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## FROM THE U-M PRESIDENT

elcome to this University Musical Society (UMS) performance. We at the University of Michigan are proud of UMS and of the world-class artists and ensembles that it brings each season to the University and southeast Michigan. As UMS marks its 130th continuous season, making it the oldest university-related presenter in the United States, we are also celebrating the outstanding educational programs it offers to people of all ages and the new works in dance, theater, and music it commissions.

When I consider which UMS events best exemplify the melding of artistic performance and education, I point to the three-week residencies of the Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC) that we have enjoyed in 2001, 2003, and 2006, two of which were US exclusive presentations attracting audiences from 39 states and five countries.

I am pleased UMS has chosen to celebrate the partnership between the RSC, UMS, and U-M at this year's **14th Ford Honors Program**. At the heart of this unique partnership has been the extraordinary artist-scholar relationship between the RSC's Olivier Award-winning Artistic Director Michael Boyd and U-M's beloved Professor Ralph Williams, both of whom will be honored at the program. This year's Ford Honors Program, usually held in May, will take place **Saturday, January 24, 2009**, so that students who have participated in the RSC residencies or who have had Professor Williams in class will be able to attend. Professor Williams will retire from U-M at the end of this academic year, and I hope you will join me at this very special event.

This UMS winter season also brings us multi-day performances combined with numerous educational opportunities when the **New York Philharmonic** visits on March 7 and 8, and when **Yo-Yo Ma** brings his Silk Road Project to campus March 13 and 14.

Audience members also have a chance to delve into the rich diversity of cultural expressions from the Arab world, as UMS completes its **Performing Arts of the Arab World** series this term. I encourage you to attend **Gilgamesh** in January, **Aswat: Celebrating the Golden Age of Arab Music** in March, and **Mohammed Bennis and the Hmadcha Ensemble** in April along with the educational programs surrounding them.

There are many other UMS events as well as performances, exhibitions, and cultural activities offered by our faculty and students in U-M's many other units. To learn more about arts and culture at Michigan, including the March 21 performance commemorating the 25th anniversary of U-M's acclaimed musical theater program and the March 28 grand re-opening of the restored and expanded U-M Museum of Art, please visit the University's website at www.umich.edu.

Sincerely,

Mary Sue Coleman
President, University of Michigan



## FROM THE UMS PRESIDENT

Pelcome to this UMS performance. Thank you for supporting UMS through your attendance, especially during these challenging times. The entire UMS family of Board, Senate, and Advisory Committee members; staff colleagues; Choral Union members; ushers; and hundreds of other volunteers are grateful that you're here and hope that you'll enjoy the experience and attend more UMS events during this second half of our 130th season. You'll find all of our remaining performances listed on page 2 of your program insert.

At UMS, we try to make sure that our events offer a chance to learn something new, to look at the world through a different lens, or even to change lives. You'll find much to choose from as solo artists and ensembles from all over the world visit our community and engage with our audiences in many ways. Artists can lift the spirit, challenge perceptions, provide comfort, and deepen understanding. So whether it's the Guarneri Quartet's Farewell Tour concert; the New York Philharmonic's residency; Simon Shaheen's Aswat production; Yo-Yo Ma's two Silk Road events; Chick Corea and John McLaughlin's reunion; or our 2009 Ford Honors Program celebrating the Royal Shakespeare Company, its Artistic Director Michael Boyd, and U-M Professor Ralph Williams, we hope you'll find meaning and value as we connect you with our artists for uncommon and engaging experiences.

I have had the pleasure over the past two years of working in partnership with UMS Board Chair Carl Herstein, who has provided outstanding lay leadership to UMS. His term comes to an end in June. Be sure to read his letter on P/5 of this program book, and you'll get a sense of how we've benefited from his knowledge of our history, his understanding of the power of the arts, and his deep appreciation of each member of the UMS family who attends our performances, donates to our organization, or volunteers their services. Thanks for your dedicated service, Carl.

Feel free to get in touch with me if you have any questions, comments, or problems. If you don't see me in the lobby, send me an e-mail message at kenfisch@umich.edu or call me at 734.647.1174.

And thanks again for coming to this event.

Very best wishes,

Kenneth C. Fischer UMS President



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In these times of economic uncertainty and unease about the future, the power of the arts reminds us of enduring values. In its 130 years, UMS and its numerous generations of patrons and audiences have seen many times of anxiety and turmoil, each of which was unprecedented in its day. Throughout that time, great artists performing important works helped the UMS community come to grips with the world. In some cases this occurred because the performance of a classic work brought a sense of reassurance, harmony, and peace. In others, a modern work challenged the audience to come to terms with unsettling new realities. The best of these performances were transformative events, helping to shape the emotional and intellectual response of each audience member to contemporary events.

We are immensely fortunate that an appreciation of this powerful legacy led these audiences to steward UMS safely through the vicissitudes of world wars, global depression, demographic and cultural changes, and intellectual and scientific revolutions. The arts which UMS has presented and fostered have remained an indispensable part of our common ability to make sense of a world that never ceases to amaze, surprise, and sometimes frighten us. Succeeding generations have bequeathed to us a legacy of involvement and support so that we too are able to enjoy the sustenance and inspiration that is the gift of great art.

It is, therefore, critically important that we do our part to cherish and preserve the legacy that our community is so fortunate to enjoy. By bringing friends to performances, becoming involved with the UMS Advisory Committee, participating in educational events, supporting youth performances, and providing the ever-critical financial support that makes the work of UMS possible, you are continuing the work of bringing the power of the arts to us all at a time when it is very much needed. We want to thank all of you who have participated in this work with your support of the UMS Difference Campaign, which has been a success due to the commitment not merely of a few, but of 4,279 of you who believe that what UMS does makes a real difference in the life of our community. If you are one of those 4.279, you have our deepest thanks and our encouragement to continue to be a vital part of the UMS family; if you have not yet contributed, please consider deepening your engagement with us. We think you will find, as so many others have before you, that it will make your UMS experience more meaningful, more personal, and will have the added benefit of making it more accessible to others who have not yet enjoyed the experiences that have been so important to you and to us.

Thank you for coming to this performance. Whether you have come a hundred times before or for the first time today, please know that you are always welcome in the UMS family; a group which gathers strength from its diversity, honors its extraordinary past, and works for a future of excellence no matter what transient challenges we may face.

Sincerely,

Carl W. Herstein

Chair, UMS Board of Directors

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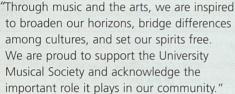
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"We at Ann Arbor Automotive are pleased to support the artistic variety and program excellence given to us by the University Musical Society."





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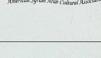
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Kingsley P. Wootton

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"Congratulations on your 130th season! Our community is, indeed, fortunate to have an internationally renowned musical society. The extraordinary array of artists; the variety, breadth, and depth of each season's program; and the education and community component are exceptional and are key ingredients in the quality of life for our community, region, and state. It is an honor to contribute to LIMS!"



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## Carl W. Herstein

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"Honigman is proud to support non-profit organizations in the communities where our partners and employees live and work. We are thrilled to support the University Musical Society and commend UMS for its extraordinary programming, commissioning of new work, and educational outreach programs."



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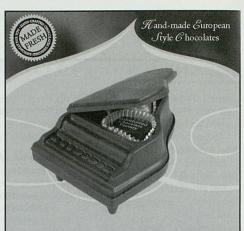
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For hearing-impaired persons, Hill Auditorium, Power Center, and Rackham Auditorium are equipped with assistive listening devices. Earphones may be obtained upon arrival. Please ask an usher for assistance.

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UMS offers valet parking service for Hill Auditorium performances in the 08/09 Choral Union series. Cars may be dropped off in front of Hill Auditorium beginning one hour before each performance. There is a \$20 fee for this service. UMS members at the Concertmaster level (\$7,500) and above are invited to use this service at no charge.

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For up-to-date parking information, please visit www.ums.org/parking.

