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My colleagues throughout the country are continually amazed at how a Midwest community of 110,000 can support the number and quality of performances that the UMS brings to Ann Arbor. They want to know how we do it, and I'm proud to tell them. Here's what I say:

- First, and most important, the people in Ann Arbor and the surrounding region provide great support for what we do by attending events in large numbers and by providing generous financial support through gifts to the UMS. And, according to our artists, they are among the most informed, engaged and appreciative audiences in the country.
- It has been the tradition of the University Musical Society since its founding in 1879 to bring the greatest artists in the world to Ann Arbor, and that tradition continues today. Our patrons expect the best, and that's what we seek to offer them.

- Our special relationship with one of the country's leading educational institutions, the University of Michigan, has allowed us to maintain a level of independence which, in turn, affords us the ability to be creative, bold and entrepreneurial in bringing the best to Ann Arbor. While the UMS is proudly affiliated with the University of Michigan and is housed on the Ann Arbor campus, UMS is a separate not-for-profit organization which supports itself from ticket sales, other earned income, grants, and contributions.
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- Finally, I've got a wonderful group of hard-working staff colleagues who love the Musical Society and love their work. Bringing the best to you brings out the best in them.

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Power Center: Lockers are available on both levels for a minimal charge. Free self-serve coat racks may be found on both levels.

Michigan Theater: Coat check is available in the lobby.

Drinking Fountains

Hill Auditorium: Drinking fountains are located throughout the main floor lobby, as well as on the east and west sides of the first and second balcony lobbies.

Rackham Auditorium: Drinking fountains are located at the sides of the inner lobby.

Power Center: Drinking fountains are located on the north side of the main lobby and on the lower level, next to the restrooms.

Michigan Theater: Drinking fountains are located in the center of the main floor lobby.

Handicapped Facilities

All auditoria have barrier-free entrances. Wheelchair locations are available on the main floor. Ushers are available for assistance.

Lost and Found

Call the Musical Society Box Office at 313.764.2538.

Parking

Parking is available in the Tally Hall, Church Street, Maynard Street, Thayer Street, and Fletcher Street structures for a minimal fee. Limited street parking is also available. Please allow enough time to park before the performance begins. Free reserved parking is available to members at the Guarantor, Leader, Concertmaster, and Bravo Society levels.

Public Telephones

Hill Auditorium: A wheelchair-accessible public telephone is located at the west side of the outer lobby.

Rackham Auditorium: Pay telephones are located on each side of the main lobby. A campus phone is located on the east side of the main lobby.

Power Center: Pay phones are available in the ticket office lobby

Michigan Theater: Pay phones are located in the lobby.

Refreshments

Refreshments are served in the lobby during intermissions of events in the Power Center for the Performing Arts, and are available in the Michigan Theater. Refreshments are not allowed in the seating areas.

Restrooms

Hill Auditorium: Men's rooms are located on the east side of the main lobby and the west side of the second balcony lobby. Women's rooms are located on the west side of the main lobby and the east side of the first balcony lobby. Rackham Auditorium: Men's room is located on the east

Rackham Auditorium: Men's room is located on the east side of the main lobby. Women's room is located on the west side of the main lobby.

Power Center: Men's and women's rooms are located on the south side of the lower level. A wheelchair-accessible restroom is located on the north side of the main lobby and off the Green Room. A men's room is located on the south side of the balcony level. A women's room is located on the north side of the balcony level.

Michigan Theater: Men's and women's restrooms are located in the lobby on the mezzanine. Mobility-impaired accessible restrooms are located on the main floor off of aisle one.

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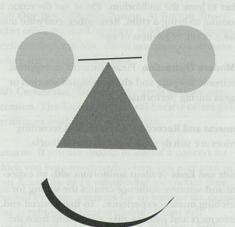
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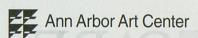
Guided tours of the auditoria are available to groups by advance appointment only. Call 313,763,3100 for details.

UMS/Member Information Table

A wealth of information about events, the UMS, restaurants, etc. is available at the information table in the lobby of each auditorium. UMS volunteers can assist you with questions and requests. The information table is open thirty minutes before each concert and during intermission.



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Children We welcome children, but very young children can be disruptive to a performance. Children should be able to sit quietly in their own seats throughout a performance. Children unable to do so, along with the adult accompanying them, may be asked by an usher to leave the auditorium. Please use discretion in choosing to bring a child. Remember, everyone must have a ticket, regardless of age.

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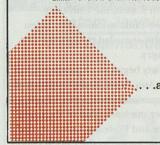
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ow in its 117th season, the University
Musical Society ranks as one of the oldest
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presenters in the country.

The Musical Society began in 1879 when a group of singers from Ann Arbor churches gathered together to study and perform the choruses from Handel's *Messiah* under the leadership of Professor Henry Simmons Frieze and Professor Calvin B. Cady. The group soon became known as the Choral Union and gave its first concert in December 1879. This tradition continues today. The UMS Choral Union performs this beloved oratorio each December.

The Choral Union led to the formation in 1880 of the University Musical Society whose name was derived from the fact that many members were affiliated with the University of Michigan. Professor Frieze, who at one time served as acting president of the University, became the first president of the Society. The Society comprised the Choral Union and a concert series that featured local and visiting artists and ensembles. Today, the Choral Union refers not only to the chorus but the Musical Society's acclaimed ten-concert series in Hill Auditorium. Through the Chamber Arts Series, Choral Union Series, Jazz Directions, World Tour, and Moving Truths Series, the Musical Society now hosts over 60 concerts and more than 100 educational events each season featuring the world's finest dance companies,

opera, theater, popular attractions, and presentations from diverse cultures. The University Musical Society has flourished these 117 years with the support of a generous music- and arts-loving community, which has gathered in Hill and Rackham Auditoria, Power Center, and The Michigan Theater to experience the artistry of such outstanding talents as Leonard Bernstein, the Berlin and Vienna Philharmonic Orchestras, Sweet Honey in the Rock, the Martha Graham Dance Company, Enrico Caruso, Jessye Norman, James Levine, the Philadelphia Orchestra, Urban Bush Women, Benny Goodman, Andres Segovia, The Stratford Festival, The Beaux Arts Trio, Cecilia Bartoli, and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

Under the leadership of only five directors in its history, the Musical Society has built a reputation of quality and tradition that is maintained and strengthened through educational endeavors, commissioning of new works, programs for young people, artists' residencies such as the Martha Graham Centenary Festival and the Society Bank Cleveland Orchestra Weekend, and through other collaborative projects.

While it is proudly affiliated with the University of Michigan, is housed on the Ann Arbor campus, and collaborates regularly with many University units, the Musical Society is a separate, not-for-profit organization, which supports itself from ticket sales, corporate and individual contributions, foundation and government grants, and endowment income.

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The University Musical Society Choral Union has performed throughout its 117-year history with many of the world's distinguished orchestras and conductors.

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Based in Ann Arbor under the aegis of the University Musical Society of the University of Michigan the 180-voice Choral Union remains best known for its annual performances of Handel's Messiah each December. Two years ago, the Choral Union further enriched that tradition through its appointment as resident large chorus of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. In January 1994 the Choral Union collaborated with Maestro Järvi and the DSO in the chorus' first major commercial recording, Tchaikovsky's Snow Maiden, released by Chandos Records in October of that year. Last season, the ensemble joined forces with the DSO for subscription performances of Ravel's Daphnis et Chloé and Mahler's Symphony No. 2 (Resurrection). In 1995, the Choral Union established an artistic association with the Toledo Symphony, inaugurating the new partnership with a performance of Britten's War Requiem under the baton of Andrew Massey. This season, the Choral Union will again join the Toldeo Symphony for performances of Bach's Mass in b minor under conductor Thomas Sheets, and the Berlioz Requiem with Andrew Massey.

The long choral tradition of the University Musical Society reaches back to 1879, when a group of local church choir members and other interested singers came together to sing choruses from Handel's *Messiah*, an event that signaled the birth of the University Musical Society. Participation in the Choral Union remains open to all by audition. Representing a mixture of townspeople, students and faculty, members of the Choral Union share one common passion - a love of the choral art.



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ompleted in 1913, this renowned concert hall was inaugurated at the 20th Annual Ann Arbor May Festival and has since been home to thousands of University Musical Society concerts, including the annual Choral Union Series, throughout its distinguished 82-year history.

Former U-M regent Arthur Hill saw the need at the University for a suitable auditorium for holding lectures, concerts, and other university gatherings. Hill bequested \$200,000 for construction of the hall, and Charles Sink, then UMS president, raised an additional \$150,000.

Upon entering the hall, concertgoers are greeted by the gilded organ pipes of the Frieze Memorial Organ above the stage. UMS obtained this organ in 1894 from the Chicago Colombian Exposition and installed it in old University Hall (which stood behind present Angell Hall). The organ was moved to Hill Auditorium for the 1913 May Festival. Over the decades, the organ pipes have undergone many changes in appearance, but were restored to their original stenciling, coloring, and layout in 1986.

Currently, Hill Auditorium is part of the U-M's capital campaign, the Campaign for Michigan. Renovation plans for Hill Auditorium have been developed by Albert Kahn and Associates to include elevators, green rooms, expanded bathroom facilities, air conditioning, artists' dressing rooms, and many other necessary improvements and patron conveniences.



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The fall of 1991 marked the twentieth anniversary of the Power Center. The Power Family— Eugene B. Power, a former regent of the University of Michigan, his wife Sadye, and their son Philip—contributed \$4 million toward the building of the theater and its subsequent improvements. The Center has seating for 1,380 in the auditorium, as well as rehearsal spaces, dressing rooms, costume and scenery shops, and an orchestra pit.

UMS hosted its annual week-long theater residency in the Power Center, welcoming the esteemed Shaw Festival of Canada, November 15-20, 1994.

In October 1994, UMS, the Martha Graham Dance Company, and ten institutional partners hosted "In the American Grain: The Martha Graham Centenary Festival" commemorating the 100th anniversary of Martha Graham's birth. The Power Center was the site of open rehearsals, exhibits, workshops, and performances, including the 50th anniversary celebration of the première of the Martha Graham/Aaron Copland collaboration Appalachian Spring (Ballet for Martha).

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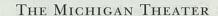
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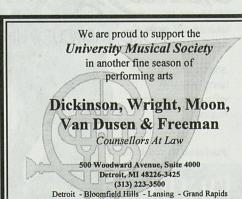
he historic Michigan Theater opened its doors January 5, 1928 at the peak of the vaudeville/movie palace era. The gracious facade and beautiful interior were then, as now, a marvel practically unrivaled in Michigan. As was the custom of the day, the Theater was equipped to host both film and live stage events, with a full-size stage, dressing rooms, an orchestra pit, and the Barton Theater Organ, acclaimed as the best of its kind in the country.

Over the years, the Theater has undergone many changes. "Talkies" replaced silent films just one year after the Theater opened, and vaudeville soon disappeared from the stage. As Theater attendance dwindled in the '50s, both the interior and exterior of the building were remodeled in an architecturally inappropriate style.

Through the '6os and '7os the 18oo-seat theater struggled against changes in the film industry and audiences until the non-profit Michigan Theater Foundation stepped in to operate the failing movie house in 1979.

After a partial renovation which returned much of its prior glory, the Theater has become Ann Arbor's home of quality cinema as well as a popular venue for the performing arts. The Michigan Theater is also the home of the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra.



