

Plymouth Symphony

Violinist Glenn Basham is guest artist

Violinist Glenn Basham will join the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra for its Saturday concert in Plymouth Salem High School auditorium.

Basham has distinguished himself as one of the rising young performers in America. He is the top prize winner in the 1986 National Young Artist Competition sponsored by the Renaud Foundation and hosted by the Lansing Symphony.

He is a graduate of the North Carolina School of Arts and was the first student ever to hold two merit awards simultaneously — the Vittorio Giannini Memorial Scholarship and the Nancy Reynolds Merit Scholarship.

Basham's teachers have included Alexander Prilutich, Vartan Manoukian, Iku Wang and Walter Verdehr. For two years, he was a member of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, under Antal Dorati. He has performed as a soloist with orchestras both in this country and abroad.

THE CONCERT WILL include music by Beethoven, Bruch and Brahms. Basham will join the symphony orchestra for Bruch's Symphony No. 1 in G minor, Op. 26 for Violin and Orchestra.

Although Bruch wrote 11 works for violin and orchestra, his fame

rests on this, the first of his three violin concertos. Bruch had appeared in public as a pianist, but chose the violin for his creative expression, "because the violin can sing a melody better than the piano, and melody is the soul of music."

Under the direction of Leon Gregorian, the orchestra will perform Beethoven's Overture to Egmont, Op. 84 in the opening part of the concert and conclude with Brahms' Symphony in D major, Op. 73.

Brahms' Second Symphony resulted from a summer spent in the Austrian Alps. The works' sunny warmth and genial spirits make it unique

among his symphonies.

TICKETS FOR the concert will be available at the box office. They may also be purchased at Beltner Jewelry on Ann Arbor Road in downtown Plymouth, Williams Music on Canton Center Road in Canton and Hammel Music on Middlebelt Road in Livonia. They are \$6 for adults and \$3.50 for senior citizens and full-time college students. Students 12th grade and under are admitted free.

The concert is made possible by sponsorship from the Ford Motor Co., a grant from the Michigan Council for the Arts and Plymouth Symphony League.

Curley to perform his special magic



Carlo Curley in Newburg church recital

It's a stroke of luck that is bringing Carlo Curley — dubbed as the "Pavarotti of the organ" — to Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia in an inaugural concert for the church's new organ at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28.

"We were trying to get someone notable for this opening concert," explained Newburg's music director Tim Bartlett. "On a whim, church organist Jim Bachelor called Grand Rapids to see if Curley was available and it turned out that he was. It was a stroke of luck."

Curley will perform on the church's new Allen digital computer organ in a program focusing on legendary works of Mozart, J. S. Bach, Wagner, Handel, Dupre and Regner. "It promises to be anything but dull," said Bartlett with a smile, "as Curley puts the new organ through all of its paces."

CURLEY IS RAPIDLY cutting quite a swath in music. His goal is "to dispel the elitism that obscures the enjoyment of classical music from a wider public."

He was a close friend of the late organ virtuoso Virgil Fox. The media recently has said that "Carlo Curley has inherited the mantle of the late Virgil Fox." It's these same music critics who have tagged him the "Pavarotti of the organ."

Curley, in his early 30s, is an unflinching partisan of robust performance and works ardently to win for

his instrument the esteem of the general public. The musical repertoire will be accompanied by his inimitable comments which he says will help to "decimate the elitism that obscures the enjoyment of classical music by a wider public."

By age 8, Curley played the major works of J. S. Bach from memory; in his early teens he trained formally at the North Carolina School of Arts. His most well-known teachers included Floss and Britain's celebrated organist Sir George Thalben-Ball.

HE PERFORMS OVER 100 concerts a year. He has performed from the stage of the Royal Albert Hall in London, to Carnegie Hall in New York City and has just returned from a triumphant Japanese and European tour. The most prestigious performance was undoubtedly his debut at the Edinburgh Festival, Scotland.

Curley also made history by playing the first classical organ concert in the White House. He performed the Winston Churchill Memorial Concert at Blenheim Palace, England earlier this year and performed a private concert in Copenhagen for members of the Danish Royal Family.

"With all that in mind, you can see what we mean when we say it was a stroke of luck," said Bartlett.