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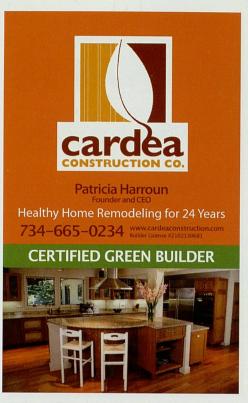
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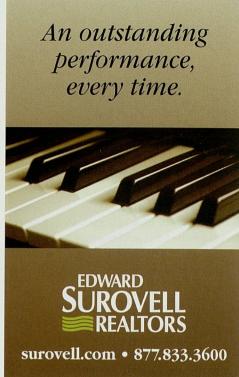
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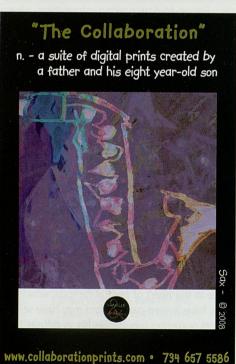
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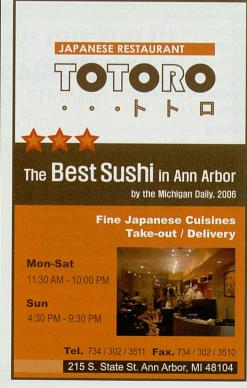
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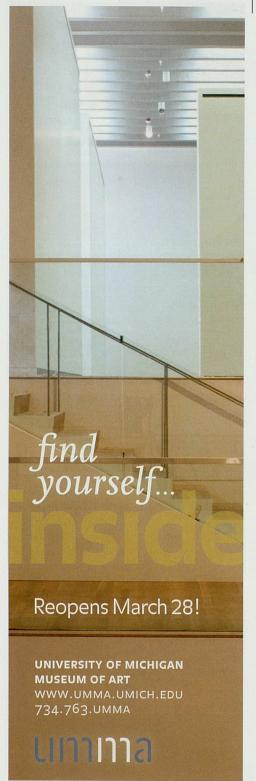
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# UMS/Annals

## UMS HISTORY

hrough a commitment to presentation. education, and the creation of new work, the University Musical Society (UMS) serves Michigan audiences by bringing to our community an ongoing series of world-class artists, who represent the diverse spectrum of today's vigorous and exciting live performing arts world. Over the past 130 years, strong leadership coupled with a devoted community has placed UMS in a league of internationally recognized performing arts presenters. Today, the UMS seasonal program is a reflection of a thoughtful respect for this rich and varied history, balanced by a commitment to dynamic and creative visions of where the performing arts will take us in this new millennium. Every day UMS seeks to cultivate, nurture, and stimulate public interest and participation in every facet of the live arts.

UMS grew from a group of local university and townspeople who gathered together for the study of Handel's Messiah. Led by Professor Henry Simmons Frieze and conducted by Professor Calvin Cady, the group assumed the name The Choral Union. Their first performance of Handel's Messiah was in December of 1879 and this glorious oratorio has since been performed by the UMS Choral Union annually.

As many Choral Union members also belonged to the University, the University Musical Society was established in December, 1880. UMS included the Choral Union and University Orchestra, and throughout the year presented a series of concerts featuring local and visiting artists and ensembles.

Since that first season in 1880, UMS has expanded greatly and now presents the very best from the full spectrum of the performing arts-internationally renowned recitalists and orchestras, dance and chamber ensembles. iazz and world music performers, and opera and theater. Through educational endeavors, commissioning of new works, youth programs, artist residencies, and other collaborative projects, UMS has maintained its reputation for quality, artistic distinction, and innovation. UMS now hosts over 50 performances and more than 125 educational events each season. UMS has flourished with the support of a generous community that this year gathers in eight different Ann Arbor venues.

The UMS Choral Union has likewise expanded its charge over its 130-year history. Recent collaborations have included the Grammy Award-winning recording of William Bolcom's Songs of Innocence and of Experience (2004), John Adams's On the Transmigration of Souls with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra (2007), and Shostakovich's Symphony No. 13 ("Babi Yar") with the Kirov Orchestra of St. Petersburg (2006).

While proudly affiliated with the University of Michigan, housed on the Ann Arbor campus, and a regular collaborator with many University units, UMS is a separate not-for-profit organization that supports itself from ticket sales, corporate and individual contributions, foundation and government grants, special project support from U-M, and endowment income.

## UMS VENUES AND BURTON MEMORIAL TOWER

## Hill Auditorium

After an 18-month \$38.6-million dollar renovation overseen by Albert Kahn Associates, Inc. and historic preservation architects Ouinn Evans/Architects, Hill Auditorium re-opened to the public in January 2004. Originally built in 1913, renovations have updated Hill's infrastructure and restored much of the interior to its original splendor. Exterior renovations include the reworking of brick paving and stone retaining wall areas, restoration of the south entrance plaza, reworking of the west barrier-free ramp and loading dock, and improvements to landscaping.

Interior renovations included the creation of additional restrooms, the improvement of barrier-free circulation by providing elevators and an addition with ramps, new seats to



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increase patron comfort, introduction of barrierfree seating and stage access, the replacement of theatrical performance and audio-visual systems, and the complete replacement of mechanical and electrical infrastructure systems for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning.

Hill Auditorium seats 3,575.

## Michigan Theater

The historic Michigan Theater opened January 5, 1928 at the peak of the vaudeville/movie palace era. Designed by Maurice Finkel, the 1.710-seat theater cost around \$600,000 when it was first built. As was the custom of the day, the theater was equipped to host both film and live stage events, with a full-size stage, dressing rooms, an orchestra pit, and the Barton Theater Organ. At its opening, the theater was acclaimed as the best of its kind in the country. Since 1979, the theater has been operated by the not-for-profit Michigan Theater Foundation. With broad community support, the Foundation has raised over \$8 million to restore and improve the Michigan Theater. The beautiful interior of the theater was restored in 1986.

In the fall of 1999, the Michigan Theater opened a new 200-seat screening room addition, which also included expanded restroom facilities for the historic theater. The gracious facade and entry vestibule was restored in 2000.

#### **Power Center**

The Power Center for the Performing Arts grew out of a realization that the University of Michigan had no adequate proscenium-stage theater for the performing arts. Hill Auditorium was too massive and technically limited for most productions, and the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre was too small. The Power Center was built to supply this missing link in design and seating capacity.

In 1963, Eugene and Sadye Power, together with their son Philip, wished to make a major gift to the University, and amidst a list of University priorities "a new theater" was

mentioned. The Powers were immediately interested, realizing that state and federal governments were unlikely to provide financial support for the construction of a new theater.

Opening in 1971 with the world première of The Grass Harp (based on the novel by Truman Capote), the Power Center achieved the seemingly contradictory combination of providing a soaring interior space with a unique level of intimacy. Architectural features include two large spiral staircases leading from the orchestra level to the balcony and the wellknown mirrored glass panels on the exterior. The lobby of the Power Center presently features two hand-woven tapestries: Modern Tapestry by Roy Lichtenstein and Volutes (Arabesque) by Pablo Picasso.

The Power Center seats approximately 1,400 people.

Arbor Springs Water Company is generously providing complimentary water to UMS artists backstage at the Power Center throughout the 08/09 season.

#### Rackham Auditorium

Sixty years ago, chamber music concerts in Ann Arbor were a relative rarity, presented in an assortment of venues including University Hall (the precursor to Hill Auditorium), Hill Auditorium, and Newberry Hall, the current home of the Kelsey Museum. When Horace H. Rackham, a Detroit lawyer who believed strongly in the importance of the study of human history and human thought, died in 1933, his will awarded the University of Michigan the funds not only to build the Horace H. Rackham Graduate School, which houses Rackham Auditorium, but also to establish a \$4 million endowment to further the development of graduate studies. Even more remarkable than the size of the gift is the fact that neither he nor his wife ever attended the University of Michigan.

Designed by architect William Kapp and architectural sculptor Corrado Parducci, Rackham Auditorium was quickly recognized

as the ideal venue for chamber music. In 1941. UMS presented its first chamber music festival with the Musical Art Quartet of New York performing three concerts in as many days, and the current Chamber Arts Series was born in 1963 Chamber music audiences and artists. alike appreciate the intimacy, beauty, and fine acoustics of the 1,129-seat auditorium, which has been the location for hundreds of chamber music concerts throughout the years.

## St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

Dedicated in 1969, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church has grown from 248 families when it first started to more than 2,800 today. The present church seats 1,000 people and has ample free parking. In 1994, St. Francis purchased a splendid three manual "mechanical action" organ with 34 stops and 45 ranks, built and installed by Orgues Letourneau from Saint Hyacinthe, Ouebec. Through dedication, a commitment to superb liturgical music, and a vision to the future, the parish improved the acoustics of the church building, and the reverberant sanctuary has made the church a gathering place for the enjoyment and contemplation of sacred a cappella choral music and early music ensembles.

#### **Burton Memorial Tower**

Seen from miles away, Burton Memorial Tower is one of the most well-known University of Michigan and Ann Arbor landmarks. Designed by Albert Kahn in 1935 as a memorial to U-M President Marion Leroy Burton, the 10-story tower is built of Indiana limestone with a height of 212 feet. The carillon, one of only 23 in the world, is the world's fourth heaviest. containing 55 bells and weighing a total of 43 tons. UMS has occupied administrative offices in this building since its opening, with a brief pause in the year 2000 for significant renovations.



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Remember, everyone must have a ticket, regardless of age.

#### While in the Auditorium

Starting Time Every attempt is made to begin concerts on time. Latecomers are asked to wait in the lobby until seated by ushers at a predetermined time in the program.

Cameras and recording equipment are prohibited in the auditorium.

