonym she used as a writer: George Sand. They spent the winter on the Spanish island of Majorca, but the composer was ill most of the time, having suffered the first attack of the tuberculosis that would carry him off ten years later. He worked on the preludes incessantly on Majorca, and was able to send them back to Paris in January, 1839. The preludes were published later the same year.

n the Baroque and Classical eras, a prelude was a keyboard work in a free form, often improvisational in its origin. It frequently served either as a pedagogical exercise or an introduction to another piece, as in Bach's preludes and fugues. Chopin was called (by his friend and colleague Franz Liszt) an "enthusiastic student of Bach." The preludes show Bach's influence more than any of Chopin's works. They cover all twenty-four major and minor keys in the traditional tonal system, similarly to Bach's Well-Tempered Clavier. In addition, many of the individual pieces can be shown to have special links to Bach. But whereas Bach arranged his preludes (and their fugues) in a chromatically ascending order (C Major, c minor, C-sharp Major, c-sharp minor, D Major, d minor, etc.), Chopin chose to follow the circle of fifths, starting with no key signatures, and adding more

and more sharps (C Major, a minor, G Major, e minor, D Major, b minor, etc.). Some have argued that this arrangement makes for a smoother transition between one prelude and the next, as the subsequent keys are more closely related to one another (having more notes in common) than they are in Bach's chromatic sequence.

No. 1 (C Major — Agitato — 2/8). Like many of the preludes, the first one is dominated by a single, rather lively rhythmic idea that rises and then descends in both pitch and volume.

No. 2 (a minor — Lento — 2/2) is, in the words of a recent biography by Jeremy Siepmann (Northeastern University Press, 1995), "one of the bleakest meditations ever entrusted to the piano." An enigmatic, open-ended melody is repeated three times over a disquieting, chromatic accompaniment, and brought to a somewhat inconclusive ending.

No. 3 (G Major - Vivace - 2/2) is cheerful and energetic, with a triumphant melody soaring above a fast-moving accompaniment. In No. 4 (e minor — Largo — 2/2), a highly expressive but barely moving melody is set against an even pulse of chromatically descending chords. The dynamics reaches forte for a single measure, only to fall back into the subdued piano of the beginning. It is a mysterious and hauntingly beautiful piece. No. 5 (D Major — Allegro molto — 3/8) is a study in perpetual motion for both hands, constantly mixing the "happy" major tonality with intruding notes from the "sad" minor. No. 6 (b minor — Lento assai — 3/4). If Op. 25, No. 8 is called the "cello etude," then this must be the "cello prelude," as its beautiful melody, unfolding in the bass register, has the singing quality often associated with string instruments. After the beautiful melody has run its course, the piece ends with a sigh.

No. 7 (A Major — Andantino — 3/4). The

shortest of the preludes, this is a hint at a mazurka, with a delicate melody that flits by before we know it.

No. 8 (f-sharp minor — Molto agitato — 4/4). A tempestuous and passionate piece, the most substantial of the preludes so far. Its simple theme, surrounded by virtuoso passagework in both hands, is subjected to some extremely bold modulations before reaching a singularly poignant conclusion. No. 9 (E Major — Largo — 4/4). A funeral march in miniature, this piece has everything (development, climax, recapitulation) in just twelve measures, or about a minute in duration.

No. 10 (c-sharp minor — Allegro molto — 3/4). Another miniature, this prelude is the first to make *contrast* its main concern: the fast descending scales of the right hand alternate with some soft chords in mazurka rhythm.

No. 11 (B Major — Vivace — 6/8). The bubbling eighth-note runs in both hands keep both melody and accompaniment alive in this prelude, which is also among the shorter ones in the set.

No. 12 (g-sharp minor — Presto — 3/4). This prelude is fiery but also somewhat playful, as its impassioned chromatic melody is underpinned by the "oom-pah" of a waltz gone crazy.

No. 13 (F-sharp Major — Lento — 6/4). The melody of this nocturne among the preludes moves along in sweet parallel thirds and sixths, floating above a gentle eighth-note accompaniment. Its tempo, slow to begin with, becomes even slower in the intensely lyrical (though short) middle section.

No. 14 (e-flat minor — Allegro — 2/2). Chopin managed to build up enormous dramatic tensions in this prelude, although only 19 measures long. The two hands move in parallel octaves throughout, which means that they play exactly the same thing: broken chords in triplet rhythm, chromatically

tinged and rising and falling in volume. How dry all this sounds when you put it into words! And how exciting when you hear the music!