Admission to the performance is by complimentary ticket only. For tickets and/or information, call 422-0149.

briefly speaking

• HONORED

Andrew Dahlke, an 18-year-old saxophonist from Plymouth, was a winner in the ninth ground in the Maccabees/CKLW "Quest for the Best" young talent competition. He will now move to the grand finals on Monday, Dec. 15 in Orchestra Hall.

A freshman at the University of Michigan, Dahlke studies classical saxophone with Don Sinta and Jazz with George Benson. In addition, he is a student of borth classical and jazz piano.

Among his many awards are several scholarships to attend Interlochen Music Camp. In 1985 he was the recipient of the Plymouth Community Arts Council's Margaret E. Wilson Scholarship for the Performing Arts, the Plymouth Community Arts Council's Joanne Winkelmann Hulce Award, and the Plymouth Canton High School Band Honor Key. He also received an honorable mention from the Michigan Council for the Arts and Talen Search sponsored by the National Foundation for the Advancement in the Arts.

Complimentary tickets are now available for the grand finals at 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15 in Orchestra Hall. Those wishing to receive tickets must send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Quest for the Best," CKLW, P.O. box 282, Southfield 48037.

• DEARBORN YOUTH SYMPHONY

The first concert of the 1986-87 season of the Dearborn Youth Symphony will be presented at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Dome Room of the Dearborn Civic Center, Michigan Avenue at Greenfield Road.

Under the direction of Laura Pailin, the DYS String Orchestra will perform "Little Sully" by Gurilt; "Ode to Joy" by Beethoven; and "String in Review" by Robert Frost.

The orchestra, under the direction of Carl Karoub, will present a varied program that will include a brass quintet and piano solos. Tickets will be available at the door: \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and senior citizens. Additional information can be obtained by call 943-2354.

• QUINTET PERFORMS

The Valley Wood Quintet, a faculty performing ensemble of the Saginaw Valley State College Department of Music, will perform 4 p.m. Sunday in the Kerrytown Concert House in Ann Arbor. Tickets are \$5. Reservations are suggested. A win reception follows the concert. Call 769-2599.

• CRAFT GALLERY

Craft Gallery will hold its annual

Christmas Craft Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Roma's of Garden City, 32550 Cherry Hill, between Merriman and Venoy roads. Over 70 exhibitors will take part. Admission is \$1.50.

• JOPIECH EXHIBITS

A Farmington Hills artist who says she tries to enchant and stimulate the imagination of her audience will display her collage paintings at Central Michigan University Nov. 17-Dec. 5.

Ede Joppich, who has held more than 15 one-woman shows, will exhibit "Flying Objects" collage at the CMU Creative Arts Gallery. Joppich teaches painting and life drawing classes for the Visual Arts Association of Livonia. Currently that group has an exhibition in the lobby of the Livonia City Hall.

• ST. NICHOLAS FESTIVAL

The public is invited to the old-world style St. Nicholas Festival at Sokol Cultural Center, 23600 W. Warren, east of Telegraph, Dearborn Heights on Sunday, Nov. 30.

According to tradition, St. Nicholas — in full bishop's robes — will make an appearance, bringing each child present a gift and blessings for all. The benefit event includes Polish and Italian ethnic dinners, ethnic holiday desserts, games, bake sale, crafts and other events.

• METRO YOUTH SYMPHONY

The fifth season of the Metropolitan Youth Symphony will get under way at an anniversary concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Southfield High School.

Highlighting the event will be the performance of Brahms' Symphony No. 2, Ravels' Pavane, Dukas' Fanfare from La Perte and Daniels' Pendleton Suite.

The 266 young MYS musicians will appear in three orchestras according to age and ability.

Tickets will be available at the door for \$3.50 each. For more information, call 477-2594 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

• FINE ARTS EXHIBIT

The fall exhibit of the Garden City Fine Arts Association will be held in the Log Cabin in Garden City Park Friday, Nov. 21 through Tuesday, Nov. 25.

• WEAVERS SALE

The Mill Race Weavers Guild will hold its annual handwoven sale from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, in the Weaver's Cottage at Northville's Historical Village. There is no admission charge.



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