If you have a question, ask your usher. They are here to help.

Please turn off your cellular phones and other digital devices so that everyone may enjoy this UMS event disturbance-free. In case of emergency, advise your paging service of auditorium and seat location in Ann Arbor venues, and ask them to call University Security at 734.763.1131.

In the interests of saving both dollars and the environment, please either retain this program book and return with it when you attend other UMS performances included in this edition or return it to your usher when leaving the venue.

## **Event Program Book**

Saturday, April 11, 8:00 pm

Hill Auditorium

Wednesday, April 1 through Saturday, April 11, 2009

## 5 John Williams Wednesday, April 1, 8:00 pm Rackham Auditorium Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra 7 Thursday, April 2, 8:00 pm Hill Auditorium 17 Chick Corea and John McLaughlin **Five Peace Band** Saturday, April 4, 8:00 pm Hill Auditorium András Schiff 21 Beethoven Sonata Project Concert VII Thursday, April 9, 8:00 pm Hill Auditorium András Schiff 23 Beethoven Sonata Project Concert VIII

# THE 130TH UMS SEASON

## **Fall 2008**

## September

10-14 Wed-Sun – Complicite: A Disappearing Number 19-20 Fri-Sat – Mark Morris Dance Group 27 Sat – Wayne Shorter Quartet and the Imani Winds

#### October

4 Sat – The Art of the Oud featuring Omar Bashir, Rahim AlHaj, and Farida and the Iraqi Magam Ensemble

12 Sun – Sphinx Orchestra

12 Sun – Tokyo String Quartet with

15 Wed - Compagnie Heddy Maalem: The Rite of Spring

17 Fri – Soweto Gospel Choir

18 Sat - Milton Nascimento and the Jobim Trio

19 Sun – Camerata Salzburg with Anne-Sophie Mutter, violin

24 *Fri* – András Schiff: Beethoven Concert 5 26 *Sun* – András Schiff: Beethoven Concert 6

27 Mon - Michigan Chamber Players

#### November

7 Fri – Joe Lovano "Us Five" Quintet and Jason Moran
 8 Sat – Emanuel Ax and Yefim Bronfman, pianos
 13 Thu – Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir
 16 Sun – Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra with Robert
 McDuffie, violin

#### December

6-7 Sat-Sun - Handel's Messiah

## Winter 2009

#### January

9-11 Fri-Sun – Rubberbandance Group

11 Sun - Guarneri String Quarte

16 Fri - Tord Gustavsen Trio

23-24 Fri-Sat – Gilgamesh: Kinan Azmeh, clarinet and Kevork Mourad, MaxMSP

24 Sat – Ford Honors Program honoring the Royal Shakespeare Company, Michael Boyd, and Ralph Williams

25 Sun - Richard Goode, piano

29 Thu - Chanticleer

31 Sat - Michigan Chamber Players

## February

7 Sat – Lawrence Brownlee, tenor with Martin Katz, piano

12 Thu – Sweet Honey In The Rock

13 Fri - Kodo

14-15 Sat-Sun - Batsheva Dance Company

#### March

7-8 Sat-Sun - New York Philharmonic

10 Tue – Wynton Marsalis and Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra

11 Wed – Brentano String Quartet with Peter Serkin, piano and Thomas Meglioranza, baritone

12 Thu – Aswat: Celebrating the Golden Age of Arab Music with Simon Shaheen and the Golden Age Orchestra

13-14 Fri-Sat – The Silk Road Ensemble with

18 Wed - Altenberg Trio Vienna

22 Sun – Zakir Hussain, tabla with Pandit Shivkumar Sharma, santoo

26 Thu - The Romeros

29 Sun - Dan Zanes & Friends

#### April

1 Wed - John Williams, guitar

2 *Thu* – Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra with Anssi Karttunen, cello

4 Sat – Chick Corea and John McLaughlin: Five Peace Band

9 Thu - András Schiff: Beethoven Concert 7

11 Sat – András Schiff: Beethoven Concert 8

16 *Thu* – Kurt Elling Sings the Coltrane/Hartman Songbook

17 Fri – Takács Quartet with Marc-André Hamelin, piano 18-19 Sat-Sun – Mohammed Bennis and the Hmadcha

Ensemble (from the Fez Festival of Sufi Culture)

23 Thu - UMS Choral Union

24 *Fri* – Julia Fischer, violin with Milana Chernyavska, piano 25-26 *Sat-Sun* – Compagnie Marie Chouinard

#### May

8 Fri - Breakin' Curfew

# UMS Educational Events through April 11, 2009

All UMS educational activities are free, open to the public, and take place in Ann Arbor unless otherwise noted. For complete details and updates, please visit **www.ums.org** or contact the UMS education department at 734.647.6712 or umsed@umich.edu.

## John Williams

#### PREP: Classical Guitar

Wednesday, April 1, 7:00 pm 202 South Thayer Building, Room 2022 915 E. Washington (the corner of Thayer and Washington)

Classical guitar performer and teacher Matthew Ardizzone conducts a lecture/demonstration focusing on John Williams, his sound, and legacy in the world of classic guitar. Mr. Ardizzone has performed and taught master classes at schools throughout the country. The first guitarist to receive a doctorate in performance from the Eastman School of Music, his other accolades include First Prize in the 1995 Rantucci Guitar Competition and fifth place in the 1997 Stotsenberg International Guitar Competition.

## Chick Corea and John McLaughlin: Five Peace Band

## Vinyl/CD Exchange

Saturday, April 4, 6:45–8:00 pm Hill Auditorium Lower Lobby, 825 N. University Ave.

Looking for fresh, new music? Come meet and mingle with other jazz lovers while discovering new artists and albums. Bring your favorite jazz vinyl and CDs to share and exchange while picking up a few new titles of your own. You must have a ticket to the performance to attend.

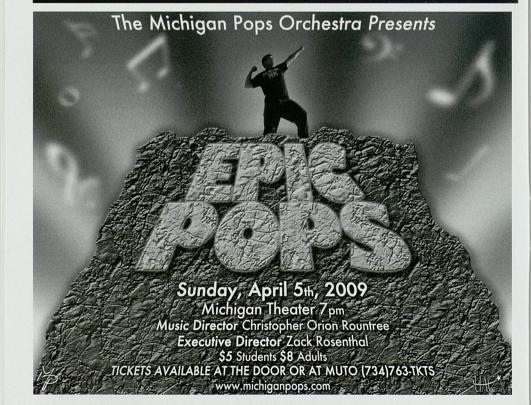
# Virtual Photo Exhibit Then and Now: Community and Cultural Change from the Fusion Era to Today Online

The University Musical Society and the Ann Arbor District Library invite you to participate in "Then and Now: Community and Cultural Change from the Fusion Era to Today," in celebration of Ann Arbor's community heritage from 1968–1975 and the return of Chick Corea and John McLaughlin to UMS on April 4. Both of these musicians have continually re-invented themselves over the years while maintaining an exceptional level of artistry and commitment to their music. Help us to show Ann Arbor's parallel evolution in its cultural, musical, and community landscape. Do you have a photograph from that era or the present day that you'd like to share? We'd love to include it online. Visit www.aadl.org for more details.

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# John Williams

**Program** 

Wednesday Evening, April 1, 2009 at 8:00 Rackham Auditorium • Ann Arbor

Antonio Vivaldi I J.S. Bach, Arr John Williams

Concerto in D Major, Op. 3, No. 9

Allegro Larghetto Allegro

Domenico Scarlatti Arr. Williams

Two Sonatas

Enrique Granados, Arr. Williams

Valses poeticos, H. 147

Isaac Albéniz, Arr. Williams

12 Piezas caracteristicas, Op. 92, No. 12 (excerpt) Torre Bermeja (Serenata)

Williams

Notes in the Margin

INTERMISSION

Agustin Barrios Mangoré

La Catedral

Lento (Preludio saudade) Andante religioso Allegro solemne

Peter Sculthorpe

Djilile

John T. Williams, Arr. Williams

Theme from Schindler's List

Ennio Morricone, Arr. Williams

Theme from Cinema Paradiso

Stanley Myers, Arr. Williams

Cavatina from The Deer Hunter

Williams

Prelude to a Song Open End Song without Words Hello Francis

Traditional, Arr. Williams

Carolan's Concerto and Irish Tunes

54th Performance of the 130th Annual Season

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Special thanks to Matthew Ardizzone for his participation in this residency. Special thanks to Steven Ball for coordinating the pre-concert music on the Charles Baird Carillon.

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John Williams appears by arrangement with Arts Management Group, Inc., New York, NY.