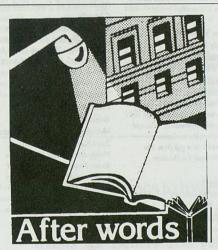


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ST. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

n June of 1950, Edward Cardinal Mooney appointed Father Leon Kennedy pastor of a new parish in Ann Arbor. Sunday Masses were first celebrated at Pittsfield School until the first building was ready on Easter Sunday, 1951. The parish numbered 248 families. Ground was broken in 1967 to build a permanent church building, and on March 19, 1969, John Cardinal Dearden dedicated the new St. Francis of Assisi Church. In June of 1987, Father Charles E. Irvin was appointed pastor.

Today, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church is composed of 2,800 families. The present church seats 800 people and has ample free parking. Since 1987 Janelle O'Malley has served as Music Director of St. Francis. Through dedication, a commitment to superb liturgical music and a vision into the future, the parish improved the acoustics of the church building. A splendid 3 manual "mechanical action" instrument of 34 stops and 45 ranks was built and installed by Orgues Letourneau from Saint-Hyacinthe, Quebec. The 1994 Letourneau Organ (Opus 38) was dedicated in December of 1994.



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In a 1921 commencement address, University president Marion LeRoy Burton suggested that a bell tower, tall enough to be seen for miles, be built in the center of campus to represent the idealism and loyalty of U-M alumni. Burton served as president of the University and as a Musical Society trustee from 1920 until his death in 1925.

In 1935 Charles M. Baird, the University's first athletic director, donated \$70,000 for a carillon and clock to be installed in a tower dedicated to the memory of President Burton. Several organizations, including the Musical Society, undertook the task of procuring funds, and nearly 1,500 individuals and organizations made contributions. The gift of the UMS totalled \$60,000.

Designed by Albert Kahn, Burton Memorial Tower was completed in 1940, at which time the University Musical Society took residence of the first floor and basement.

A renovation project headed by local builder Joe O'Neal began in the summer of 1991. As a result, the UMS now has refurbished offices on three floors of the tower, complete with updated heating, air conditioning, storage, lighting, and wiring. Over 230 individuals and businesses donated labor, materials, and funds to this project.

The remaining floors of Burton Tower are arranged as classrooms and offices used by the School of Music, with the top reserved for the Charles Baird Carillon. During the academic year, visitors may observe the carillon chamber and enjoy a live performance from noon to 12:30 p.m. weekdays when classes are in session and most Saturdays from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m.

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St. Louis Symphony Leonard Slatkin, conductor Linda Hohenfeld, soprano Thursday, January 18, 8pm Hill Auditorium

Philips Educational Presentation: Steven Moore Whiting, Assistant Professor of Musicology, "Classics Reheard", first in a series in which Professor Whiting discusses the concert repertoire, Michigan League, 7pm.

St. Petersburg Philharmonic Yuri Temirkanov, conductor Pamela Frank, violin

Friday, January 26, 8pm Hill Auditorium Philips Educational Presentation: Steven Moore Whiting, Assistant Professor of Musicology, "Classics Reheard", second in a series in which Professor Whiting discusses the concert repertoire, Michigan League, 7pm.

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Saturday, January 27, 8pm Sunday, January 28, 2pm Power Center

Harold Pinter's *Old Times* Sunday, January 28, 7pm

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Philips Educational Presentations: Following each performance by the Guthrie Theater, members of the company, along with Guthrie Education Coordinator Sheila Livingston and Guthrie Study Guide Editor Belinda Westmaas Jones, will join distinguished University of Michigan professors, indicated below, for panel discussions:

staurday, January 27
Joe Dowling, Artistic Director of the
Guthrie Theater, "The Guthrie and
Trends in Theater", 3rd Floor
Michigan League, Koessler Library, 7pm.
Saturday, January 27 (following the
8pm performance of k.)
Post-Performance Panel Discussion
on stage with Ingo Seidler, UM
Professor of German, and Fred Peters,
UM Residential College Chair of

Sunday, January 28 (following the 2pm performanc of k.) Post-Performance Panel Discussion, Power Center Green Room, with Professors Seidler and Peters (see above).

Sunday, January 28 (following the

Comparative Literature.

7pm performance of Old Times)
Post-Performance Panel Discussion
on stage, with Martin Walsh, UM
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Wynton Marsalis/Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra Octet Jazz at Lincoln Center Presents, "Morton, Monk, Marsalis"

Wednesday, January 31, 8pm Michigan Theater The UMS Jazz Directions Series is presented with support from WEMU, 89.1 FM, Public Radio from Eastern Michigan University. Made possible by a gift from Thomas B. McMullen Company.

Feel the Spirit - An Evening of Gospel Music The Blind Boys of Alabama featuring Clarence Fountain, The Soul Stirrers, and Inez Andrews

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Sunday, February 4, 4pm Rackham Auditorium Philips Educational Presentation: Garrick Ohlsson, "Chopin In Our Time", Saturday, February 3, Rackham 4th Floor Assembly Hall, 4pm. Made possible by a gift from Regency Travel, Inc.

Boston Symphony Orchestra Seiji Ozawa, conductor Wednesday, February 7, 8pm

Hill Auditorium
Philips Educational Presentation:
"The BSO: All the Questions You've
Ever Wanted to Ask", an interview
and audience Q & A with: Leone
Buyse, UM Professor of Flute and
Former Principal Flute, BSO; Daniel
Gustin, Manager of Tanglewood;
Lois Schaefer, Emeritus Piccolo
Principal, BSO; and Owen Young,
Cellist, BSO; Michigan League, 7pm.
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Latin Jazz Summit featuring Tito Puente, Arturo Sandoval, and Jerry Gonzalez and The Fort Apache Band

Saturday, February 10, 8pm Hill Auditorium Philips Educational Presentation: Dr. Alberto Nacif, Percussionist and WEMU Radio Host, "A Lecture/ Demonstration of Afro-Cuban Rhythms", Michigan League, 7pm. The UMS Jazz Directions Series is presented with support from WEMU, 89.1 FM, Public Radio from Eastern Michigan University.

Moscow Virtuosi Vladimir Spivakov, conductor/violinist

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Friday, February 16, 8pm
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New York City Opera National Company Verdi's *La Traviata*

Wednesday, February 21, 8pm Thursday, February 22, 8pm Friday, February 23, 8pm Saturday, February 24, 2pm (Family Show)

Saturday, February 24, 8pm Power Center Philips Educational Presentations:

February 21 - Helen Siedel, UMS
Education Specialist, "Know Before
You Go: An Audio/Visual
Introduction to 'La Traviata'",
Michigan League, 6:45pm; February
23 - Martin Katz, AccompanistCoach-Condutor, "The Specific
Traviata", Michigan League, 7pm;
February 24 - Helen Siedel, UMS
Education Specialist, "Especially for
Kids - The Story of La Traviata",
explained with music and videos, Green
Room, 1:15-1:45pm, Power Center;
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Sunday, February 25, 7pm St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

Philips Educational Presentation: James M. Borders, Associate Professor of Musicology, "Medieval Music for a Modern Age", St. Francis of Assisi Church, 6pm.

Tokyo String Quartet Pinchas Zukerman, violin/viola

Monday, February 26, 8pm Rackham Auditorium Philips Educational Presentation: Steven Moore Whiting, Assistant Professor of Musicology, "Classics Reheard", third in a series in which Professor Whiting discusses the concert repertoire, Michigan League, 7pm. Made possible by a gift from KMD Foundation.

John Williams, guitar Tuesday, February 27, 8pm Rackham Auditorium

San Francisco Symphony Michael Tilson Thomas, conductor

Friday, March 15, 8pm Hill Auditorium Philips Educational Presentation: Jim Leonard, Manager, SKR Classical, "Mahler in Love: the Fifth Symphony", Michigan League, 7pm. Made possible by a gift from McKinley Associates, Inc.

The Complete Solo Piano Music of Frédéric Chopin Garrick Ohlsson, piano (Grand Finale - Recital VI) Saturday, March 16, 8pm Hill Auditorium Made possible by a gift from the Estate of William R. Kinney.

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre

Tuesday, March 19, 7pm (Family Show) Wednesday, March 20, 8pm Thursday, March 21, 8pm Friday, March 22, 8pm Power Center Philips Educational Presentations: Robin Wilson, Assistant Professor of Dance, University of Michigan, "The Essential Alvin Ailey: His Emergence and Legacy as an African American Artist", March 20, Michigan League, Koessler Library, 7pm. Dr. Lorna McDaniel, Associate Professor of Music, University of Michigan, "The Musical Influences of Alvin Ailey", March 21, Michigan League, Koessler Library, 7pm.
Christopher Zunner, Alvin Ailey
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Member, "The Alvin Ailey American
Dance Theater", March 22, Michigan
League, Koessler Library, 7pm.
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Borodin String Quartet Ludmilla Berlinskaya, piano Friday, March 22, 8pm Rackham Auditorium Made possible by a gift from The Edward Surowell Co. /Realtors.

Guitar Summit II Kenny Burrell, jazz; Manuel Barrueco, classical; Jorma Kaukonen, acoustic blues; Stanley Jordan, modern jazz Saturday, March 23, 8pm Rackham Auditorium

Faculty Artists Concert Tuesday, March 26, 8pm Rackham Auditorium

The Canadian Brass
Saturday, March 30, 8pm
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Bach's b-minor Mass The UMS Choral Union The Toledo Symphony Thomas Sheets, conductor Sunday, March 31, 2pm Hill Auditorium Tallis Scholars
Thursday, April 11, 8pm
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

Philips Educational Presentation: Louise Stein, Associate Professor of Musicology, University of Michigan, "To draw the hearer by chains of gold by the ears...": English Sacred Music in the Renaissance, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 7pm.

Ravi Shankar, sitar
Saturday, April 13, 8pm
Rackham Auditorium
Philips Educational Presentation:
Rajan Sachdeva, Sitar Artist and
Director, Institute of Indian Music,
"A Lecture/Demonstration of Indian
Classical Music on Sitar", Michigan
League, 6:30pm.

Israel Philharmonic
Orchestra
Zubin Mehta, conductor
Thursday, April 18, 8pm
Hill Auditorium
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Professor of Musicology, "Classics
Reheard", fourth in a series in which
Professor Whiting discusses the concert
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Maturi Fearman, Contactor with Jennifer Lane, James Maddalena, Christine Brandes and Dana Hanchard Friday-Saturday, April 19-20, 8pm Sunday, April 21, 4pm Michigan Theater

Sunday, April 21, 4pm
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Professor of Musicology, University of
Michigan, "Classics Reheard", fifth
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Ensemble Modern
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Tuesday, April 23, 8pm
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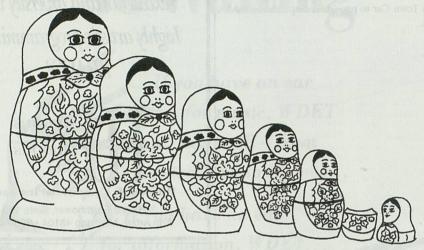
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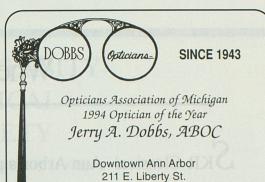
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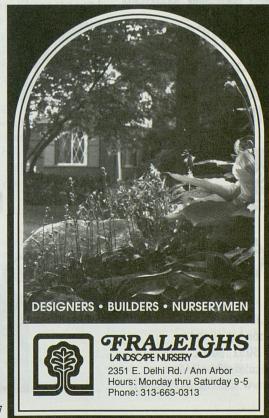
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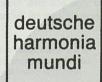






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SEXTET FOR STRINGS FROM CAPRICCIO, Op. 85

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

VIOLIN CONCERTO NO. 2 IN D MAJOR, K. 211

Allegro moderato Andante

Rondo: Allegro

VLADIMIR SPIVAKOV, violin

INTERMISSION

Béla Bartók

RHAPSODY NO. 1 FOR VIOLIN AND ORCHESTRA

Moderato
Allegro moderato
VLADIMIR SPIVAKOV, violin

Bartók

DIVERTIMENTO FOR STRINGS

Allegro non troppo Molto adagio Allegro assai

Thirty-third concert of the 117th season

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SEXTET FOR STRINGS FROM CAPRICCIO, Op. 85

Richard Strauss Born June 11, 1864 in Munich Died September 8, 1959 in Garmisch-Partenkirschen, Bavaria

Unlike his friend and contemporary Gustav Mahler, Richard Strauss received acclaim at an early age for his compositions. By twenty-one, he was hailed as the successor to Brahms and Wagner, and the tone poems composed in his twenties immediately became part of the standard orchestral repertoire. After 1900, most of his interest was centered in opera.

