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Philharmonic presents 'tea & trumpets'

Farmington Area Philharmonic concertgoers will be treated to a "noisy" old evening of British music entitled *CHERRY* on Sunday, Nov. 6. The orchestra performance, which takes place at North Farmington High School (32500 13 Mile Road) at 7:30 p.m., will be preceded by a traditional British tea, complete with sweets and finger sandwiches.

There is no additional charge to concertgoers for this very special pre-concert reception, to begin at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria. The duo of Jenkins & Bryce, one of the many chamber groups from within the orchestra, will provide music for the tea. Tickets are \$8, \$12 and \$20, and available at all Metro-bank locations, and at Farmington Area Philharmonic office, 22200 Farmington Road, downtown Farmington or call (810) 478-2075.

The concert will include a British repertoire from a variety of sources. For example, alongside the standard orchestral fare for the evening — Sir Edward Elgar's "Enigma Variations" and the "Waltz Viola Concerto" — there will be selections that will be recognized even by first-time concertgoers, like the popular graduation procession song, "Pomp & Circumstance."

PREVIEW

Also included will be a suite of British Folk-Music Settings by the eccentric Australian composer Percy Grainger, who spent much of his adult life in Britain, collecting folk songs and documenting them on wax cylinder recordings. Music director Karen Nixon Lane of Livonia has chosen three of these folk songs which the composer subsequently set for orchestra, including "Shepherd's Hey," the wonderfully emotional "Irish Tune from County Derry" (better known as the Londonderry Air) and "Country Gardens."

"Grainger called these songs his 'frappies,'" said Nixon. "They are little ditties, as far as he was concerned, at least compared to his longer, more serious works. Even so, they offer us a delightful sampling of his far-reaching output." Nixon continued, "Grainger was way ahead of his time, with his experiments in simulating the sounds of nature and the inflections of the human voice through music, and he ventured into polytonality as well — but, the musical world is just now beginning to realize what a genius he really was."

Rounding out the program will be a brand-new arrangement direct from the Walt Disney Company entitled "Mary Poppins Fantasy," which is a symphonic synthesis of the most popular songs from the award-winning movie starring Julie Andrews and Dick Van Dyke.

Sir William Walton's Concerto for viola, a rarely performed, but beautiful work, will be performed by the Farmington Philharmonic's Principal Violist, Detroit Symphony member Hart Hollman.

In addition to his work as an orchestral musician, Hollman is active as a chamber music performer and teacher, performing regularly with the American Artist Series and the Ventura Quartet. He has traveled extensively throughout the United States, Europe and the Middle East as both chamber music performer and solo recitalist. He teaches privately and is a faculty member at the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit and the Utah Summer Music Festival.

The Nov. 6 performance will not be the first time that conductor Karen Nixon Lane has chosen a mixture of Classical and Pop for the Farmington Area Philharmonic. The orchestra's family "theme" concerts such as Winter Fantasies and Buckaroo Holidays bring listeners close to the music.

The next "theme" concert of the Farmington Area Philharmonic is scheduled 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11. It will be a holiday program entitled, "The Nutcracker and Other Sweets."



Soloist:
Hart Hollman will perform Sir William Walton's Concerto for viola at the Nov. 6 Farmington Area Philharmonic concert.

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Rehearsals weekly 7:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays in the Hamson High School band room, Halloween concert, 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30 at Twelve Oaks Mall. (810) 475-5014

Brunch features pianist

Scott Holden of Bloomfield Hills, an exciting young pianist, will be the featured performer at "Brunch with the Classics" noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6 at the Somerset Collection in Troy.

Holden, a multi award-winning pianist, will present a program he recently performed in Italy, plus selections from Bach-Busoni, Haydn, Schumann, Chopin, Liszt and Prokofiev.

Brunch is by Sebastians, and reservations are required, at least three days in advance. Tickets are \$25. Call (810) 643-7440 after 10 a.m.

Holden, a 1992 University of Michigan honors graduate, will be completing his master's degree in piano performance at the Juilliard School in New York City in May 1995.

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