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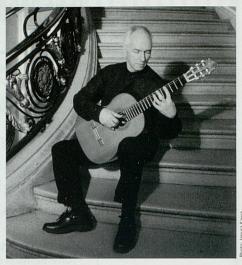
orn in Melbourne, Australia, John Williams can be regarded as a foremost ambassador of the guitar. He was taught by his father and later attended summer courses with Segovia at the Academia Musicale Chigiana in Siena, Italy and the Royal College of Music in London. By the early 1960s he had performed in London, Paris, Madrid. Japan, Russia, and the US; he has since toured the world playing both solo and with orchestra, and regularly on radio and television.

Amongst his collaborations with other musicians, those with Julian Bream, Itzhak Perlman. André Previn, Cleo Laine, and John Dankworth are particularly important. His other musical activities have included the groups SKY. John Williams and Friends, Attacca, collaborations with The National Youth Jazz Orchestra with Paul Hart, Paco Peña. the Chilean group Inti-Illimani, Richard Harvey, and jazz guitarist John Etheridge, with whom he teamed up for a highly successful duo tour in the UK and US in 06/07. The duo's program "Places Between" was also recorded by Sony BMG and released in 2006

Mr. Williams maintains a wide-ranging interest in contemporary music. Examples include his recording of music by the Japanese composer Toru Takemitsu with the London Sinfonietta, From Australia featuring the music of Peter Sculthorpe and Nigel Westlake, and The Black Decameron with music by the Cuban composer Leo Brouwer which includes Brouwer's Concerto No. 4.

In 2001 Sony Classical released his CD entitled The Magic Box in which his group John Williams and Friends presented adaptations of African music. Sony also recently released a solo CD entitled El Diablo Suelto, a collection of Venezuelan music.

Mr. Williams plays often for films, which have included The Deerhunter (Cavatina) and A Fish Called Wanda. Mr. Williams also plays tennis (badly), badminton (average), chess (quite well), table tennis (better), and likes talking (about anything). He lives in London.



John Williams

## **IIMS Archives**

his evening's performance marks John Williams' sixth appearance under UMS auspices. Mr. Williams made his UMS debut at Hill Auditorium in October 1978 with guitarist Julian Bream. He most recently appeared in April 2007 at Rackham Auditorium with quitarist John Etheridge.

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# Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra

David Robertson, *Conductor* Anssi Karttunen, *Cello* 

Program

Thursday Evening, April 2, 2009 at 8:00 Hill Auditorium • Ann Arbor

Richard Wagner

Parsifal (excerpt) Good Friday Music

John Adams

**Guide to Strange Places** 

INTERMISSION

Bernd Alois Zimmermann

Canto di speranza

Andante teneramente Alla breve; a tempo giusto; Larghetto molto; Sostenuto; Più mosso; Cadenza

Andante teneramente

All movements played attacca (without pause)

Mr. Karttunen

Jean Sibelius

Symphony No. 5 in E-flat Major, Op. 82

Tempo molto moderato; Allegro moderato; Presto Andante mosso, quasi allegretto Allegro molto; Largamente assai

55th Performance of the 130th Annual Season

130th Annual Choral Union Series

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Tonight's performance is supported by the William R. Kinney Endowment Fund.

Special thanks to David Robertson, Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra Music Director and Conductor, for his participation in tonight's Prelude Dinner.

Media partnership provided by WGTE 91.3 FM and *Observer & Eccentric* Newspapers.

The Steinway piano used in tonight's concert is made possible by William and Mary Palmer and by the Steinway Piano Gallery of Detroit.

Special thanks to Tom Thompson of Tom Thompson Flowers, Ann Arbor, for his generous contribution of lobby floral art for this evening's performance.

Special thanks to Steven Ball for coordinating the pre-concert music on the Charles Baird Carillon.

The Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra appears by arrangement with Opus 3 Artists, New York, NY.

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## Good Friday Music from Parsifal (1882)

Richard Wagner

Born May 22, 1813 in Leipzig, Germany Died February 13, 1883 in Venice, Italy

## Snapshot of history...

#### In 1882:

- · Igor Stravinsky, Virginia Woolf, James Joyce, and FDR are born
- · Electric light illuminates parts of London and New York
- Robert Koch discovers the tuberculosis bacillus.
- · Carlo Collodi publishes his children's book Pinocchio and Mark Twain publishes The Prince and the Pauper
- · Second Anglo-Egyptian War

Bühnenweihfestspiel—this mouthful of a German word (really four words in one) is what Wagner called Parsifal, his final opera. The word translates as "stage-consecration-festival-play," or "festival play to consecrate a theater." The Bavreuth Festspielhaus, the theater especially constructed for the performance of Wagner's works, had opened in 1876 with the Ring cycle (the first two operas of which had been previously given in Munich), but it was Parsifal that had been conceived entirely with the festival atmosphere in Bayreuth in mind, Based on the medieval poems of Chrétien de Troyes and Wolfram von Eschenbach, the opera's action is much more spiritual and symbolic than that of any of the earlier Wagner works. It is all about the inner evolution of a hero, a wild and ignorant. youth when we first see him, who experiences illumination by learning to feel empathy with the suffering of others. Durch Mitleid wissend, der reine Tor (wise through compassion, the purehearted fool) eventually makes himself worthy of the Holy Grail of which he becomes the ruler at the end of the opera.

Parsifal, in other words, presents a rite of passage. The Nordic pagan mythology whose characters populated the Ring gave way to Christian imagery here; Parsifal's spiritual awakening is set against the background of nature's awakening in springtime and the religious renewal of the Easter season. Therefore, the Good Friday music from Act III is the very heart of the opera; the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection inspires Parsifal's conversion and symbolizes the transition from darkness to light that is the real meaning of Wagner's work.

In the opera, the "Good Friday Spell" is not a purely orchestral excerpt but includes singing parts. The stage is set in the forest near the castle of Montsalvat, where the Holy Grail (the chalice in which Joseph of Arimathea had gathered Christ's blood) is preserved. Gurnemanz, an old knight of the Grail and Parsifal's mentor, anoints the younger man as King of the holy brotherhood. Parsifal's first action as a ruler of the Grail is to baptize Kundry, a mysterious sorceress who, formerly in the service of the evil magician Klingsor, has long craved after the light and truth of the Grail.

Parsifal is enraptured by the beauty of the forests and meadows that stand in bloom as the day begins to dawn. He does not understand how nature can exult on this, the most tragic of all days. Gurnemanz explains to him how the magic of Good Friday turns the sinners' tears into holy dew and makes all the wonders of nature possible. The world rejoices because through the Salvation it has become free from sin, and celebrates its Unschuldstag, its day of innocence.

## Guide to Strange Places (2001)

John Adams

Born February 15, 1947 in Worcester, Massachusetts

## Snapshot of history...

#### In 2001:

- · George W. Bush becomes President of the US
- World Trade Center is destroyed on September 11
- W.G. Sebald publishes Austerlitz and is killed in a car accident the same year
- The films Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone and The Lord of the Rings are released
- Composer Iannis Xenakis dies

Journeys have played a recurrent role in the works of John Adams. The composer has often spoken about his road trips across the Nevada desert which, he claims, have had an important effect on his music. Among his works, we find titles such as Short Ride in a Fast Machine or Road Movies. His Chamber Symphony was inspired in part by the "zipping" of the Roadrunner, the famous cartoon character. These associations give a deeper meaning to the high motoric energy which has always been at the center of Adams's music, ever since his early minimalist period. Yet Adams has traveled very far during his 40-year career as a composer. The repetitive techniques derived from minimalism have been combined with a sophisticated and virtuosic instrumental writing in the works of the last two decades. Without betraying his former stance as a member of the opposition against the serial and neo-Romantic trends of the 1970s, Adams, the composer-conductor, has conquered the genres and institutions of today's symphonic mainstream.

The commission for *Guide to Strange Places* came from Holland, and Adams led the world première at the Amsterdam Concertgebouw with the Netherlands Philharmonic on October 6, 2001.

In the words of one critic: "The score begins in the motoric open-top vein of *Fearful Symmetries* or *Road Movies*, but soon drives us towards darker and more ambivalent territory. Mountainous landscapes rear up as barriers against progress, and frightening chasms interrupt the journey, which becomes progressively more nightmarish until motion is halted by a threatening bass melody."

Charles Ives, one of Adams's favorite composers, had previously portrayed a merry journey gone awry in the scherzo of his *Symphony No. 4*, based on Nathaniel Hawthorne's short story "The Celestial Railroad." Of course, Adams takes his listener through completely different landscapes than did his great American predecessor. The sports car races through the provinces of Bartók, Stravinsky, and Copland, with a quick visit to Jazzland as well. Yet the transitions are as gradual as in a print by MC Escher, so that we never notice when we cross a border. Everything is seen through the eyes of an extraordinary guide, thanks to whom every minute brings a new discovery.

