

# Detroit Chamber Winds launches new season Sunday

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The Detroit Chamber Winds opens its 15th anniversary season Sunday with a performance of works by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

The concert, the first of six programs planned for the area this season, is at 4 p.m. at the Birmingham Unitarian Church, 651 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. This season's lineup adds a program to the Chamber Winds' traditional five.

Four guests artists — conductor Peter Oundjian, violinist Miriam Fried and pianists Ruth

Laredo and James Tocco — will join the group for a June performance. And two holiday shows will feature choirs from the churches where the concerts take place.

The ensemble, whose members are from the Detroit Symphony and Michigan Opera Theatre orchestras, is busy outside of the concert hall as well. This week, it is recording six works by William Bolcom, a contemporary composer and a music professor at the University of Michigan.

"In the contemporary field, he's a very well-known and respected composer. He's a star

in that field," said the Chamber Winds' Maury Okun. Bolcom won the 1988 Pulitzer Prize in music.

The recording season, with Koch International Classics, took about a year to organize, Okun said. Bolcom will play the piano on one piece.

Some of the works are not available on compact disc. "We just tried to pick music that is an interesting mix for the listener," Okun said.

Grants from the Aaron Copland Fund for Music and the U-M Faculty Discretionary Fund will help the group cover its

share of the cost of making the recording.

The group recently released a Koch CD of works by Igor Stravinsky. The Bolcom recording will be available late next year.

The Detroit Chamber Winds features woodwind and brass instruments and some stringed instruments. There about 25 members altogether, but 10 to 15 are needed for the typical concert, Okun said.

The group also plans performances this season in Grand Rapids and at Cornell University

in New York.

Here is the schedule for the 1996-97 season:

• Mozart — A New Look, 4 p.m. Sunday, Birmingham Unitarian Church.

• Brass Brilliance, 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10, Christ Church Cranbrook.

• Holiday Brass, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, Christ Church Cranbrook, and 7:30 p.m. at Gross Pointe Memorial Church.

• A Winter Gathering, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17, Lila Jones-Johnson Theatre, Royal Oak campus, Oakland Community College.

• Serenades Plus, 3 p.m. Sunday, March 2, Birmingham Unitarian Church.

• DOW Chamber Players, 8 p.m. Saturday, June 14, Temple. Both El sanctuary with conductor Peter Oundjian, violinist Miriam Fried and pianists James Tocco and Ruth Laredo.

Individual concert tickets are \$20, \$10 for students and senior citizens and \$10 for children under 12. Season tickets are available for \$90, \$75 for students and seniors. To buy tickets, call (810) 382-9329.

# Lincoln Center Ensemble opens Cranbrook Music Guild series

Cranbrook Music Guild chamber series will open its 45th season 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27 with a piano quartet from the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center that includes society members Ani Kavafian, (violin); Paul Neubauer, (viola); Lee Luvist,

(piano); and guest artist Ronald Thomas (cello). All concerts are given in the oak-paneled library of Cranbrook House on Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills, and followed by candlelight and wine receptions. Season tickets are

\$75 regular, and \$110 patron. Single concert tickets are also available, call (810) 761-2435, seating is limited.

Founded in 1969 at the Lincoln Center for Performing Arts in New York, the Chamber Music Society consists of a core

group of master artist members augmented by invited guest artists.

This elite group of highly accomplished musicians plays in varying configurations and performs in New York, on national and international broadcasts. In

its 25 years, the society has commissioned over 90 new works from a formidable array of composers including Samuel Barber, Leonard Bernstein, and William Bolcom to name a few.

Cranbrook Music Guild is especially pleased to welcome

back violinist Ani Kavafian, who grew up in Detroit, as part of the Guild's Young Artist Scholarship in 1966.

The Guild's six-concert series continues Tuesday, Oct. 29 with pianist Flavio Varrani.

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