Capriccio was Strauss' last opera, and the "Sextet," which acts as the overture, is his only composition for strings alone. The opera is based on a libretto by the composer's friend, the conductor Clemens Krauss, who conducted the première performance in Munich on October 28, 1942; this would be the last première of one of his stage works that Strauss would attend.

Capriccio is subtitled "a conversation piece in music," and deals with this aesthetic problem: which component, words or music, should take precedence or prominence in a work of art. The opera is in one act, and is set in a castle near Paris, circa 1775. The argument (or aesthetic problem) puts on a human face when the Countess Madeleine is wooed by the poet Olivier (words) and the composer Flamand (music). At the end, she remains torn between the two.

The Sextet is a lovely piece of late Romantic chamber music set in a ternary form. The instrumentation is for two violins, two violas and two celli. The tempo is a leisurely "Andante con moto" in three-four time, and acts as an appropriately wordless declaration of love for the Countess from Flamand. When Flamand's melody is combined with a sonnet from Olivier, the Countess is so moved that she is placed in an impossible situation.

This is quietly refined and elegant "society" music. While the subject matter may be far from his earlier operas, — *Elektra* or *Salome* — no doubt a concession to the reactionary taste of Hitler's National Socialist government, the music nonetheless has an elegant grace that can still capture an audience.

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VIOLIN CONCERTO NO. 2 IN D MAJOR, K. 211

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Born January 27, 1756 in Salzburg Died December 5, 1791 in Vienna

Between April and December 1775, Mozart composed five violin concerti (and possibly two more) which, along with the Concertone for Two Violins and Orchestra and the Sinfonia Concertante for Violin and Viola, collectively represent his entire output for violin in this genre. It is speculated that these concerti were composed as a group intended for Antonio Brunetti, an Italian violinist from the Salzburg orchestra.

As a product of his early years, the violin concerti owe much to the style of Pietro Nardini, a violinist/composer whom Mozart's father much admired. The first two in particular, reveal a strong affinity with pre-classical traditions; however, in the course of the composer's development and his determination to leave behind traditions that had already begun to stagnate, Mozart succeeded not only in finding himself, but also new means of expression fully in keeping with the spirit of the time. The concertiare notable for their elegant formality, and the orchestral writing is at times quite delicate.

The first movement, "Allegro moderato,"

begins with a short fanfare-like orchestral exposition, serving as an introduction for the soloist's entrance. The first theme is characterized by its initial dotted notes followed by triplet figurations. A transition of orchestral interjections leads into the lyrical second theme. The recapitulation varies little from the exposition except for the addition of an effective cadenza.

The second movement, "Andante," maintains Mozart's delicate grace; it is a truly lyrical intermezzo, resembling an operatic aria. After a short introduction, the soloist takes hold of the proceedings with minimal support from the orchestra, which for the most part is confined to the violins. The movement is in two parts, the second consisting of a slight variation of the first, and ending with a short coda.

The finale, *Allegro*, is built upon a rondo structure. The first section begins with the soloist stating the main theme with a repeat from the full orchestra; this constitutes the ritornello that will be heard several times throughout the movement. This ritornello (or refrain) alternates with three different episodes. A brief return of the main theme and the second episode, but in reverse order, occurs before the final refrain.

Note by Edgar Colón-Hernández

RHAPSODY NO. 1 FOR VIOLINAND ORCHESTRA

Béla Bartók Born March 25, 1881 in Nagyszentmiklós, Hungary Died September 26, 1945 in New York City

THE YEARS 1926-37 constitute the "middle" period of Bartók's compositional style. Works produced during this period include the two Piano Concerti, the Third, Fourth and Fifth String Quartets, Music for Strings, Percussion and Celesta, and the two Rhapsodies for Violin and Piano. Bartók's style at this time is known as "neo-classical," and is typified by the composer's heightened interest in the proportions, formal aspects and textures of the Classical period. The composer did not, however, abandon his use of folk elements in his compositions.

Along with his contemporary, Zoltán Kodály, Bartók is acknowledged as a leader in Hungarian nationalistic music. Of particular interest to him was the folk music indigenous to Eastern Europe. By 1918, Bartók had collected, in his travels through the region, 2700 Hungarian, 3500 Romanian and 3000 Slovak folk songs. The folk influence is clearly heard in the Rhapsodies for Violin and Orchestra, originally written for violin and piano. Both follow a similar structural pattern, based on the format used by Liszt in his Hungarian Rhapsodies.

The Rhapsody No. 1 opens with a slow introduction ("Lassú") which is followed by a rhapsodic section ("Friss"), which is characterized in dance rhythms. The rhythmic patterns of the Rhapsody are based on Transylvanian dance music, originally for violin alone.

Both *Rhapsodies* were premièred shortly after their composition in 1928. The violinist for the première, in Budapest, of *Rhapsody No. 1* was Joseph Szigeti, for whom the piece was written. *Rhapsody No. 2* was premièred in Amsterdam by its dedicatee, Zoltán Székely, and was revised by the composer in 1944. In 1929, Bartók arranged both pieces for Violin and Orchestra.

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DIVERTIMENTO FOR STRINGS

DURING THE SUMMER of 1939, Bartók was in despair as he saw the stirrings of the Second World War and his fellow Hungarians rushing to align themselves with Hitler; it was also at this time that his mother fell terminally ill. He felt that his inspiration was running dry, so it was quite a relief when his friend Paul Sacher, the director of the Basel Chamber Orchestra, commissioned Bartók to write a piece for string orchestra at the conductor's chalet in Switzerland. Bartók had previously composed Music for Strings, Percussion and Celesta (1936) on commission from Sacher. The bucolic setting proved to be the needed respite from his anxiety, and for two weeks, Bartók composed with tremendous spontaneity. The Divertimento on tonight's program was the result.

The piece was premièred in Basel on June 11, 1940, conducted by Sacher. The composer's mother had died the previous December, and Bartók felt that he no longer had any reason to stay in Hungary. He emigrated to the United States in October 1940 and never returned.

Bartók described the Divertimento to Sacher as follows: "First movement sonata form, second movement approximately ABA, third movement rondo-like."

The piece opens with the first violins, introducing a theme in the style of a folk song over a strumming accompaniment in F Major and alternating 9/8 and 6/8 meters. Almost immediately the orchestra breaks up into a small group of solo instruments contrasted with a *tutti*, much like the Baroque *concerto grosso*. Following a contrapuntal development section, the main theme is recapitulated, somewhat disguised as an extension of the development.

The "Molto adagio" second movement is song-like and rather somber. The entire orchestra is muted, and the second violins present a chromatic scale over murmuring lower strings. The first violins introduce the second section with a whispering passage, and are soon joined by the second violins and violas in a contrasting section. The three-note *ostinato* that opens the movement also serves as a bridge to the recapitulation of the main theme.

The final movement, marked "Allegro assai," opens with a quasi-improvisational introduction leading into another folk-inspired melody in the first violins, much like the first movement. Also, as in the first movement, the mood is lively and while the impression of the piece is one of simplicity, Bartók used complex fugal procedures. The theme is inverted and after another short fugato, a solo cello plays a short rhapsodic figure, which is picked up by the first violin and becomes a cadenza. Following a short ironic polka melody, a brisk coda brings the piece to its vigorous conclusion.

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he Moscow Virtuosi, today one of the world's preeminent chamber ensembles, was formed in 1979 by Vladimir Spivakov, following his conducting debut with

the Chicago Symphony Orchestra at the Ravinia Festival. Comprised of top-ranking soloists and former principal chairs of the great orchestras of Russia, the Moscow Virtuosi has been in demand since its inception and has toured exclusively throughout the world, including appearances in Europe, Japan, North and South America, the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. In April 1992 the Moscow Virtuosi celebrated its 1000th concert at the Moscow Conservatory of Music.

In the first years after it was formed, the Moscow Virtuosi appeared internationally to

Since August 1989, BMG/RCA Victor Red Seal has released the first fifteen albums by the Moscow Virtuosi and Vladimir Spivakov under one of the most extensive recording agreements ever undertaken between Russian musicians and a Western recording company. Their recorded repertoire ranges form Vivaldi, Bach, Haydn, Mozart and Schubert to such twentieth-century composers as Prokofiev, Penderecki, Hartmann, Shostakovich and Schnittke.

The Moscow Virtuosi is the Resident Orchestra and Mr. Spivakov, Artistic Director, of the widely acclaimed Colmar Institute Festival in France. Vladimir Spivakov and the Moscow Virtuosi presently reside in Spain where, at the invitation of Prince Philip, the ensemble holds a three-year residency in Asturias, to establish a conservatory together with six teachers chosen by Mr. Spivakov from the Moscow Conservatory and the Gnessen Institute.

Mr. Spivakov is the founder of the European Sakharov Foundation, for which the Moscow Virtuosi gave the inaugural concert before the European Parliament on December 10, 1990 — Human Rights Day. The Moscow Virtuosi, under the direction of Mr. Spivakov, also performed at the first international Sakharov Congress in Moscow in May 1991, in which Stanislav Richter and Mstislav Rostropovich were soloists. The

concert's finale was a performance of the "Lacrymosa" from Mozart's *Requiem*, with a Lithuanian choir, in memory of Sakharov.

The return of the Moscow Virtuosi, makes their seventh North American tour, performing throughout the United States and Canada, including their sixth performance at New York's Avery Fisher Hall.

ladimir Spivakov is a truly remarkable musician: a magnificent violinist, a superb conductor, a man of vision who has founded, molded and guided one of today's most exciting chamber ensembles — the Moscow Virtuosi.

Mr. Spivakov was born in Ufa, a town in the Ural Mountains, and trained at the Moscow Conservatory with Yuri Yankelevich. He quickly established himself as one of Russia's preeminent violinists — a reputation which was confirmed here instantly at his debut with the New York Philharmonic in 1975. Soon afterwards he was appearing as a guest soloist with the orchestras of Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Dallas and San Francisco, followed more recently by orchestral performances in Boston, Los Angeles, Chicago, Philadelphia and elsewhere.

In 1979, already internationally acclaimed as a violinist, Mr. Spivakov took a new step in his career: he made his debut as a conductor. It was at the Ravinia Festival; it was the Chicago Symphony; it was a triumph.

He returned to Moscow, and set about founding a chamber orchestra, choosing the individual players himself, many of whom already held the principal chairs of major Soviet orchestras. At the start the Soviet authorities made life very difficult for the ensemble but through tours of Russia and Eastern Europe, then of Western Europe, 7



VLADIMIR SPIVAKOV

South America and Japan, the orchestra became acknowledged the world over as an exciting and cohesive new chamber orchestra.