## Canto di speranza (Song of Hope) (1957)

Bernd Alois Zimmermann

Born March 20, 1918 in Bliesheim, near

Cologne, Germany

Died August 10, 1970 in Grosskönigsdorf, Austria

## Snapshot of history...

#### In 1957:

- Jean Sibelius dies
- Dwight Eisenhower begins his second term as US President
- The Soviet Union launches the first Sputnik
- Boris Pasternak's novel *Doctor Zhivago* and Jack Kerouac's *On the Road* are published
- Leonard Bernstein's West Side Story premièred
- Shostakovich's Symphony No. 11 premièred

B.A. Zimmermann's best-known work is his monumental opera Die Soldaten ("The Soldiers." 1965), which takes atonal expressionism to its extreme and is probably the most difficult piece of music in the world. In spite of the success of the opera at its 1965 première. Zimmermann seems to have "fallen through the cracks" in some sense. A committed modernist, he nevertheless refused to go along with the radicalism of his younger contemporary Karlheinz Stockhausen, who came to dominate the new-music scene in Germany in the 1950s and 1960s. In recent years, the music of Zimmermann (who committed suicide in 1970) has enjoyed a major renaissance, and his large non-operatic oeuvre is becoming increasingly well known

Canto di speranza is the completely revised version of a cello concerto Zimmermann had written in 1953. The composer re-scored the work for a smaller orchestra and reduced its original length, "tightening the dramatic structure" (in the words of commentator Michael Struck-Schloen). He also added a programmatic title in Italian (he had just spent time at the Villa Massimo in Rome on a scholarship), and in this new form, the concerto was introduced at the 1958 Darmstadt Festival, the mecca of contemporary music. The outstanding cellist and champion of new music Siegfried Palm played the solo part. In a 1985 article, musicologist Clemens Kühn described this première a "disaster": "the singing cello lines were laughed at and booed as late Romantic anachronisms."

To be sure, Canto di speranza is anything but

a backward-looking work. It follows the 12-tone technique and even makes moves towards total serialism, arranging durations and dynamics in pre-conceived sequences as well. Even the use of the word canto is not meant to refer to a Romantic song: Zimmermann was inspired by the Cantos of Ezra Pound, one of the monuments of 20th-century modernist poetry, and the Pisan Cantos in particular, which he took, as he himself explained, as a symbol of human hope, devoid of any interpretation. Only the voice of hope, entrusted to the cello as a sort of vox humana, sings its canto di speranza, iust as it speaks at once ardently and tenderly from the Cantos.

What Zimmermann could not and would not relinquish was musical narrative, or a form based on linear development, which was dismissed by the avant-garde at the time. In Canto di speranza, the cello (itself frowned upon in those days on account of its inherent lyricism) does sing ardently and tenderly. The composer showed that modernistic techniques are not only compatible with expressivity but even heighten it to a considerable degree. The serialized material follows a traditional form with an audible recapitulation at the end, resulting in what Struck-Schloen calls "a large-scale arch or 'arcade'" and creating a reassuring balance between turmoil and repose.

## Symphony No. 5 in E-flat Major, Op. 82 (1915 - 19)

Jean Sibelius

Born December 8, 1865 in Hämeenlinna, Finland Died September 20, 1957 in Järvenpää, Finland

#### Snapshot of history... In 1919:

- Versailles Peace Conference opens
- Claude Monet paints Nymphéas (Water Lilies)
- Sherwood Anderson publishes Winesburg, Ohio
- Richard Strauss's Die Frau ohne Schatten premièred
- The Spanish influenza pandemic rages around the world

During the one meeting Jean Sibelius had with Gustav Mahler, the latter spoke about the need for the symphony to be all-embracing, to be a world unto itself. Sibelius, for his part, insisted on "the profound logic that created an inner connection between all the motifs." The use of the word "logic" does not necessarily imply something overly cerebral or rational. It merely means that for Sibelius, structural considerations were allimportant. For Mahler, the germ out of which a symphony grew was often a metaphysical idea, and structural concerns could become secondary to the expression of his personal emotions. On the other hand. Sibelius, who was extremely reticent when it came to private matters, would take simple musical motifs as his points of departure and use them to build edifices of surpassing grandeur and majesty. Expressivity is a direct result of this imposing musical architecture. In other words, structural coherence was the Finnish master's way of "embracing the entire world."

Sibelius had inherited from Beethoven and Brahms the idea that everything in a symphonic work had to grow organically from a small number of basic elements. Yet he implemented this classical principle in entirely new ways, modifying and expanding upon the traditional notions of exposition, development, and recapitulation.

In Beethoven and Brahms, short motifs (three or four notes) were usually organized into larger units such as periods, which are typically eight-measure segments with symmetrical inner divisions. These segments were in their turn incorporated into the even larger framework of the exposition, itself part of the architecture of the entire movement. Sibelius, in his Symphony No. 5. skipped the middle level of the musical period almost completely, and built his large-scale architecture directly from the smallest elements. Therefore, the growth of the music we perceive is not small to medium to large, but proceeds, instead, from a soft opening to a great climactic moment so gradually that the intermediary stages are almost impossible to distinguish.

The opening may strike some listeners as a slow introduction. It is somewhat tentative and hesitant, and emphasizes single intervals repeated in different instrumentations. It seems that the music does not immediately "get going." Yet it eventually becomes clear that this is not an introduction at all but the main body of the movement. The opening motif is developed in two successive surges: the volume and the density of the music go through two cycles of gradual increase and decrease. Then a new section begins with a highly chromatic passage (that is, one that uses many half-steps not part of the main key). This passage, played by the solo bassoon, is marked *lugubre* and *patetico*; it leads, again very gradually, into the next tempo ("Allegro moderato"). Some commentators interpret this as the beginning of a new movement, bringing the number of the symphony's movements from three to four. Others prefer to regard it as part of the first movement. The very possibility of such a disagreement is a sign of the typically Sibelian blurring of the boundaries.

The "Allegro moderato" section has the character of a scherzo (the traditionally playful middle movement in many classical symphonies). Its thematic material, however, is derived from the horn theme with which the symphony opened. The scherzo begins as a gentle dance with a tender melody played by the woodwind in parallel thirds. A new theme is then introduced by the trumpet, but as it is developed it becomes increasingly clear that it, too, is a variation of the symphony's first two measures. This second theme is developed contrapuntally in the last section of the movement, dominated by the short and well-separated notes in the strings and the soft strokes of the timpani.

Next comes an "Andante mosso, quasi allegretto" (a somewhat brisk walking tempo). which takes the place of the slow movement. It is a set of variations in the key of G Major (an audible contrast to the E-flat of the preceding movement). The theme is first introduced by pizzicato (plucked) violas and cellos, answered by a pair of flutes. The variations become less and less predictable as the movement wears on. First the tempo broadens to "Tranquillo" and the E-flat Major tonality is temporarily resumed; then the music speeds up again, settling once more in G Major. (That key is usually considered, and treated, as lighter and more jovial than E-flat Major.) It is at this point that a new motif, made up of wide leaps, appears in the bass.

This motif, easy to overlook here, plays an important part in the finale. It is what the famous British music analyst, Sir Donald Francis Tovey, described with the words "Thor swinging his hammer," referring to the Nordic thunder god after whom Thursday has been named. (Thor is also well known to Wagnerians as Donner from Das Rheingold.) Listening to this melody, which moves rather slowly with wide melodic leaps, it is not hard to visualize a supernatural being displaying his enormous strength.

In Sibelius's finale, the "Thor" theme is combined with another idea in perpetual motion, but this is eventually phased out and Thor takes over completely. The tempo becomes slower and slower, the hammer blows stronger and stronger, until the last six widely-spaced strokes that provide one of the most original endings in the entire symphonic literature.

Symphony No. 5 seems to have given Sibelius more trouble than any of his symphonies. He mentioned it in his diaries as early as 1912, but progress on the new work was slow at first. In September 1914, the composer wrote in his diary: "In a deep dell again. But I already begin to see dimly the mountain that I shall certainly ascend...God opens His door for a moment and His orchestra plays the Fifth Symphony."

After the first performance on Sibelius's 50th birthday, the composer withdrew the score and presented a revised version the following year. Still dissatisfied, he made more changes and finally introduced the definitive version in 1919. The intermediate version has not survived but the 1915 original has; it has received some performances lately, but it has remained a curiosity. Sibelius's final version has of course remained the standard form in which the symphony is known.

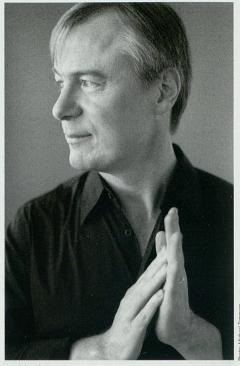
In January 1918, while Sibelius was still revising his symphony, a civil war broke out in Finland. The country had been under Russian domination until the year before; now it became a battleground between the Red Army and the Finnish nationalist forces, known as the Whites. Sibelius's sympathies were with the latter, and as the Red troops advanced, he and his family were forced to leave their villa at Järvenpää and take refuge at the Lapinlahti Asylum in Helsinki where the composer's brother Christian was senior psychiatrist. Sibelius reportedly lost 40 pounds as a result of wartime food shortages. However, by May 1918, he had resumed his creative work and was able to report in a letter that he had "practically composed anew" his Symphony No. 5. But the première had to wait until the war was over. It took place, finally, in the new Finnish Republic, established on June 17, 1919. National independence, a cause that had inspired so much of Sibelius's early music, had at last become a reality; and the mature Sibelius long a legend in his native country—was among the first to celebrate this great event with the final version of one of his most grandiose works.

