

Musica Viva presents outstanding pianist



Featured soloist: Pianist Dickran Atamian will be featured at the Musica Viva concert on Dec. 11.

Musica Viva International Concert Series presents an evening with world renowned pianist Dickran Atamian, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11.

The concert will be at the Smith Performing Arts Theatre, on the campus of Oakland Community College, Orchard Lake Road at I-696, south of 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Tickets \$15-\$17, call 473-2228 for information.

A first prize winner of the Naumburg Piano Competition in

1975, Atamian has performed with all major symphonies including the Cleveland Orchestra, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, the New York Philharmonic, and under the baton of Manzel, Zinman, and De Preter.

In addition to recording for RCA and Lyra, he has had our PBS television specials. He will perform an "All Beethoven Program," including: Sonata in c minor, "Pathétique," Sonata in A Major op 101, Sonata in a F Major op 110, and the Sonata in f

minor op 55 "Appassionata."

Two world premieres will be performed in one special concert dedicated to the birthday of legendary conductor Maurice Abravanel, "The Camerata Musica Viva" 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31 at Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph Road at 14 Mile Road.

"Ez Haim" (The Tree of Life) — a tone poem for viola, flute, soprano and chamber orchestra, and the hauntingly beautiful "Sephardic Song Cycle" for soprano and chamber orchestra based

on original music of 14th century Spain.

These two works were composed for this concert by Brazilian born composer/conductor Ricardo Avelar.

On Feb. 12 "The Vogler String Quartet of Berlin" will be featured in a Program of Mozart, Janacek, and Brahms, 8 p.m. at Christ Church Cranbrook.

The March 26 concert, "From China to Michigan" will spotlight opera stars Xinlou Wu, soprano; Yulan Zhang, baritone; and Wang

Yang, piano in a program of Puccini, Verdi, Bizet, Chopin and Liszt 8 p.m. in the Smith Theatre on the campus of Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills.

"Manuel Barrueco, Classical Guitar," performs 8 p.m. April 23 at the Smith Theatre on the campus of Oakland Community College.

Musica Viva will close the series with the "Michigan Flute Festival — Gala Concert at Orchestra Hall," on May 23.

American Artists Series opens Dec. 6

The American Artists Series opens its 23rd season 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, with a concert featuring the AAS Chamber Players with soloist Theodore Oien, principal clarinetist, Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

The concert will be at Kingswood Auditorium on the Cranbrook campus, 500 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. An informal reception with the artist follows the concert. Ticket prices are the same as last year, \$12.50 for individual tickets, with a savings

for the five-concert series. For information, call 851-5044.

Rhapsodic Quintet by Herbert Howells for clarinet and string quartet; Clarinet Trio by Johannes Brahms for clarinet, cello and piano; and Piano Quintet by Cesar Franck will be included on the program.

Joann Freeman, pianist, is founder and artistic director of the American Artist Series. AAS Chamber Players and members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra performing with her for this

concert are — Marguorite Deslippe, violin; Hart Holtman, violin; Linda Snedden Smith, violin; and John Thurman, cello.

Two special programs highlight this season. The internationally recognized Newman & Oltman Guitar Duo will perform on Sunday, Jan. 17.

The world premiere of "Wunderglass," an un-opera in one act by Susan Batti, will be presented Sunday, Feb. 21. This exciting new work, based on much loved poems and stories by Lewis Car-

roll, uses six operatic voices, a conductor, an animator and eight instrumentalists.

The remaining concerts of the season will be a return to pure chamber music. Donald Baker, principal oboist of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, will be the soloist with the AAS Chamber Players Sunday, March 28. Detroit Symphony flutist, Ervin Monroe will be spotlighted with the AAS Chamber Players on Sunday, April 25.



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Local talent portrays Dickens in holiday play

Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," adapted for the stage by Barbara Field, opens 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, at the Bonstelle Theatre on the campus of Wayne State University in Detroit.

"A Christmas Carol" runs at the Bonstelle Theatre for two weekends only, Dec. 4 through Dec. 13. Performances are at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4 and 11, and Saturday, Dec. 5 and 12. Matinee performances at 2 p.m. are scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 12, and Sunday, Dec. 6 and 13.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12. Discount tickets for students, senior citi-

zens, WSU faculty and staff and WSU alumni association members are \$6.

Tickets for "A Christmas Carol" may be reserved by phone with Visa or MasterCard. For tickets or more information, call the box office at 577-2960.

The novel "A Christmas Carol" was an immediate popular success when it was first published in 1843. Since then, the story of Scrooge and his ghostly visitors has remained one of the most popular holiday tales of all time and has been produced numerous times on both stage and screen.

The cast of 40, including WSU

students and children from the community, features David Ramsey as Scrooge, Dan Welcher (Westland) as Bob Cratchit and Kim Fox (Birmingham) as Charles Dickens. The ghosts of Christmas are played by Pamela Slaughter, Christmas Past; Terry M. Los, Christmas Present; and Andrew Fitch as Christmas Future.

The Bonstelle Theatre production is directed by Robert T. Hazard, chairman of the Department of Theatre, who most recently directed the Hilberry Theatre production of "Rumors."

Larry Kaushansky, a new pro-

fessor of scenic design at Wayne State University, is designing the sets for "A Christmas Carol." Kaushansky, who was born and educated in the former Soviet Union, has designed sets and costumes for many productions, including theatre, ballet and opera.

Kaushansky will also be the scenic designer for the upcoming production of "Cyrano de Bergerac" at the Hilberry Theatre.

WSU students Rebecca Nalezty and Marcia Newman are designing costumes for "A Christmas Carol," and Hilberry company member John S. Montgomery is designing lights.

Kids get in the act in family musical

The Lunch Bunch Players will present the family musical "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown," Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 and 27, and Jan. 3 and 9 at the Henry Ford Centennial Library on Michigan Avenue at Greenfield in Dearborn.

Tickets are \$5 children, \$7 adults with lunch available for \$2.

For tickets call 326-7042 or 277-6009.

This professional children's theater features youngsters ages 5 to 17 who play the Peanuts characters, including Snoopy.

The show is double cast. Cast A features Nicole Link of Livonia as Lucy, Jenny Florkowski of Redford as Snoopy, Brooke Andres of

Livonia as Patty, and Parker Plage of Canton as Schroeder.

Cast B features Steve Thompson of West Bloomfield as Charlie Brown, Janet Patton of Farmington as Lucy, Chris Jones of Southfield as Linus, Ryan Jones of Southfield as Snoopy and Ashley Armbruster of Canton as Woodstock.

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