While Mr. Spivakov is closely identified with the Moscow Virtuosi as its founder, conductor, and principal violin soloist, he also pursues a major solo career: he performs regularly with orchestras throughout the world; in the states he was the guest soloist with l'Orchestre National de France on its 1990 tour; in recent seasons he has played with the Philadelphia Orchestra, the New York Philharmonic, the Pittsburgh Symphony, and the Houston Symphony. He has given solo recitals in San Francisco, Sarasota, and in New York. He is a regular guest conductor with the State Symphony of Russia, the Santa Cecilia Orchestra in Rome. the London Symphony, the St. Petersburg Philharmonic, the English and Scottish Chamber Orchestra, as well as the chamber orchestras of Dresden, Rome and the Netherlands. Upcoming engagements include performances with the New York Chamber Symphony, the San Francisco Symphony, the Seattle Symphony and the Montreal Symphony. Mr. Spivakov's recent performances have included the

Concertgebouw (Amsterdam), Avery Fisher Hall (New York), Champs Elysèes (Paris), as well as in Rome, Florence, Salzburg, Munich, Zürich, London, Geneva, Gstaad, and in Australia and New Zealand. His December 16, 1994 performance at the Vatican with the Santa Cecilia Orchestra was broadcast on worldwide television.

He has also made numerous recordings as a soloist apart from the Moscow Virtuosi, including two with Temirkanov and the Royal Philharmonic — one of the Tchaikovsky Concerto and the Prokofiev Concerto No. 1 and one of the Brahms Double Concerto with Kniazev; and solo albums including one of twentieth-century pieces for violin, and Brahms Sonatas for Piano and Violin with Mikhail Rudy.

Mr. Spivakov is the founder of the European Sakharov Foundation, which was inaugurated with a concert by the Moscow Virtuosi before the European Parliament on December 10, 1990, Human Rights Day. He also organized the first International Sakharov Congress, which was celebrated on may 21, 1991, in Moscow's Tchaikovsky Hall with the Moscow Virtuosi, and soloists Stanislav Richter, Mstislav Rostropovich and Mr. Spivakov. In May 1992 he led the Virtuosi back to Moscow to give a Gala concert that commemorated their 1000th performance together. The musicians returned to Russia in December 1992 for concerts in Moscow and St. Petersburg during the Winter Festival.

Mr. Spivakov plays a 1716 instrument by the Venetian maker Francesco Bogetti, which was bequeathed to him by his former teacher Yuri Yankelevich. On his birthday, September 12, 1994, Russia's International Observatory named a star "Spivakov."

This evening's performance marks the Moscow Virtuosi and Mr. Spivakov's second appearance under UMS auspices.

Moscow Virtuosi

VLADIMIR SPIVAKOV,

Conductor and Music Director

Violin I

Arkady Futer, Concertmaster Boris Kuniev Alexander Gelfat Lev Tchistiakov Yuri Pissarevski

Violin II

Alexander Detissov * Andrei Mijlin Alexander Polonski Erik Nazarenko Mikhail Spivak

Viola

Igor Suliga * Andrei Kevorkov Sviatoslav Belonogoz

Cello

Mikhail Milman * Alexander Osokin Vigen Sarkisov

Bass

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Vitold Patsevitch

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Power Center Ann Arbor, Michigan Tradition Meets the Present

BINARI
(Prayer Song)

Samdo Sul Changgo Karak

SAMDO NONGAK KARAK

(Nongak Rhythms from Three Provinces)

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Thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth performances of the 117th season

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Tradition Meets the Present

FROM ANCIENT DAYS up until the outbreak of the Korean War, wandering entertainers called Namsadang, roamed across Korea visiting villages and cities. Upon announcing their arrival at the main gate of a village, they would make their way to the central courtyard and occupy it for the next few days and nights, performing satirical mask dramas, puppet plays, acrobatic acts and shamanistic rites. After bidding the evil spirits to leave and good ghosts to come, the performers would invite all the villagers to gather, watch their acts and revel with them all night. These gatherings were an integral and important part of affirming life for the people of these isolated Korean villages for a countless number of centuries. The music that accompanied these gatherings can be described generally as PoongmulNori, "the playing of folk instruments."

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At the time of the Korean War, Koreans were becoming more familiar with the city and its Western oriented culture, losing touch with rural life and its rhythms. Namsadang and their music were quickly relegated to mythology and obsolescence. True to this new Western influence, an elevated proscenium stage equipped with microphones, lights and hi-tech equipment now stands where a stretch of grass used to lie. SamulNori was formed in 1978 by descendants of these Namsadang, confronted by the changes in performance presentation, upheavals in Korean society and the quiet disappearance of their valuable musical heritage.

"We were shamans who played for the villagers' needs and well being, and since the villagers have changed we too must change," notes Kim Duk Soo, master drummer and one of the founding members of SamulNori.

The stage setting may now be twentieth century, but the instruments remain the

same: *K'kwaenggwari*, *Ching*, *Changgo* and *Buk*. The same SamulNori, literally meaning "To play four things," refers to these four instruments, each associated with an element in nature. *K'kqaenggwari*, the small gong, represents lightening; the *Ching*, the large gong, represents wind; the *Changgo*, the hourglass drum, represents rain; and the *Buk*, the barrel drum, represents clouds.

When learning the music, it is necessary to understand the rudiments and the rich philosophy that cultivated the music. The theory of *yin* and *yang* (in Korean *um* and *yang*), prevalent throughout the music, is illustrated, among innumerable other examples, in the balance of the two metal instruments and the two leather ones. Most importantly, the four players must become one through *Ho-Hup*, the meditative technique that tames the mind, body and spirit through breath control.

Although the music and presentation have been reinvented, their foundation remains unchanged and SamulNori intends to faithfully recreate for you the spirit of those massive village gatherings. In a few moments they will herald their arrival with the sounds of the drums and cry out:

Open the doors! Open the doors! The Guardians of the Five Directions: Open your doors! When all of humankind enters, they shall bring with them endless joy!

We invite all of you to enter and be a part of the festivities.

BINARI (Prayer Song)

A SWEEPING PRAYER song that used to signal the beginning of a stay at a village, *Binari* can now be heard at events such as the opening of a new business or building, or at a performance such as tonight's. The shaman sings the extensive prayer, which touches on many aspects important to Korean beliefs. It recounts the tale of creation and it calls upon the various spirits that reside in the village and homes, eventually asking for a blessing upon the people, the players and the ground they inhabit.

Placed on the altar is an abundance of food offerings to the gods and to ancestors, and a pig's head. Audience members are invited to approach the altar, bringing with them their prayers. They may also light an incense stick, pour rice wine and bow. It is customary to place an offering of money is place in the mouth of the pig, it is believed that the prayers brought to the altar will be answered generously.

SAMDO SUL CHANGGO KARAK (Changgo Rhythms from Three Provinces)

ALL FOUR MEN are seated with *changgo* (hourglass drum) and play an arrangement consisting of the most representative *changgo karak* (rhythm patterns) of three Korean provinces. Originally, one player would fasten the *changgo* to his body and perform a showy solo piece, flaunting his unique style of dance and technique. SamulNori created this new arrangement to be played while seated, shifting the focus from showmanship to musicality. This piece consists of five movements, showcasing five different *karak*, beginning with the technically demanding "Tasurim," and finishing off with the climatic "Hwimori."

SAMDO NONGAK KARAK

(Nongak Rhythms from Three Provinces)

Samdo Nongak Karak also is an arrangement of different rhythms from the three provinces. Some of the karak that appeared in Samdo Sul Changgo Karak also appear here, now interpreted by the four different instruments. During festivals, performers would traditionally have played these instruments while dancing, but SamulNori has broadened the scope of the many karaks that appear by playing seated and developing the musical possibilities of this arrangement.

The music's intimacy with the land and agrarian culture is evident in the verses the performers exclaim before the climatic portion of this piece:

Look to the sky and gather stars.

Look to the ground and till the earth.

This year was bountiful

Next year let it also be so.

Moon, moon, bright moon, As bright as day; In the darkness, Your light gives us illumination.

PAN KUT

You will see in this dance portion of the program, that the drummers must also be dancers. The dance features the *sangmo* (a ribboned hat) and the *bubpo* (a feathered hat) which the performers will make move and spin with the energy of their dancing bodies. This particular *Pankut* is a modern rendition of the large group dances of the farming festivals made suitable for four men on a stage.

Because farmers were traditionally recruited as soldiers when a war broke out, there was a great exchange of ideas between

the military musical tradition and the village dances. Most of the choreography is based on military exercises, and the hats the performers wear resemble ancient helmets. It has also been said that the *sangmo* originally had shards of glass and metal attached to the ribbon and were used as weapons during battle.

With feet treading the earth, ribbons flying upward, and rhythms sounding through the air, the players attempt to consummate the union of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. The banner, the spiritual member of the troupe, with its stake driven into the ground, and its feathers reaching for the sky, embodies the desire for cosmic harmony.

amulNori is a group of four dynamic musicians dedicated to performing and preserving traditional Korean music and dance. Since these superb percussionists joined together in 1978, SamulNori has sparked a renaissance in Korea's music scene and garnered worldwide acclaim. Anna Kisselgoff of The New York Times wrote, "The four musicians in the Korean ensemble known as SamulNori are all virtuoso percussionists. . .their drumming — modulated into sounds of any nuance - could lead to total astonishment. . .SamulNori is a complete theatrical experience as well."

The Korean words *Sa* and *mul* mean "four things" and *nori* means "to play." In the case of SamulNori, it refers to the four musicians playing and dancing with four percussion instruments. Founded by Kim Duk Soo, the group's leader and master of the *changgo* (hour glass drum), SamulNori has become the leading institution of traditional Korean performance that maintains up to thirty students selected and trained by

Mr. Kim. The group performs in many configurations but usually tours as a quartet with Mr. Kim at the helm. The origins of their music can be traced to what is usually referred to as "farmers" band music (nong-ak) and ceremonial music. It also incorporates the influences of folk and religious music (pinari) and their intricate rhythms have become quite uniquely their own.

In 1993, SamulNori became SamulNori Hanullim, Inc. (Hanullim means "big bang"). This growth from a four-man performance ensemble into a company of thirty artists and students meant that SamulNori's dedication to traditional Korean arts, music, and dance over the last two decades had now also become a viable educational and research enterprise.

Over the years, SamulNori's United States tours have brought them to New York City, Los Angeles, Boston, Chicago, Hawaii, and the Asia Society's sponsored tour across the country. In 1985 the Asia Society was awarded an "Obie" for Outstanding Achievement in the Off-Broadway Theatre for introducing SamulNori to New York's stages. SamulNori has performed at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. and at the Smithsonian Institution as part of an effort for the Percussive Arts Society Convention in Dallas and served a residency for the Ethnomusicology Department at the University of California at Berkeley.

Internationally, SamulNori has toured Germany, Austria, Great Britain, Sweden, Switzerland, Japan, China, Australia and Greece where they accompanied the Korean Olympic representatives for the lighting of the Olympic torch in 1988. They also visited Italy where they were filmed for a Puma sneakers commercial.

SaumlNori has collaborated with many highly acclaimed musicians from around the world from a variety of styles of music ranging from jazz to pop and have also performed concerti with orchestras written expressly for



them. They have taken part in many festivals including "Live Under the Sky" in Japan and Hong Kong, the Kool Jazz Festival, Peter Gabriel's "WOMAD" Festival, Moers Jazz Festival, and the Han River International Jazz Festival.