Program notes by Peter Laki.

merican conductor David Robertson is highly acclaimed worldwide for his impeccable musicianship, exhilarating presence, and innovative programming, which continue to inspire and enthrall audiences and fellow musicians alike. Equally at home in both orchestral and operatic realms, Mr. Robertson's combination of passion and intellect have established him as a leading interpreter of both the standard classical repertoire as well as less traditional works of our time. In the fall of 2008 Mr. Robertson began his fourth season as Music Director of the 129-year-old Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra (SLSO), while continuing as Principal Guest Conductor of the BBC Symphony Orchestra, a post to which he was appointed in 2005.

In addition to his commitments with the SLSO, Mr. Robertson continues to quest conduct nationally and internationally throughout the 08/09 season. Highlights of the season include several world premières of works by composers such as Miroslav Srnka with the Ensemble Intercontemporain, Sam Hayden with the BBC Symphony, and Ivan Fedele with the Filarmonica della Scala. In April 2009, Mr. Robertson brings his orchestra to New York's Carnegie Hall for two consecutive concerts featuring works by Wagner and Sibelius, as well as the New York première of Saariaho's Mirage with soprano Karita Mattila and cellist Anssi Karttunen. In addition, Mr. Robertson conducted The Juilliard Orchestra as part of the inaugural concert of the much-anticipated Alice Tully Hall Opening Nights Festival on February 22, and in a second concert on February 26. Additional guest appearances in the US include performances with the New York Philharmonic, Boston Symphony, Philadelphia Orchestra, San Francisco Symphony, and Seattle Symphony. International conducting relationships include the Edinburgh Festival, La Scala, Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, Staatskapelle Dresden, Berlin Philharmonic, and Bayerischer Rundfunk Symphonieorchester.

Born in Santa Monica, California, Mr. Robertson was educated at London's Royal Academy of Music. where he studied French horn and composition before turning to orchestral conducting. Mr. Robertson is the recipient of Columbia University's 2006 Ditson Conductor's Award, and he and the SLSO received the ASCAP Morton Gould Award for Innovative Programming for the 05/06 season from the League of American Orchestras. Musical America named him "Conductor of the Year" for



David Robertson

2000. In 1997, Mr. Robertson received the Seaver/ National Endowment for the Arts Conductors Award, the premier prize of its kind given to exceptionally gifted American conductors. In May 2007, he was granted an honorary doctorate from Maryville University. Mr. Robertson and his wife, pianist Orli Shaham, are parents of twin boys. Mr. Robertson also has two teenage sons.

he Finnish cellist **Anssi Karttunen** is one of the most renowned and versatile musicians in the classical music world today and enjoys a busy career as a soloist and chamber music player. He performs on modern cello, classical and baroque cellos, and on violoncello piccolo. Mr. Karttunen performs all the standard cello works, but has also discovered many forgotten masterpieces and arranged a number of pieces for cello.

Mr. Karttunen is a passionate advocate for contemporary music and has given over 50 world premières of works by composers such as Magnus Lindberg, Kaija Saariaho, Rolf Wallin, Luca Francesconi, and Tan Dun. He gave the world premières of Lindberg's Cello Concerto in 1999 with Orchestre de Paris, Esa-Pekka Salonen's *Mania* in 2000 with Avanti!, Martin Matalon's Cello Concerto in 2001 with Orchestre National de France, and Francesconi's Cello Concerto in 2004 with RAI Torino. The Boston Symphony Orchestra commissioned a concerto from Saariaho for Mr. Karttunen, which received its première in February 2007. The European première took place in March 2007 with the Finnish Radio Symphony Orchestra.

Mr. Karttunen has worked with outstanding orchestras such as the Philadelphia Orchestra, Los Angeles Philharmonic, Philharmonia Orchestra, BBC Symphony, London Sinfonietta, NHK Orchestra, Munich Philharmonic, Ensemble Modern, Rotterdam Philharmonic, Swedish Radio Orchestra, Danish Radio Orchestra, Oslo Philharmonic, RAI Torino, Finnish Radio Orchestra, and the Helsinki Philharmonic.

Mr. Karttunen was born in 1960. His teachers included Erkki Rautio, William Pleeth, Jacqueline du Pré, and Tibor de Machula. Between 1994–1998, he was artistic director of the Avanti! Chamber Orchestra. He was also artistic director of the 1995 Helsinki Biennale and the Suvisoitto-Festival in Porvoo, Finland from 1994–1997. From December 1999–June 2005, Mr. Karttunen was principal cellist of the London Sinfonietta. He has also appeared as conductor: in February 2000 he conducted Lindberg's *Kraft* in Antwerp, and in January 2003 he led the Los Angeles Philharmonic Cello Ensemble. Mr. Karttunen plays a cello by Francesco Ruggeri.



Anssi Karttunen

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his evening's performance marks the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra's fourth UMS appearance. The Orchestra made its UMS debut in January 1936 conducted by Maestro Vladimir Golschmann, and last appeared at Hill Auditorium in January 1996 under the baton of Maestro Leonard Slatkin.

UMS welcomes Maestro David Robertson and cellist Anssi Karttunen who make their UMS debuts this evening.

ounded in 1880, the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra (SLSO) is recognized internationally as an ensemble of the highest caliber, performing a broad musical repertoire with skill and spirit. In the 08/09 season, the SLSO continues to build upon its reputation for musical excellence while maintaining its commitment to local education and community activities.

In December 2003, the SLSO announced the appointment of its 12th and second Americanborn Music Director, David Robertson. He began his inaugural season in September 2005, joining the SLSO after an 18-month international search. Prior to his SLSO appointment, Mr. Robertson was Music Director of the Orchestre National de Lyon and Artistic Director of Lyon's auditorium.

The SLSO expanded its audience through frequent tours of the Midwest and the East and West Coasts in the 1980s and 1990s. Tours to Europe in 1985, 1993, and 1998 and to the Far East in 1986, 1990, and 1995 spread the reputation of the Orchestra throughout the world. Appearances at New York's Carnegie Hall continue to garner critical acclaim. Recordings by the SLSO have been honored with six Grammy Awards and 56 Grammy nominations.

The SLSO was founded on the belief that great music should be available to everyone. Through a series of innovative and nationally recognized community-oriented activities, including many education and outreach programs, the musicians of the SLSO have shared their love for music with millions and introduced classical music to those who otherwise might not have been exposed to it. Each year, SLSO musicians participate in more than

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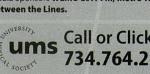
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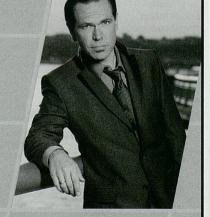
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Mr. Corea broke onto the jazz scene in the early 1960s, working with bands led by such stars as Mongo Santamaria, Willie Bobo, Blue Mitchell, Herbie Mann, and Stan Getz. One of his most significant sideman gigs was with Miles Davis' seminal electric fusion bands from 1968-70. when he participated in the classic album *Bitches* Brew. It was there that Mr. Corea first met and worked with John McLaughlin. As a solo artist, he recorded his debut in 1966, Tones for Joan's Bones, followed by what has come to be known as a classic jazz recording, 1968's Now He Sings. Now He Sobs with Miroslav Vitous and Roy Havnes, While Mr. Corea's musical career teems with significant explorations and advances, one of his highlight moments came in 1971 when he created the legendary jazz-rock fusion band Return to Forever. While it lasted just seven years in three different editions. RTF is heralded as one of the most important and forward-looking bands in jazz history.

Weteran guitar grandmaster John McLaughlin has earned a place in the top echelon of the six-string pantheon. His virtuosity has been on display in a number of divergent settings throughout his celebrated career, beginning in the early 1960s as the electric guitarist for Georgie Fame's rocking Blue Flames. From there he covered a wide swath of musical

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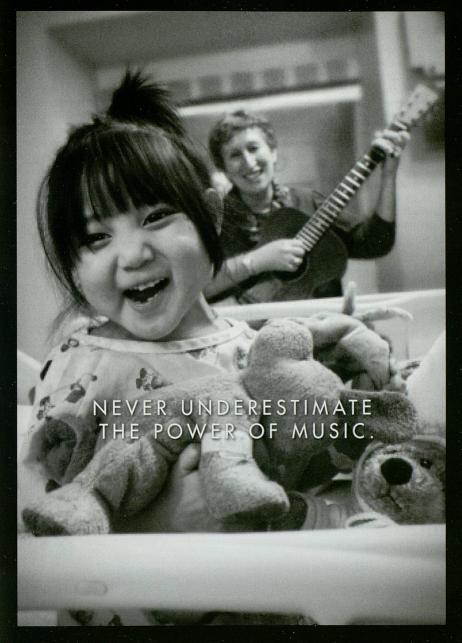
his evening's performance marks Chick Corea's fourth appearance under UMS auspices following his UMS debut at the Power Center with the Chick Corea Quartet in October 1994. He last appeared at Hill Auditorium in April 2008.