No. 15 (D-flat Major — Sostenuto — 4/4). This is undoubtedly the centerpiece of the set, the longest and weightiest of the preludes. It is traditionally called the "Raindrop" prelude because a single note (A-flat) is heard, in repeated eighth-notes, almost constantly throughout the piece, resembling drops of rain beating against the windowpanes. The piece resembles many of Chopin's nocturnes in form and melodic style. It opens with a beautiful singing melody that eventually gives way to a mysterious, dramatic middle section in the minor mode. During this section, the repeated eighth-notes become more and more intense and, at the climactic moment, move up a minor third to B natural, sending shiv-



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No. 16 (b-flat minor — Presto con fuoco — 2/2). Siepmann described this piece as "dazzling, demoniacally exuberant; one of the most sheerly exciting exercises in bravura ever penned." He did not exaggerate. The relentless sixteenth-note cascades and the galloping chords in the accompaniment make this piece, which is longer than most in the set, stand out as a dramatic statement on a monumental scale.

No. 17 (A-flat Major — Allegretto — 6/8). A delightful "song without words," this piece is carried by a graceful melody, an active, insistent accompaniment, and intricate key changes of the kind only Chopin could write. We hear the main melody played both in a delicate *pianissimo* and a powerful *fortissimo*: it is irresistible in each case.

No. 18 (f minor — Allegro molto — 2/2) bursts with energy and impulsiveness. The piece is all wild runs, abrupt chords and accents — Romanticism at its most extravagant.

No. 19 (E-flat Major — Vivace — 3/4) is a study in fast triplet motion in both hands, like No. 14, but whereas the e-flat minor piece was tense and dramatic, the E-flat major has a gentle smile on its face — although it is fiendishly difficult to play.

No. 20 (c minor — Largo — 4/4). Here is another of Chopin's incredible miniatures. Eight measures of a funeral march (even more tragic than No. 9), with the second half repeated and a single closing chord: but what depth, what evocative power, and what a goldmine of harmonies in only two lines of printed music!

No. 21 (B-flat Major — Cantabile — 3/4). Instead of indicating a tempo, Chopin marked this piece "Singing," which is in fact the most important characteristic of its beautiful main theme. But as the piece goes on, the faster accompaniment figures of the

left hand take over almost completely, outweighing the main melody.

No. 22 (g minor — Molto agitato — 6/8). The melody is played by the left hand in thunderous octaves, with the right hand supplying the harmonies. The dynamics is *forte* or *fortissimo* throughout in this fireball of a piece.

No. 23 (F Major — Moderato — 4/4). The figurations in this prelude resemble those in No. 3, but are now played by the right hand instead of the left. It is a calm and serene piece that, unlike most others, hardly leaves the home tonality at all.

No. 24 (d minor — Allegro appassionato — 6/8). In a total contrast after the preceding piece, the last prelude is as fervent as anything Chopin (or anyone else, for that matter) ever wrote. One of the longer preludes, it has a vigorous melody punctuated by ascending scalar passages quick as lightning. Far from abating, the excitement only increases toward the end. The prelude — and the set — ends in a rather dramatic way, with the fast passage turned upside down and leading into three solitary low D's played with a fierce emphasis.

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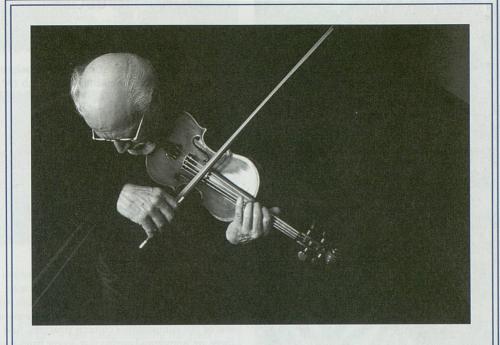
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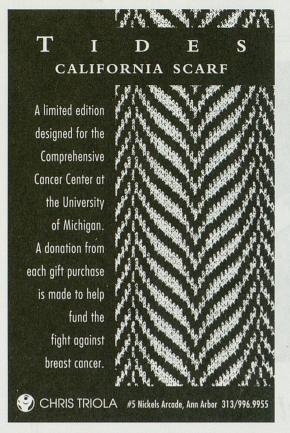


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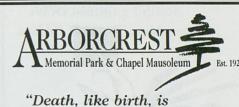
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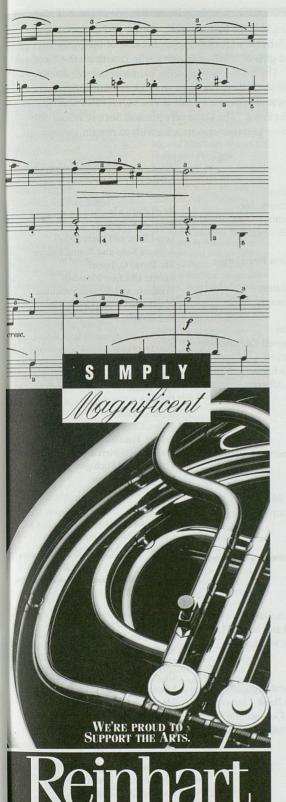
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