In addition to their busy touring schedule, SamulNori is dedicated to furthering the tradition of their unique performance techniques which they teach at the SamulNori Academy of Music in Seoul. They have been the subject of several books (including their own intensive instructional book) and videos for many labels including SONY. Their fifteen recordings are available on the CBS/SONY, Nonesuch, CMP, Polygram, Real World, and ECM record labels.

These performances mark SamulNori's UMS debut.

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Flora's home; later that same day

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Violetta's bedroom; months later

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Flora Bervoix Cory Miller

Baron Douphol Stephan Kirchgraber

Marquis d'Obigny Don Davis (Sat)

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Doctor Grenvil Richard Pearson

Gaston de Letorières Craig Montgomery

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ACT I

A Salon in Violetta's home

Violetta Valery is giving a party to celebrate her return to society after a period of illness. It is here that she meets Alfredo Germont, who has long admired her. Alfredo professes his love for her. At first indifferent, she is finally moved by his ardor and finds herself torn between her attraction to him and her carefree way of life.

ACT II

Violetta's country house; three months later

Violetta is now living happily with Alfredo in the country outside of Paris. Alfredo learns from Annina that Violetta has been selling her jewels in order to pay the bills. He rushes off to Paris to raise some money. Alone, Violetta reads with amusement a party invitation from her friend Flora and tosses it aside. Violetta is surprised by an unexpected visitor: Giorgio Germont, Alfredo's father. He urges Violetta to leave Alfredo because their affair threatens to ruin the marriage prospects of his daughter. Brokenhearted, Violetta finally gives in to Germont's pleading. He leaves, and Violetta rushes off to Paris just as Alfredo returns. Soon a messenger arrives with Violetta's farewell note. Germont returns and tries to console his son, but Alfredo, certain that Violetta has betrayed him for the Baron Douphol, picks up Flora's invitation and runs off swearing vengeance.

ACT III

Flora's home; later that same day

At Flora's festive party, Alfredo searches for Violetta. She arrives with the Baron, who engages Alfredo in a tense gambling match. Alfredo wins. Violetta, fearful that the Baron will challenge him to a duel, urges Alfredo to leave. He refuses and forces her to say that she loves the Baron. Then, insane with jealousy, he humiliates her in front of the guests by hurling his gambling winnings at her: "Now I have paid off my debt to her!" Douphol challenges Alfredo to a duel.

ACT IV

Violetta's bedroom; months later

Alfredo's denunciation has destroyed Violetta's health. Mortally ill, poverty-stricken, attended only by Annina, Violetta awaits death. Her only consolation is a letter from Giorgio Germont. In it he explains that the Baron was wounded in his duel with Alfredo, but not seriously, and that Alfredo, now aware of Violetta's sacrifice, will return to her shortly to beg forgiveness. Alfredo arrives, but after a few moments of joy, Violetta succumbs to her illness.

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La Traviata Historical Note

or Venice I'm doing La Dame aux camélias, which will probably be called La traviata (The Lost Woman)," wrote Giuseppe Verdi to a friend on January 1, 1853.

"A subject of our own age.

Another composer wouldn't have done it because of the costumes, the period, and a thousand other silly scruples. But I'm writing it with the greatest of pleasure."

Despite the palpable conviction in these words, the subject matter of Verdi's 18th (of 27) opera was, typically for him, arrived at with difficulty. In April 1852 he had accepted a commission (his fourth) from Venice's Teatro la Fenice for an opera to be premièred during carnival season the following year. The librettist would be the efficient and long-suffering Francesco Maria Piave, whose collaboration with Verdi had begun with Ernani (1844), blossomed in Rigoletto (1851), and would in the next decade produce such fruits as Simon Boccanegra (1857/81) and La forza del destino (1862). As the search for a scenario dragged on well into autumn 1852, and Verdi rejected suggestion after suggestion from friends and associates, the nervous theater management dispatched Piave to visit Verdi at his new home in Sant' Agata. "It was the same story as Ernani all over again," Piave reported wearily to the Fenice's secretary in November. "I had got the libretto almost finished [the libretto to which he refers is unknown] when Verdi suddenly got carried away by another idea and I had to throw away what I'd done and start all over again. I think that Verdi will write a fine opera now that I've seen him so worked up."

The "other idea" was, of course, La Dame aux camélias by Alexandre Dumas fils. Verdi

had been in Paris at the time of the play's première in February 1852, an event which had been delayed three years; only the intervention of Dumas père (of Three Musketeers fame) could finally convince the authorities to unveil this drama, based on the son's own scandalous affair with a notorious courtesan who had recently succumbed to tuberculosis at the age of 23. The young Dumas had gone abroad to forget her, but obviously did not succeed: within a year he had immortalized Alphonsine (known as "Marie") Duplessis in a novel which became such a sensation that the next year he adapted it into a play. Ten years before Traviata, Verdi had decided against setting Victor Hugo's Marion de Lorme, loath to portray a "loose woman" onstage. But much had changed in the intervening decade. For one thing, he had in 1847 begun what was to be a lifelong liaison (later, marriage) with the soprano Giuseppina Strepponi who, though strong, bright, and beautiful, possessed something less than an unspotted reputation.

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Indeed, *Traviata* is the culmination of what musicologists like to call Verdi's "domestic period." In his fledgling years, he had put the goals of the *risorgimento*, the Italian reunification movement, ahead of his own, and most of his early operas are thinly disguised — and inflammatory — political manifestos. But by 1849, established as a politico and ensconced in a nurturing rela-



tionship, Verdi was ready to inflame in a new way. His operas of this period, Luisa Miller (1849), Stiffelio (1857), Rigoletto (1851), and especially Traviata, are populated with

increasingly vital characters who push at the boundaries of society.

Given *Traviata*'s controversial plot, Verdi braced himself for a go-around with the Venetian censors similar to that which he had weathered over *Rigoletto*. But only two relatively small demands were made: that he change both the opera's original title, *Onore e morte* ("Honor and Death"), and its contemporary setting.

This second request was the more troubling. The Venetian authorities evidently felt that moving the action to the eighteenth century would cushion the opera's shock value-and this was exactly what Verdi did not wish to do. "The Signor Maestro Verdi desires, demands, and begs that the costumes for his opera La traviata should remain those of the present day," asserted a memorandum from the Fenice's impresario. In the end, Verdi was forced to comply (although he insisted that no wigs be worn); until 1914 all printed scores of the opera bore the rubric, "Paris and its environs about 1700." It was not until 1886 that Gemma Bellincioni donned crinoline for the first 1850s Traviata—ironically, no longer "contemporary." The opera endured even as itinerant divas began to tote their personal wardrobes from theater to theater. George Bernard Shaw viewed as commonplace a London production "with Violetta in the latest Parisian confections and Alfredo in full Louis XIV fig."

The question really is: what did Verdi mean when he called *Traviata* "A subject for our own age?" Did he mean, as the orthodox would have it, that it is particular to its era? Or did he mean (and hope) that it would be a subject for every age? It is interesting that, for the rest of his long and copiously documented life, he never attempted to restore the opera to its original milieu. Perhaps he came to feel that the story was, in the words of British Verdi scholar Julian Budden, "essentially a myth, none the less universal

for being modern... and having had its roots in personal experience....It is one of those simple classical tales which permit as many variations as the legends on which the Greek tragedians built their plays." Surely *Traviata* can thrive in any setting that can support Piave's traditional operatic diction and Verdi's elegant, noble music.

Much has been made of Traviata's less-than-triumphant première on March 6, 1853, supposedly scuttled by a lukewarm press and public, a laryngitic tenor, an over-the-hill baritone, and a pasta-padded soprano who failed to convince as the consumptive heroine. "La traviata has been an utter fiasco, and what is worse, they laughed," lamented Verdi to conductor Angelo Mariani. But he added, "I'm not worried. I personally don't think that last night's verdict will have been the last word." How right he was! Since its revival, in slightly revised form, at Venice's Teatro San Benedetto on May 6, 1854, there's been no stopping Traviata, in whatever language or deconstruction. In crinoline or in spandex, Violetta never fails to move us, for she is clothed first and foremost in humanity.

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stablished in 1979, the
New York City Opera
National Company began
modestly with a twenty-five
performance, five week
tour of *La Traviata* and a
two-fold mandate: to take

top-quality opera performances to communities throughout the country and to provide talented young artists with valuable performing experience. The company has lived up to its mandate admirably and has grown in step with America's increasing interest in

opera. Acclaimed by presenters, audiences and critics alike, the National Company is now considered the premier touring opera company in the country. The company travels in an old-fashioned "bus and truck" style, bringing vivid stagings of classic operas to both small rural communities and bustling urban centers. Productions such as La Bohème, Rigoletto, Faust, Madama Butterfly, The Barber of Seville, La Traviata, The Marriage of Figaro and Tosca have played to capacity audiences from coast to coast. Each production is specially designed to show off the remarkable creativity and energy of America's best new singers, instrumentalists, and designers, many of whom go on to enjoy successful careers with major opera house around the world. A National Company tour is also the ideal environment for veteran singers, since it allows them an unprecedented opportunity to perfect a characterization over numerous performances. Thus, audiences throughout the United States and Canada are given the opportunity to see both seasoned performers and the brightest of the up-and-coming young stars. Following the 1993 tour, the National Company was completely reorganized, and is now run directly under the auspices of the New York City Opera Company itself. The touring division now utilizes the talents of producers, artists and administrators who are members of the main company.

This residency marks the eleventh Ann Arbor visit of the NYC Opera National Company under UMS auspices.

THE COMPANY

April-Joy Gutierrez, soprano, sings Violetta. Last season she sang Musetta in La bohème with Opera Festival of New Jersey and Micaela in Carmen with Dayton Opera. She also made solo appearances with the American Symphony Orchestra at Avery Fisher Hall in Bruckner's Psalms and the Denver Symphony Orchestra in Brahms' Requiem. Other recent engagements for the Colorado native include Konstanze in Die Entführung aus dem Serail at the Caramoor Festival, and Lauretta in Gianni Schicchi and Micaëla with Opera Colorado. With The Juilliard Opera Center, she sang Madame de Cortese in Il viaggio a Reims, Lucia in The Rape of Lucretia and Norina in Don Pasquale. A recipient of numerous awards, she is also the winner of a 1994 Sullivan Foundation grant and the 1993 Liederkrantz Foundation Competition, among others. As a participant in the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions, she was named Outstanding Mozart Singer.

Shelley Jameson, soprano, sings Violetta. She has appeared with the Pittsburgh Opera Center, Opera Music Theater International, Opera Theater University of Southern California, Natchez Mississippi Summer Opera Festival and Long Island Opera, in roles ranging from Gilda in Rigoletto to Donna Elvira in Don Giovanni. She has also sung Constanza in Abduction from the Seraglio, Sandrina in La finta gardiniera, Miss Wordsworth in Britten's Albert Herring, Anna Gomez in The Consul, Lauretta in Gianni Schicchi, Musetta in La bohème, Norina in Don Pasquale, the title role in The Merry Widow, and Mother Mary in Jerome Hines' I Am the Way, which she performed with the Bolshoi Theater in Moscow. A winner of numerous competitions including the Traviata 2000 International Vocal Competition in America, she was also a

finalist in the Metropolitan Opera National Audition. Her upcoming engagements include debuts with Connecticut Opera as Norina and the Landestheater in Salzburg, Austria as Violetta.