Tonight marks John McLaughlin's second UMS appearance. Mr. McLaughlin made his UMS debut in November 1996 at the Michigan Theater with Paco de Lucia and Al Di Meola.

Christian McBride makes his fourth UMS appearance tonight following his UMS debut in December 1996 at Hill Auditorium with Kathleen Battle.

Brian Blade makes his third appearance under UMS auspices following his UMS debut in April 2002 with the Wayne Shorter Quartet. He most recently appeared this season with the Wayne Shorter Quartet in September 2008.

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territory. In the late 1960s and early 1970s, he explored electric guitar jazz-rock fusion with Tony Williams's Lifetime and Miles Davis' Bitches Brew. On the Corner, and Live at the Cellar Door bands. (It was through Mr. McLaughlin's tenure with Davis that he got to work with Chick Corea.) Mr. McLaughlin also formed his own seminal fusion group, Mahavishnu Orchestra, which burst onto the scene with two artistic and commercial blockbusters: 1971's The Inner Mounting Flame and 1972's Birds of Fire.

While a fusion superhero, Mr. McLaughlin proved to be a master quitarist not content to dwell in predictable territory for too long a spell. He delved into acoustic guitar playing, working with Indian percussionist Trilok Gurtu as well as recording Time Remembered, a gorgeous acoustic homage to Bill Evans. Mr. McLaughlin also toured with Spanish flamenco guitarist Paco de Lucia, composed two critically acclaimed concertos for classical guitar and orchestra, and played iazz-infused Indian classical music with his band Shakti. In 2005 McLaughlin recorded Thieves and Poets, his first new studio album in six years. It featured his buoyant, classical-tinged three-part suite for acoustic guitar and orchestra performed by him and The Deutsche Kammerphilharmonie conducted by Renalto Rivolta. His most recent album, Floating Point, another electric date with a band of Indian musicians, was praised by DownBeat as "a landmark recording, marked by detail, subtlety, and extraordinary moving performances."

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Piano

## Program

Thursday Evening, April 9, 2009 at 8:00 Hill Auditorium • Ann Arbor

# Beethoven Piano Sonatas

## Sonata No. 27 in e minor, Op. 90

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## Sonata No. 28 in A Major, Op. 101

Etwas lebhaft und mit der innigsten Empfindung. Allegretto, ma non troppo Lebhaft. Marschmäßig. Vivace alla Marcia Langsam und sehnsuchtvoll. Adagio, ma non troppo, con affetto Geschwinde, doch nicht zu sehr, mit Entschlossenheit. Allegro

## Sonata No. 29 in B-flat Major, Op. 106 ("Hammerklavier")

Allegro Scherzo. Assai vivace Adagio sostenuto Largo—Allegro risoluto

This evening's program will be performed without intermission.

Please refer to page 24 in your program book for a biography of Mr. Schiff.

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## Program

Saturday Evening, April 11, 2009 at 8:00 Hill Auditorium • Ann Arbor

# Beethoven Piano Sonatas

## Sonata No. 30 in E Major, Op. 109

Vivace ma non troppo—Adagio espressivo
Prestissimo
Gesangvoll, mit innigster Empfindung. Andante molto cantabile
ed espressivo

## Sonata No. 31 in A-flat Major, Op. 110

Moderato cantabile molto espressivo Allegro molto Adagio ma non troppo—Fuga. Allegro ma non troppo

## Sonata No. 32 in c minor, Op. 111

Maestoso—Allegro con brio ed appassionato Arietta. Adagio molto semplice e cantabile

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ndrás Schiff was born in Budapest, Hungary, in 1953 and started piano lessons at the age of five with Elisabeth Vadász. He later studied with Pál Kadosa, György Kurtág, and Ferenc Rados at the Franz Liszt Academy in Budapest and with George Malcolm in London.

Recitals and special cycles such as the major keyboard works of J.S. Bach, Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Chopin, Schumann, and Bartók form an important part of Mr. Schiff's activities. In 2004, he began a series of performances in Europe exploring the 32 Beethoven piano sonatas in chronological order—a project recorded live for ECM New Series and released in eight volumes through 2008.

The Beethoven Sonata Project in its entirety continues this season at New York's Carnegie Hall, Los Angeles's Disney Hall, San Francisco's Symphony Hall, and Ann Arbor's Hill Auditorium. Individual recitals are also slated for Chicago, North Carolina, Ottawa, Philadelphia, Princeton, and Washington DC.

Mr. Schiff has annual engagements with the Philharmonia Orchestra of London and the Chamber Orchestra of Europe as conductor and soloist. He is a regular visitor as conductor and soloist with the Philadelphia Orchestra, Los Angeles Philharmonic, National Symphony Orchestra, Staatskapelle Dresden, Budapest Festival Orchestra, and City of

Birmingham Symphony Orchestra.

Since childhood, Mr. Schiff has enjoyed playing chamber music and from 1989–1998 he was Artistic Director of the internationally highly praised Musiktage Mondsee chamber music festival near Salzburg. In 1995, together with Heinz Holliger, he founded the Ittinger Pfingstkonzerte in Kartause Ittingen, Switzerland. In 1998, Mr. Schiff started a similar series entitled Hommage to Palladio at the Teatro Olimpico in Vicenza. From 2004–2007 he was Artist in Residence of the Kunstfest Weimar.

Mr. Schiff has established a prolific discography, including recordings for Teldec (1994-1997), London/Decca (1981-1994), and, since 1997. ECM New Series. Recordings for ECM include the complete solo piano music of Beethoven and Janáček, a solo disc of Schumann piano pieces, and his second recording of the Bach Goldberg Variations. He has received several international recording awards, including two Grammy Awards for "Best Classical Instrumental Soloist (Without Orchestra)" and "Best Vocal Recording" with tenor Peter Schreier. Mr. Schiff was honored by the Royal Academy of Music with the institution's prestigious Bach Prize, sponsored by the Kohn Foundation. In 2006, Mr. Schiff and the music publisher G. Henle began an important Mozart and Bach edition project. Mr. Schiff resides in Florence and London.



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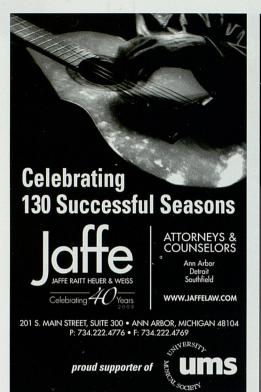
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UMS's Education Program deepens the relationship between audiences and art, while efforts in Audience Development raise awareness of the positive impact the performing arts and education can have on the quality of life in our community. The program creates and presents the highest quality arts education and community engagement experiences to a broad spectrum of community constituencies, proceeding in the spirit of partnership and collaboration. Details about all educational and residency events are posted online at www.ums.org approximately one month before the performance date. Join the UMS Email Club to have updated event information sent directly to you. For immediate event info, please email umsed@umich.edu, or call the numbers listed below.

## ADULT & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Please call 734.647.6712 or email umsed@umich.edu for more information.

The UMS Adult and Community Engagement Program serves many different audiences through a variety of educational events. With over 100 unique regional, local, and universitybased partnerships, UMS has launched initiatives for the area's Arab American, African,

Mexican/Latino, Asian/Chinese, and African American audiences. UMS has earned national acclaim for its work with diverse cultural groups, thanks to its proactive stance on partnering with and responding to individual communities. Though based in Ann Arbor, UMS Audience Development programs reach the entire southeastern Michigan region.

## **Public Programs**

UMS hosts a wide variety of educational and community events to both inform the public about arts and culture and provide forums for discussion and celebration of the performing arts. These events include:

- PREPs Pre-performance lectures
- Meet the Artists Post-performance Q&A with the artists
- Artist Interviews Public dialogues with performing artists
- Master Classes Interactive workshops
- Panels/Round Tables In-depth adult education related to a specific artist or art form
- Artist-in-Residence Artists teach, create. and meet with community groups, university units, and schools
- Book Clubs Discussions on UMS-related literature
- Community Receptions Opportunities for audiences to network and socialize with each other and with artists

UMS is grateful to the University of Michigan for its support through the U-M/UMS Partnership Program of many educational activities scheduled in the 08/09 season. These activities provide opportunities for students, faculty, and other members of the University and southeast Michigan communities to deepen their connection with the artists on the UMS series.

