

Church concert to feature Beethoven

First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham will present a concert of music by Beethoven at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 18, in the church sanctuary, 1669 W. Maple.

Music director Mark E. Wickens will conduct the church choir, a 30-piece orchestra and soloists in the Mass in C op. 86. Afterward, guest pianist Jeanne-Minette Cilliers will join the orchestra to play concerto No. 5 in E flat op. 73 "The Emperor."

Soloists for the Mass will be soprano Carol Petty, mezzo-soprano Wendy Bloom, tenor Robert Nickerson and bass Chris Grapen-

time. Pianist Jeanne-Minette Cilliers was the 1997 winner of the University of Michigan concerto competition.

A native of Bloomington, South Africa, Cilliers began her career at age 12, making her debut with a professional orchestra. She is now studying with Anton Nel at the University of Michigan and will be continuing her studies in Bloomington, Ind., with Menahem Pressler.

General admission at the door is \$7. Proceeds from the evening's concert will go to the Habitat for Humanity "Blitz Build" in June.

BELIEFS Values Concert series features top Christian entertainer

By RENA FULKA Special Writer

From his perch behind a grand piano, two state-of-the-art synthesizers and an electronic percussion machine, Ken Medema takes his audience on an inspirational journey that touches heart and soul.

His thought-provoking lyrics on the poor, forgotten and oppressed are offset with satirical comedy and storytelling improvisations that appeal to crowds of all ages.

"I've never seen a performance of his without people standing up, stomping their feet and clapping

in the audience," said the Rev. Dr. Stephen Jones, pastor of First Baptist Church of Birmingham. It tends to be contemporary rock. It's loud, it's lively and very up-tempo."

Oakland County residents will have the opportunity to experience Medema's musical talents at a free concert at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 17, at the First Baptist Church, 300 Willis at Bates, in Birmingham's downtown district.

The performance will be followed by a reception, where visitors can meet and talk with the Michigan-born musician/

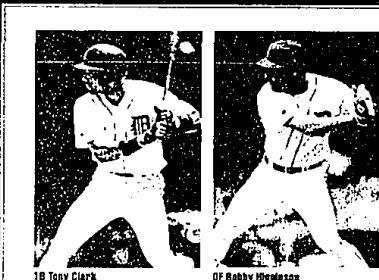


singer/poet, who has been legally blind since birth. Medema will also perform in the church's 11 a.m. worship service on May 18. As one of the nation's top contemporary Christian recording artists, Medema maintains an annual schedule of 170 performances throughout the country and abroad. His music publishing company, Brier Patch Music, is based in Grandville, Michigan. "Because the First Baptist

Church is downtown Birmingham and our sanctuary lends itself very well to this, the intent of the concert series is to make it available to the greater community," added Jones.

There are no tickets or reservations for the free performance. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. and seating is on a first-come basis. Parking is available adjacent to the church, which is between the two Jacobson Department Stores. Tapes and C.D.'s will be sold after the performance.

For more information, call the church office at (810) 644-0550.



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toward self sufficiency with the use of a hook attached to his prosthetic arm. He was then placed by the court in the Allen-town-based Good Shepherd Home for Crippled Children and Aged People, where he lived for 10 years.

For the past 25 years, Stein-

borg has traveled across North America sharing his upbeat musical talents, wit and special message that everyone is a masterpiece in progress. He has performed at concert halls, music festivals, corporate awards banquets and on television talk and variety shows including, "The

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National Easter Seal Telethon." In recognition of his achievements, he became the 13th inductee in the Good Shepherd Hall of Fame for Persons with Disabilities.

The 45-year-old singer has recorded 10 music albums including, "Masterpiece in

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together for an ecumenical cause and prick the consciences in our own congregations and make them aware that there are needs here."

Birmingham congregations supporting TEAM Center's efforts include Embury United Methodist, First Baptist, First Presbyterian, First United Methodist, Grace Baptist, Our Shepherd Lutheran, St. Andrew Lutheran and St. James Episcopal.

Bloomfield Hills congregations pledging funds are Birmingham Unitarian, Congregational Church of Birmingham, Christ Church Cranbrook and St. Hugo Roman Catholic. Beautiful Savior Lutheran, Birmingham Unitarian, Congregational Church of Birmingham, Christ Church Cranbrook, St. Hugo Roman Catholic and St. Owen Roman Catholic.

Congregations involved in Bloomfield Township include Beautiful Savior Lutheran, Nativity Episcopal, St. Owen Roman Catholic, St. Regis Roman Catholic and Temple Beth El. Also participating are Northbrook Presbyterian in Beverly Hills, Franklin Community Church, United Methodist, in Franklin and Pine Hill Congregational in West Bloomfield.

Progress" and "Tiny Giant." His autobiography, also called, "Masterpiece in Progress," is being published by New Leaf Press.

For more information or to make reservations for the concert, call the First United Methodist Church office at (810) 646-1200, ext. 3129.

TEAM Center's first annual interfaith meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on May 20, at the First Baptist Church, 300 Willis at Bates, Birmingham. Members will elect a new board and hold an open house at the Center. All sponsoring congregations are invited to attend, as well as anyone interested in helping the cause.

Volunteers are also needed to interview clients, answer phones, pack food bags, make referrals, and "do what a social worker would do on a limited basis," said Averill. Training is available.

TEAM members are also asking individuals, organizations and businesses to send those in need to the Center for non-transferable services.

"I think it's been a great success," said Jones. "To find those who would abuse the system and take them out is one major success. And that goal was accomplished very early on."

"It also cuts through ideological viewpoints," added Hanks. "We work together to help meet the needs of people and everybody can join in that."

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