Patricia Johnson, soprano, sings Violetta. She returned to NYCO this season in Rigoletto as Gilda, the role she sang with the Company in Saratoga, and sings Valencienne in The Merry Widow in the spring. She has also sung Micaëla in Carmen and toured with the NYCO National Company as the Countess in Le nozze di Figaro. With Houston Grand Opera she has sung Helena in A Midsummer Night's Dream and Giulietta in Les Contes d'Hoffmann. The Michigan native has sung Donna Anna in Don Giovanni and Norina in L'elisir d'amore with Ash Lawn-Highland Opera. A national finalist in the Metropolitan Opera auditions, she made her European recital debut in 1992 in Bourges, France and returns each June for an annual recital. She recently debuted with Birmingham Opera as Violetta in La traviata; sang Juliette in Gounod's Roméo et Juliette with Lyric Opera of Kansas City; debuted with Komische Oper Berlin as Konstanze in Die Entführung aus dem Serail; and appeared as a guest soloist with the Flint Symphony Orchestra in Mahler's Symphony No. 2. Next, she returns to Berlin to reprise Konstanze.

Rick Moon, tenor, sings Alfredo. He made his NYCO debut in 1991 as Pinkerton in Madama Butterfly. Last season he sang the Italian Singer in Der Rosenkavalier with Cincinnati Opera, Don José in Carmen with Arizona Opera, Rodolfo in La bohème with Opera Columbus, and Nando in Tiefland with Washington Opera. The Dayton, Ohio native has also sung Cavaradossi in Tosca with Baton Rouge Opera and Greater Miami Opera; Calaf in Turandot with Michigan Opera Theater and Shreveport Opera; Pinkerton with Opera Colorado and Opera Theatre of St. Louis; Rodolfo with Marin

Opera and Opera Grand Rapids; and the Italian Singer, Borsa in *Rigoletto* and Rulz in *Il trovatore* with Opera Columbus. A national finalist in the American Opera Auditions, he has appeared in concert with the Opera Theatre of St. Louis, NYCO's concert tour, and, most recently, with the Des Moines Symphony and at the Spoleto Festival in Italy. This past October he returned to Shreveport Opera as Pinkerton.

Eduardo Valdes, tenor, sings Alfredo. He made his Metropolitan Opera debut in 1993 in Britten's Death in Venice, and has returned for Der Rosenkavalier, The Ghosts of Versailles, and, most recently, as the Duke in Rigoletto for the "Met in the Parks" series. The native of Puerto Rico has also sung the Duke with Boston Lyric Opera; Alfredo with Netherlands Opera and at the Charles Ives Center; Lindoro in L'Italiana in Algeri, Don Ottavio in Don Giovanni, Tonio in La Fille du régiment and Arturo in I puritani with the Israel Vocal Arts Institute, among others. On the concert stage, he has sung L'Enfant Prodigue with the Symphony Orchestra of Puerto Rico, and Chaguin in Sierra's El Mensajero de Plata for the New York première at Merkin Hall with Musica de Camera. The winner of a scholarship from the Amadeus Fund, and the Brodowsky Award for his performance as Nemorino in L'elisir d'amore with the Cleveland Institute of Music, he will sing Ferrando in Così fan tutte with Opera de Puerto Rico, and return to the Met as Vogelgesang in Die Meistersinger.

Charles Robert Stephens, baritone, sings Germont. He made his City Opera debut this season as Marcello in *La bohème*. The native of New London, Connecticut, debuted at the Teatro Solis in Montevideo, Uruguay as Valentin in *Faust*. He returned the following season as Germont, a role he also sang with Opera New England and Metro Lyric Opera. A winner of the Liederkranz Competition, among others, and a Fellow in Jerome Hines's Opera Music

Theater International, he has sung the title role in *The Barber of Seville* with Hawaii Opera Theatre and in Mobile, Alabama. His recent engagements include Junius in *The Rape of Lucretia* at Brooklyn Academy of Music, Alfio in *Cavalleria rusticana* and Silvio in *Pagliacci* with New Jersey State Opera, Sharpless in *Madama Butterfly* with Opera Grand Rapids, the title role in *Gianni Schicchi* with Greater Buffalo Opera, Belcore in *L'elisir d'amore* with Mobile Opera, and Enrico in *Lucia di Lammermoor* with Connecticut Opera.

Grant Youngblood, baritone, sings Germont. He made his New York City Opera debut this season as Escamillo in Carmen, followed by the title role in Don Giovanni. The North Carolina native recently performed in concert with the Naples Philharmonic; sang the role of Layla's Father in Song of Majnun with Houston Grand Opera; Angelotti in Tosca and Tranquillino in the world première of The Woman at Otowi Crossing with the Opera Theatre of St. Louis; Sam in Trouble in Tahiti with Baltimore Opera; and most recently, Germont with Utah Festival Opera. He includes as a career highlight his recreation for film of the title role in the original work Reverend Everyman. His future schedule includes performances of Scarpia in Tosca with Opera Delaware, and Marcello in La bohème and Escamillo with Eugene Opera.

Derrick Inouye, conductor, joins NYCO as music director designate of the National Company leading *La traviata* throughout the U.S. and Canada. Last season he debuted with the Quebec Symphony, English National Opera, where he led *Le nozze di Figaro*, and with the Schleswig-Holstein Festival Orchestra in a nationally televised gala performance. He has conducted performances of the Dance Theater of Harlem at the Brooklyn Academy of Music and at the Kennedy Center, and returned to the Leipzig Radio Orchestra, Nürnburg

Symphony Orchestra, Norddeutsche Philharmonie Rostock, where he is principal guest conductor, and most recently, the Florida Philharmonic. He has also led the Vancouver Opera, New Japan Philharmonic, National Symphony Orchestra of Ireland, and Bucharest Opera, among others, and conducted Carmen, La bohème and Un ballo in maschera for Stuttgart Opera. Winner of the Vittorio Gui Competition in Florence, he was assistant conductor to James Levine at the Metropolitan Opera for three seasons, and awarded a Tanglewood conducting fellowship. Canadian-born, he was also assistant conductor of the Vancouver Symphony for four years and music director of the Regina Symphony for five years. Next, he debuts with the Stuttgart Radio Orchestra and conducts A Midsummer Night's Dream for the Opera House at Braunschweig.

Renata Scotto, production supervisor, a native of Savona, Italy, made her NYCO directing debut last season with La traviata. International singer, recitalist, recording artist, and master class teacher, she began directing in 1986 with a production of Madama Butterfly at the Metropolitan Opera. She also staged Madama Butterfly at the Arena di Verona and Florida Grand Opera. She has also directed Bellini's Il pirata at the Festival Belliniano in Catania, Italy, and La sonnambula. With an operatic repertoire of over 100 roles, she has performed with major opera houses throughout the world including La Scala, the Metropolitan Opera, London's Covent Garden, Moscow's Bolshoi, Vienna State Opera, and Paris Opera. She has frequently appeared on "Live From the Met," and was also seen in the title role of La Gioconda on the live telecast from San Francisco Opera, winning an Emmy Award for her portrayal, and was the subject of the PBS documentary "Renata Scotto-Prima Donna." Recent engagements for the author of More Than a Diva include performances of Marschallin in Der Rosenkavalier with

Charleston Festival, Spoleto USA, Deutsche Oper Berlin, Berlin Staatsoper, and Oper der Stadt, Bonn; Kundry in *Parsifal* at Germany's Schwerin Festival; and Dallapiccola's *Prigionero* at the RAI Turin. Her future engagements include *La voix humaine* in Barcelona and Amsterdam, and Marschallin in Austria with Graz Opera. The "Live From Lincoln Center" telecast of NYCO's *La traviata* last season was awarded an Emmy in the category of Outstanding Cultural Program.

Paul L. King, director, joined New York City Opera in 1991. The Colorado native has staged the revivals of Turandot in 1992, 1993, and again this past fall, and assisted numerous other productions such as La bohème, 110 in the Shade, Die Soldaten and The Merry Widow. As director of the Young Artist Program at Glimmerglass Opera, he has staged Milhaud's Trois Opera Minutes and Gustav Holst's Savitri, and also directed L'Enfant et les sortileges for the Pacific Symphony. He was the festival manager for Central City Opera in Colorado and has worked for The Los Angeles Music Center Opera, Opera Pacific, and San Diego Opera, among others. Currently, he is the resident stage director for NYCO's education program, and has directed the 1995 elementary school production of The Magic Flute, and will direct next season's La cenerentola.

Peter Dean Beck, set designer, has designed scenery and/or lighting for over 150 productions around the country.

Among his opera credits are Andrea Chénier, Don Giovanni, Turandot, La traviata, The Bartered Bride, The Marriage of Figaro, Il trovatore, Roméo et Juliette, The Barber of Seville, Falstaff, the American première of Aroldo in Sarasota, La cenerentola, and Madama Butterfly for, among others, Florida Grand Opera, NYCO National Company, Virginia Opera, Pennsylvania Opera Theatre, Opera Carolina, Skylight Opera Theater, Baltimore Opera, Glimmerglass Opera for 11 seasons, and Hawaii Opera Theatre, for which he is

currently principal designer. His other musical theater credits include West Side Story, Candide, and Sweeney Todd. He has also designed The Learned Ladies for Blossom Center Theater, and Firebird, Petrushka, and Swan Lake for Eugene Ballet.

Joseph A. Citarella, costume designer, has been New York City Opera's director of wardrobe since 1980. He made his Company debut in 1992 with costumes for Regina, and most recently created the costumes for Hugo Weisgall's Esther. In addition, he has designed costumes for the NYCO National Company tours of Carmen, La bohème, The Marriage of Figaro, Tosca, last season's Il barbiere di Siviglia, and the current 1996 tour of La traviata. He has also designed costumes for Ashley Putnam and Sherill Milnes in Hamlet and I Lombardi. Outside City Opera, he created costumes for many regional companies and festivals, and has taught costume design at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City for over six years.

Jeff Davis, resident lighting designer, designed last season's Harvey Milk, Wonderful Town, Prince Igor, and La traviata for the stage at NYCO and "Live From Lincoln Center." Previous New York City Opera credits include Cavalleria rusticana and Pagliacci, 110 in the Shade, Regina, Madama Butterfly, Esther, Griffelkin, and Marilyn. This season he will be represented by Mathis der Maler, La bohème, Kinkakuji, The Dreyfus Affair, Cinderella, Turandot, and Carmen. His Broadway credits include revivals of Born Yesterday, I Never Sang for My Father, The Man Who Came To Dinner, and Albee's The Man Who Had Three Arms. For television, he has designed Brian Boitano's "Canvas of Ice," and "Skates of Gold" for ABC; "Ice Wars" for CBS; "Live From Lincoln Center" and "Great Performances" for PBS, as well as various soap operas.

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O MAGNE PATER (Antiphon)

SONGS TO MARIA VIRGO

Nunc aperuit nobis clausa porta (Antiphon)
Cum erubuerint (Antiphon)
O frondens virga (Antiphon)
Ave generosa (Hymn)
O quam preciosa (Response)

INSTRUMENTAL PIECE

Aquitaine, 12th century

MARIAN POLYPHONIC VERSUS

SONG OF SYBIL

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INSTRUMENTAL PIECE

CANTU MIRO SUMMA LAUDE (Sequence)

INTERMISSION

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SONGS TO ST. URSULA AND ST. RUPERT

O RUBOR SANGUINIS (Antiphon)

O Ecclesia, oculi tui saphiro sunt (free Sequence)

INSTRUMENTAL PIECE

QUIA FELIX PUERITIA (Antiphon)
O PASTOR ANIMARUM (Antiphon)
O FELIX APPARITIO (Antiphon)

O BEATISSIME RUPERTE (Antiphon)

INSTRUMENTAL PIECE

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PRELUDE O MAGNE PATER

O magne Pater, in magna necessitate sumus.