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The NETWORK was launched during the 04/05 season to create an opportunity for African-Americans and the broader community to celebrate the world-class artistry of today's leading African and African-American performers and creative artists. NETWORK members connect. socialize, and unite with the African-American community through attendance at UMS events and free pre- or post-concert receptions. NET-WORK members receive ticket discounts for selected UMS events; membership is free.

## WINTER 2009 NETWORK PERFORMANCES

- Rubberbandance Group
- Lawrence Brownlee / Martin Katz
- Sweet Honey In The Rock
- · Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis

## UMS YOUTH, TEEN, AND FAMILY EDUCATION

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UMS has one of the largest K-12 education initiatives in the state of Michigan. Designated as a "Best Practice" program by ArtServe Michigan and the Dana Foundation, UMS is dedicated to making world-class performance opportunities and professional development activities available to K-12 students and educators.

## **UMS Youth**

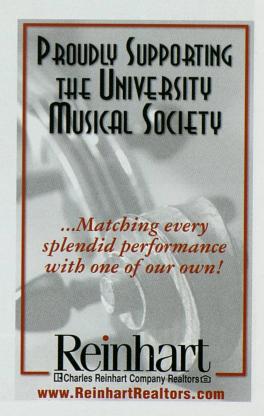
## 08/09 Youth Performance Series

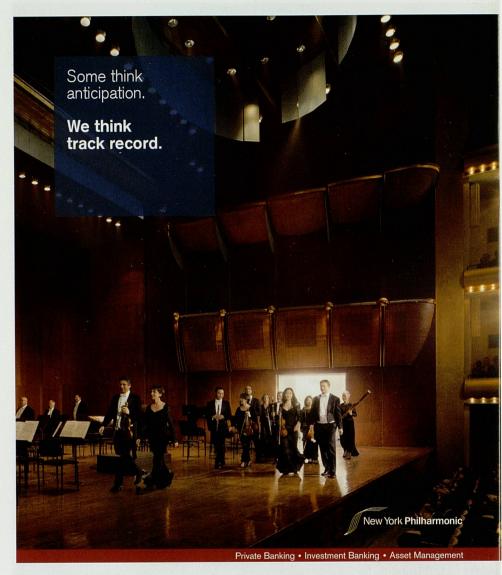
These daytime performances give pre-K through high school students the opportunity to see the same internationally renowned performances as the general public. The Winter 2009 season features special youth presentations of Rubberbandance Group, Sweet Honey

In The Rock, Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra Aswat: Celebrating the Golden Age of Arab Music, and Dan Zanes & Friends. Tickets range from \$3-6 depending on the performance; each school receives free curriculum materials.

## **Teacher Workshop Series**

UMS is part of the Kennedy Center Partners in Education Program, offering educators meaningful professional development opportunities. Workshops, cultural immersions, and book clubs bring the best in local and national arts education to our community, through presentations by Kennedy Center teaching artists, UMS performing artists, and local arts and culture experts. This series focuses on arts integration, giving teachers techniques for incorporating the arts into everyday classroom instruction.





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UMS creates teacher curriculum packets, CDs, and DVDs for all of the schools participating in UMS's Youth Education Program. Further, the UMS curricular materials are available online at no charge to the general public. All materials are designed to connect to the curricular standards via the Michigan Grade Level Content Expectations.

## **Teacher Appreciation Month!**

March 2009 has been designated UMS Teacher Appreciation Month. All teachers will be able to purchase tickets for 50% off at the venue on the night of the performance (subject to availability). Limit of two tickets per teacher, per event. Teachers must present their official school ID when purchasing tickets. Check out www.ums.org for March events!

## School Fundraisers/Group Sales

Raise money for your school and support the arts. UMS offers a wide range of fundraising opportunities and discount programs for schools. It is one of the easiest and most rewarding ways to raise money. For information contact UMS Group Sales at umsgroupsales@umich.edu or 734.763.3100.

## **Teacher Advisory Committee**

This group of regional educators, school administrators, and K-12 arts education advocates advises and assists UMS in determining K-12 programming, policy, and professional development. If you would like to participate. please contact umsyouth@umich.edu.

UMS is in partnership with the Ann Arbor Public Schools and the Washtenaw Intermediate School District as part of the Kennedy Center: Partners in Education Program. UMS also participates in the Ann Arbor Public Schools' "Partners in Excellence" program.



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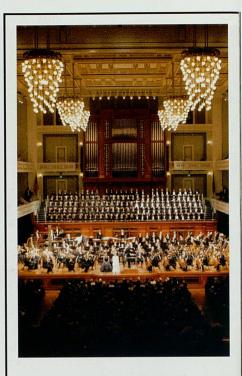
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## Breakin' Curfew

In a special collaboration with the Neutral Zone, Ann Arbor's teen center, UMS presents this yearly performance highlighting the area's best teen performers. This show is curated, designed, marketed, and produced by teens under the mentorship of UMS staff. This year's Breakin' Curfew takes place on Friday, May 8, 2009

## **UMS Family**

The Winter 2009 season features family performances of Rubberbandance Group and Dan Zanes & Friends. Family-friendly performances also include the Silk Road Ensemble and Kodo. Please visit www.ums.org for a complete list of family-friendly performances.

The 08/09 Family Series is sponsored by **TOYOTA** 

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Parents can introduce their children to worldrenowned classical music artists through the Classical Kids Club. Designed to nurture and create the next generation of musicians and music lovers, the Classical Kids Club allows students in grades 1-8 to purchase tickets to all classical music concerts at a significantly discounted rate. Parents can purchase up to two children's tickets for \$10 each with the purchase of a \$20 adult ticket beginning two weeks before the concert. Seating is subject to availability. UMS reserves a limited number of Classical Kids Club tickets to each eligible performance—even those that sell out! For information, call 734.764.2538 or visit www.ums.org and sign up for UMS E-News and check the box for Classical Kids Club.

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## Half-Price Student Ticket Sales

At the beginning of each semester, UMS offers half-price tickets to college students. A limited number of tickets are available for each event in select seating areas. Simply visit www.ums.org/students, log in using your U-M unique name and Kerberos password, and fill out your form. Orders will be processed in the order they are received. You will pay for and pick up your tickets at a later date at the Michigan League Ticket Office.

Winter Semester: Begins Sunday, January 11, 2009 at 8 pm and ends Tuesday, January 13 at 5 pm.

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- Rubberbandance Group, Sun. 1/11
- Sweet Honey In The Rock, Thurs. 2/12
- Silk Road Ensemble with Yo-Yo Ma, Fri. 3/13
- St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, Thurs. 4/2

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Students working for UMS as part of the College Work-Study program gain valuable experience in all facets of arts management including concert promotion and marketing, ticket sales, fundraising, arts education, arts programming, and production. If you are a University of Michigan student who receives work-study financial aid and are interested in working at UMS, please call 734.615.1444.

## **Student Advisory Committee**

As an independent council drawing on the diverse membership of the University of Michigan community, the UMS Student Advisory Committee works to increase student interest and involvement in the various programs offered by UMS by fostering increased communication between UMS and the student community, promoting awareness and accessibility of student programs, and promoting the student value of live performance. For more information or to participate on the Committee, please call 734.615.6590.



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Saturday, March 7, 5:30 pm New York Philharmonic Speaker: Zarin Mehta

Saturday, March 14, 5:30 pm

The Silk Road Ensemble / Yo-Yo Ma

Speaker: Joseph Gramley

Thursday, April 2, 5:30 pm **St. Louis Symphony**Speaker: **David Robertson** 

Saturday, April 4, 5:30 pm Chick Corea/John McLaughlin Speaker: Linda Yohn

Friday, April 24, 5:30 pm Julia Fischer / Milana Chernyavska Speaker: Jim Toy



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Fundraising projects include the Ford Honors Program Gala, On the Road Auction, and Delicious Experiences. Advisory Ambassadors and Youth Performance Ushering are two projects that involve direct contact with local schoolchildren, teachers, and community groups.

All Advisory Committee members serve as UMS advocates to the greater community by encouraging attendance at UMS performances and participation in UMS and Advisory Committee programs and events.

Two upcoming events include:

## Ford Honors Program and Gala January 24, 2009

This year's program will honor the Royal Shakespeare Company, RSC Artistic Director Michael Boyd, and U-M Professor Ralph Williams with UMS Distinguished Artists awards. Following the program and award presentations, the UMS Advisory Committee will host a Gala reception and dinner to benefit UMS Education Programs.

## On the Road Auction

For each of the last three years, approximately 300 people have enjoyed an evening of food, music, and silent and live auctions, netting more than \$70,000 each year to support UMS Education Programs. On the Road 2009 will be held on September 11, 2009.

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