Nunc igitur obsecramus,
obsecramus te per Verbum tuum,
per quod nos constituisti plenos
quibus indigemus.

Nunc placeat tibi, Pater, quia te decet,
ut aspicias in nos per adiutorium tuum,
ut non deficiamus,
et ne nomen tuum in nobis odscuretur,
et per ipsum nomen tuum

A great father, in great need we are!

We beg of you now, therefore,
beg you by your Word,
by which we have been formed full of those
things which we now ask of you, that is.

Now please you, o Father, as befits you,
that you regard us with your assistance,
and not fail us,
such that your Word be obscured in us,
and that through your name you
deign to help us.

Songs to Maria Virgo

dignare nos adiuvare.

Hildegard von Bingen

The figure of Maria was to be the principal inspiration to poets and musicians throughout the many centuries we now call "medieval", but nowhere else do we encounter her in the depth and breadth with which Hildegard has created her sacred character. Among the compositions dedicated to her we see her in myriad manifestations: exultant, intimate, universal, humble, above all else as the quintessential feminine.

NUNC APERUIT NOBIS CLAUSA PORTA

(Heather Knutson, Nancy Mayer)

This piece, composed in Hildegard's C-modus of high energy and praise, proclaims that "now the door has been opened!" This is "the door of the mysteries" of Isaiah 60:10. The door between the Old and New Testaments Hildegard flings open and reveals Maria as the answer to the longings of the prophets.

Nunc aperuit nobis clausa porta quod serpens in muliere suffocavit, unde lucet in aurora flos de Virgine Maria. Now a door has opened which long was shut showing us what it was that the serpent choked in the woman; and so there shines brightly in the dawn the flower of the Virgin Mary.

CUM ERUBUERINT

(Pamela Dellal)

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Its mode at the outset embodies the shame and exile of the human condition as it slides around from dissonance to dissonance upon words like *casu* (*fall*) and *malicioso* (evil). The melody effects a conversion of this human sorrow into the blessedness which is Maria's at *clara vox* (clear voice) — the sound of the celestial woman's call from on high.

Cum erubuerint infelices in progenie sua, procedentes in peregrinatione casus, tunc tu clamas clara voce, hoc modo homines elevans de isto malicioso casu.

As the unhappy ones blushed because of their offspring, who walked in the exile of the fall, then you cry out with a clear voice, in this way lifting humanity from its evil fall.

O FRONDENS VIRGA

(Suzanne Ehly)

The world of nature is evoked initially — Maria is a "branch" (virgo) and is likened to the "dawn" (aurora.) The singer is moved to ask Maria to "reach out" to us (porrige) and "raise us up." (erigendum nos).

O frondens virga, in tua nobilitate stans sicut aurora procedit: nunc gaude et letare et nos debiles dignare a mala consuetudine liberare atque manum tuam porrige ad erigendum nos.

O leafy branch, in your nobility standing as the dawn break forth: now rejoice and be glad and deign to set us weak, free from ill habits and reach forth your hand to lift us up.

AVE GENEROSA

(Nancy Mayer)

This justifiably famous piece is written in sublime simplicity. Its text brings the sights and sounds of the *hieros gamos*, or spiritual marriage, with it: the bride is a white lily, most beautiful, most sweet, an intact girl. Her bridegroom is the supernal spirit which enters and infuses her. She is pleasing to him. Her womb contains all the heavenly symphonies, and is the seat of joy. As in Nature, this womb drops dew and reddens like the dawn.

Ave generosa, gloriosa et intacta puella. Tu pupilla castitatis, tu materia sanctitatis, que Deo placuit.

Nam hec superna infusio in te fuit, quod supernum Verbum in te carnem induit.

Tu candidum lilium quod Deus ante omnem creaturam inspexit.

O pulcherrima et dulcissima, quam valde Deus in te delectabatur, cum amplexionem caloris sui in te posuit, ita quod Filius eius de te lactatus est.

Venter enim tuus gaudium habuit cum omnis celestis symphonia de te sonuit, quia virgo Filium Dei portasti, ubi castitas tua in Deo claruit.

Viscera tua gaudium habuerunt sicut gramen super quod ros cadit cum ei viriditatem infundit, ut et in te factum est,
O mater omnis gaudii.

Nunc omnis ecclesia in gaudio rutilet ac in symphonia sonet propter dulcissimam Virginem et laudabilem Mariam, Dei Genitricem. Amen. Hail, great, glorious, and perfect maid. You are the pupil of chastity, you are the material of sanctity, which was pleasing to God.

For this supernal flood was within you, that the supernal Word put on flesh in You.

You are the shining white lily on which God gazed before all creation.

O most beautiful and most tender, how greatly God delight in you when he set the embrace of his warmth in you so that his Son took suck from you.

For your womb held joy when all celestial harmony resounded from you, for, virgin, you bore the Son of God when your chastity grew radiant in God.

Your belly held joy like the grass on which the dew falls when it floods it with green, even as it was made within you,

O mother of all joy.

Now let all Ecclesia redden with joy
and resound in harmony
for the sake of the most tender Virgin
and praiseworthy Mary, the progenetrix of God.
Amen.

O QUAM PRECIOSA EST RESPONSORIUM

(Janet Youngdahl)

This piece remains in divine simplicity and can be seen as a trope, or poetic commentary, upon the Bride. it is one of the most naturally erotic pieces Hildegard has written. In language most direct she has the divine-human womb pictured as "warmed" by spirit; the flower which is growing within her after fertilization is both her son and spouse; He, "a tender shoot" emerges "through her secret passage" in order to open Paradise for the world.

O quam preciosa est virginitas virginis huius que clausam portam habet, et cuius viscera sancta divinitas calore suo infudit, ita quod flos in ea crevit.

Et Filius Dei per secreta ipsius quasi aurora exivit.

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Unde dulce germen, quod Filius ipsius est, per clausuram ventris eius, paradisum aperuit.

Et Filius Dei per secreta ipsius quasi aurora exivit. O how precious is the virginity of this virgin who has a closed portal and whose womb blessed divinity suffused with his warmth, so that in her a flower grew.

And the Son of God through her secret passage came forth like the dawn.

Hence the tender bud, which is her Son, through the enclosure of her womb opened paradise.

And the Son of God through her secret passage came forth like the dawn.

POLYPHONIC VERSUS OF THE NATIVITY

Aquitaine, 12th century

SONG OF SIBYL

(Barbara Thornton)

The text of this piece, which was immensely popular in southern Europe in the High Middle Ages, comes from Saint Augustine. It renders the words of the Cumaen sibyl who is to have uttered them in trance in a pre-Christian era. In it the dissolution of the world as we know it is graphically described in order to prepare the soul for a spiritual age ruled over by "the king," generally thought to be the Christ. In several locations in southern France and northern Spain this piece was part of the dramatizations which took place at Christmastime. This version is the oldest of ca. 20 manuscript versions.

Refrain:

Iudicii signum tellus sudore madeseet.

E caelo rex adveniet per saecula futurus, Scilicet ut carnem praesens, ut ludicet orbem. Unde Deum cernent incredulus atque fidelis Celsum cum sanctis aevi iam termino in ipso. Sic animae cum carne aderunt, quas iudicat ipse, Cum iacet incultus densis in vepribus orbis. Reicient simulacra viri, cunctam quoque gazam, Exuret terras ignis pontumque polumque Inquirens, taetri portas effringet Averni. Sanctorum sed enim cunctae lux libera carni Tradetur, sontes aeterna flamma cremabit. Occultos actus retegens tunc quisque loquetur Secreta, atque Deus reserabit pectora luci. Tunc erit et luctus, stridebunt dentibus omnes. Eripitur solis iubar et chorus interit astris. Volvetur caelum, lunaris splendor obibit; Deiciet colles, valles extollet ab imo. Non erit in rebus hominum sublime vel altum. Iam aequantur campis montes et caerula ponti Omnia cessabunt, tellus confracta peribit: Sic pariter fontes torrentur fluminaque igni. Sed tuba tum sonitum tristem demittet ab alto Orbe, gemens facinus miserum variosque labores, Tartareumque chaos monstrabit terra dehiscens. Et coram hic Domino reges sistentur ad unum. Reccidet e caelo ignisque et sulphuris amnis.

Refrain:

In sign of judgment shall the earth with sweat be drenched.

Eternally to reign a king from heaven shall come,
Sit here, to wit, to judge all flesh, to judge the world.
Our God shall unbelievers and believers see
Uplifted with the saints, as ends the present age.
So souls embodied shall before his judgment stand;
Chaotic now, untilled the world in thickets dense
Rejected images and all men's gauds shall be,
Each land and all the sea and sky with fire shall blaze,
In searching to destroy the gates of loathsome inferno. 3 5
Salvation's light shall set saints' bodies free,
Though wicked souls shall burn in everlasting flame.
Obscurest acts revealing, each shall his secrets tell.
Soon too shall God unlock men's bosoms to the light.
Then shall great mourning be, then all shall gnash
their teeth.

Extinguished is the blazing sun, the rhythm of the planets stilled.

Skies shall roll away, the radiance of the moon shall die;

Uplands shall he lay low, and valleys raise aloft. Upheaval leaves to men no eminence or height. In one flat plain the mountains lie, and all the seas Of azure now shall cease; earth too shall vanish, cracked.

So shall all springs by fire, all streams alike be quenched.

Still shall a trumpet then with mournful blast resound On high, bewailing wretched deeds and varied toils. The vast abyss of Tartaros appears, as earth yawns wide. Each monarch there shall stand before God. Rivers of fire and brimstone from the sky shall rain. The following pieces are among the earliest notated polyphonies of western tradition. They were created in approximately the same locations and times as the works of the Occitan troubadours. Perhaps within the context of these flourishing sacred traditions the revolutionary secular traditions had their roots. Clearly a highly expressive, virtuosic singing style was practiced within the extensive system of monasteries (with Limoges at the center) based on syllabic, "rhythmic" versification and melismatic, improvisatory flights of imagination. In this program we present pieces relevant to the Christmas season, including December 6, St. Nicholas Day.

LUX REFULGET

(Ellen Hargis)

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Lux refulget de supernis edita
Ad est dies a prophetis indita
Gaudeat Ecclesia
Resonantes inclita preconia
Vocis cum harmonia
Resonando clara natalicia
Emmanuel, Emmanuel
cuius nomen claruit Israel

Refulgent light from on high emerges;
This is the day indicated by the prophets!
Rejoice, Ecclesia
Let your voices resound in praise!
Voices together in harmony
clearly resounding at the birth:
Emmanuel, Emmanuel
whose name enlightens Israel!

MUNDO SALUA HODIE (Ellen Hargis/Nancy Mayer)

Mundo salus gratie reparatur hodie natus est de virgine Deus sine semine. Ergo nostra concio Benedicat Domino. The salvation of grace for the world is being renewed today, He has been born of a virgin, God, without seed.

Therefore, may our assembly bless the Lord.

CANTU MIRO SUMMA LAUDE

(Heather Knutson, Nancy Mayer)

This is a rare Aquitanian polyphonic sequence from the latest of the manuscripts containing this type music. With high spirits it ingeniously holds to a strict syllable count and the non-developmental progression of a sequence while recounting the highlights of the Nicholas legend (as the savior of three daughters from whoredom, of three students who had been chopped up and stored in a pickle barrel by wicked innkeepers, etc.)

Cantu miro summa laude summo viro vir applaude quem confortat

Cuius dextra largitatis intus extra desolatis opem portat

Pietatis hic patronis Gravitatis fugat onus hoc quod gravat

Presens orbis consolator salus morbi et curator Quos vult lavat

Sedat fluctus procelosos naute luctus lacrimosos dum revixit

Patri defert mersum natum quando refert vas auratum quod promisit

Ille parens fit jocundus ter apparens auripondus quem ditavit

Quo tres presto remundari ab infesto lupanari revocavit

Tres consortes liberavit quos occulte trucidavit hospes judeus

Redit furans quod furatur Deus curans baptizatur hinc judeus

Ergo Christi fili dei per quem iste causa spei ut solmicat

Hac in die plebs festiva tibi piemente viva benedicat With wonderful singing and with highest praise O (mortal) man, who is sustained by this saint, praise the highest man,

Whose generosity in the city and in the country brought help to the desolate.

Lovingly this patron makes the heaviness flee from that which once was heavy;

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He is our present consolation on earth, healer in sickness, and restorer to those he would purify;

He calms the stormy floods and the sailors' sad tears until they are revived;

The father delivered the drunken son when returned was the golden vessel which was promised;

The father was joyful when, enriched (by Nicholas) the gold pounds appeared three times,

whose three (daughters) were thus rewarded and from the infernal brothel called back.

Three companions were liberated (from Death) who were murdered secretly by guilty hosts;

Returned was that which was stolen from that Jew who, fearing God, became baptized.

Thus he is Christ's, the son of God, through whom he, source of hope, shines like the sun.

On this day, happy people, be you lovingly, vigorously blessed.

SONGS TO ST. URSULA AND ST. RUPERT

Hildegard von Bingen

Of all the subjects and personages which inhabit Hildegard's poetic cosmos only the Virgin Mother Maria received the homage of composition more often than the saint and martyr, Ursula of Cologne. St. Ursula was a young woman who was reportedly martyred in that city by barbarian soldiers along with her companions, the 11,000 virgins. (the number eleven seems to have mutated into the traditional number 11,000 through scribal vagaries.) Having lead this enormous host of pious woman on a pilgrimage to Rome where they were enthusiastically received by the Pope, Ursula and the virgins met a tragic end while stopping in Cologne on their return trip.

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Hildegard's identification with this figure was particularly intense: as the leader of a spiritual community for women, as a model of love for the Divine, as bearing up to the vicissitudes of outside opposition and to the responsibilities of inspired leadership, as a *figura* for the apotheosis of the human soul within the sacred space of *Ecclesia*, she found in the figure of Ursula a thematic complex around which her fondest poetic fictions could freely pivot.

O RUBOR SANGUINIS

(Heather Knutson)

The cycle of Ursula songs opens with the searing image of red blood flowing between Heaven and Earth, the most binding of covenants. Through mere hints in her text and a masterfully succinct melody, we feel the horror of death transformed into contemplation of it as a tender, eternal flower.

O rubor sanguinis, quii de excelso illo fluxisti quod divinitas tetigit: tu flos es quem hyems de flatu serpentis numquam lesit. O blood-redness, who flowed from that height that divinity touched: you are a flower that the winter of the serpent's breath has never injured.

O ECCLESIA

(Barbara Thornton)

The sublime quality of this masterly poem is captured in Hildegard's D-mode *tour de force* setting. The opening strophes are drenched in the emotion of "desiring desire" which is Ursula's; as she is put to the test in this desire, so does the music of the piece gain in complexity. Above all, Ursula's "contempt of the world" is musically evoked as her strongest virtue.

O Ecclesia,
oculi tui similes
saphiro sunt,
et aures tue monti Bethel,
et nasus tuus est
sicut mons mirre et thuris,
et os tuum quasi sonus
aquarum multarum.

In visione vere fidei Ursula Fillum Dei amavit et virum cum hoc seculo reliquit et in solem aspexit atque pulcherrimum iuvenem vocavit, dicens:

In multo desiderio desideravi ad te venire et in celestibus nuptiis tecum sedere, per alienam viam ad te currens velut nubes que in purissimo aere currit similis saphiro.

Et postquam Ursula sic dixerat, rumor iste per omnes populos exiit. Et dixerunt: innocentia puellaris ignorantie nescit quid dicit.

Et ceperunt ludere cum illa in magna symphonia, usque dum ignea sarcina super eam cecidit. Unde omnes cognoscebant quia contemptus mundi est sicut mons Bethel.

Et cognoverunt etiam suavissimum odorem mirre et thuris, quoniam contemptus mundi super omnia ascendit. O Ecclesia,
your eyes are like
sapphire,
and your ears like Mount Bethel,
and your nose is
like a mountain of myrrh and incense,
and your mouth like the sound
of many waters.

In a vision of true faith
Ursula loved the Son of God
and renounced man with this world
and gazed into the sun
and called to the most beautiful youth,
saving:

In great desire
I have desired to come to you
and sit with you at the heavenly
wedding feast,
running to you by a strange path
like a cloud that runs like sapphire
in the purest air.

And after Ursula had spoken thus, this saying spread among all peoples. they said:
The innocence of girlish ignorance does not know what it is saying.

And they began to mock her all together until the fiery burden fell upon her.

Afterward they all recognized that contempt of the world is like Mount Bethel.

And they also came to aknowledge the sweetest fragrance of myrrh and incense, for contempt of the world ascends over all.

Tunc diabolus membra sua invasit, que nobilissimos mores in corporibus istis occiderunt.

Et hoc in alta voce omnia elementa audierunt et ante thronum Dei dixerunt:

4 o Wach!
rubicundus sanguis innocentis agni
in desponsatione sua
effusus est.

Hoc audiant omnes ceii et in summa symphonia laudent Agnum Dei, quia guttur serpentis antiqui in istis margaritis materie Verbi Dei suffocatum est. Then the devil entered the members of those who slaughtered the noblest way in these bodies.

And all the elements heard this, and in a loud voice, and before the throne of God they said:

Wach! (Alas!) the scarlet blood of an innocent lamb is poured out as she marries.

Let all the heavens hear this and in supreme harmony praise the Lamb of God, because the throat of the ancient serpent is strangled in these pearls from the matter of the Word of God.

SONGS TO ST. RUPERTUS

St. Rupert was active in early Christian times in the Rhineland. Like St. Francis, he renounced his worldly wealth in order to live a strictly spiritual life. Having died at an early age, his mother, Berthe, who outlived him by many, many years, founded a monastery in his name which flourished until the 9th century. In the 12th century, Hildegard re-occupied this original site on the Rhine and named her newly established abbey St. Rupertsberg. Her Rupert songs are characterized by an immense tenderness, as if Hildegard wanted to emphasize a mother's love for a saint who died young and wholly innocent.

QUIA FELIX PUERITIA

In the lightness of this antiphon one can recognize the quality Hildegard has bestowed upon the virtue of Innocence (Innocentia) in her play The Order of the Virtues.

Quia felix pueritia in laudabili Ruperto ad Deum anhelavit et mundum reliquit, ideo ipse in celesti armonia fulget, et ideo etiam angelica turba Filium Dei laudando concinit. Because a happy childhood in the praiseworthy Rupert sighed for God and renounced the world, he therefore shines in celestial harmony, and therefore also the angelic choir sings, praising the Son of God.

O PASTOR ANIMARUM

(Ellen Hargis)

This prayer embodies the natural tenderness tradition has attributed to the figure of the good shepherd.

O pastor animarum et o prima vox per quam omnes creati sumus, nunc tibi, tibi placeat, ut digneris nos liberare de miseriis et languoribus nostris. O shepherd of souls and O primal voice through which we all were created, now may it please you, please you to deign to free us from our miseries and our sorrows.

O FELIX APPARITIO

(Heather Knutson/Pamela Dellal)

This E-mode piece hints at the mysteries of sainthood. Hildegard calls it a "life of flame" which allows the spirit of Divine Love to enter the heart, and the very arcane "Fear of the Lord" to be embraced.

O felix apparicio, cum in amico Dei Ruperto flamma vite choruscavit, ita quod caritas Dei in corde eius fluxit, timorem Domini amplectens. Unde etiam agnitio eius in supernis civibus floruit. O happy appearance when in the friend of God Rupert the flame of life flashed so that the love of God flowed in his heart, embracing the fear of the Lord. And hence the knowledge of him flowered among the supernal citizens.

O BEATISSIME RUPERTRE

(Barbara Thornton/Pamela Dellal/Nancy Mayer)

Here perhaps the virgins are invoking Rupert before their consecration, calling upon him to function as something of a companion or guide as they make their final identification with their new church and new life.

O beatissime Ruperte, qui in flore etatis tue non produxisti nec portasti vicia diaboli, unde naufragum mundum reliquisti: nunc intercede pro famulantibus tibi in Deo. Alleluia.

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O most blessed Rupert, you who, in your flowering, did not produce nor carry the devil's vices, hence you abandoned the shipwrecked world; now intercede for those who serve you in God, Alleluia.

MARIAN POLYPHONIC VERSUS

Aquitaine, 12th century

VIRGA JESSE

(Janet Youngdahl/Pamela Dellal)

Virga Jesse floruit Edens florem canduit Flos nobis condoluit Dum in ligno marcuit

Sol in alvo virginis Expers viri seminis Tulit quod est hominis Servans esse numinis The rod of Jesse has bloomed The blossom which has come forth shimmers The blossom has compassion for us when it wilts upon the wood (cross)

The son in the mother's body of the Virgin without the coupling with man's seed took upon itself that which is human and served the divine.

DIVINUM STILLANT

(Pamela Dellai/Ellen Hargis)

Divinum stillant de super celi rorem ab alto nubes depluunt conditorem fecunda terra germine profert florem protulit virgo filium preter morem

Refrain:

Fit nostrum luctus gaudium Amarum mel absinthium dat nox obscura radium

Suscepti carne deitas nam sublata majestatem humilitas non elata virtutem fert infirmitas roborata mortis formam eternitas morte strata

Refrain

The Heavens drop down divine dew; from above the clouds of the creator send rain down; The fertile earth brings forth in seed its blossoms the Virgin bears her son beyond the laws of Nature;

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Refrain:

Let our sorrow be turned to joy
The bitter absinthe transformed into honey
the dark night give way to bright shining.

The flesh takes on divinity; the raising of the low does not become haughty in its majesty; Power shores up weakness, Eternity vanquishes in Death the form of Death (e.g. human mortality)

JUBILEMUS, EXULTEMUS (Heather Knutson)

Jubilemus, exultemus, intonemus canticum Redemptori plasmatori salvatori omnium Let us jubilantly rejoice and sing a song to the redeemer, the Creator, the Savior of the World.

Hoc natali salutari omnes nostra turmula Deus laudet sibi plaudet per eterna secula In honoring the man who is our redeemer, our assembly honors God, — We praise him in eternity,

Qui hodie de Marie utero progrediens Homo verus Rex atque herus in terris apparuit the true man who was born on this day from Mary's womb, true man, and reigning King he appeared on earth.

Iam beatam ergo natum cum ingenti gaudium Con laudantes exultantes benedicamus Domino Let us therefore now bless this birth with great joy, while exalting in praise we bless the Lord!

RESONEMUS HOC NATALI

Resonemus hoc natali quantu quodam speciali

Deus ortu temporali desecreto virginali Processit hodie cessant argumenta perfidie Let us sing upon this birth-feast day which is so unique!

God was born according to the nature of mortals:

from the closed sanctum of virginity he came forth –
Before such a sign of power all who would

lead astray into faithlessness are struck dumb.

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Magnum quidem sacramentum mundi factor fit sic mentum Sumens carnis indumentum ut conferat adiumentum Humano generi cetus inde mirantur supereri

Post merorum redit risus aperitur paradisus Est in terris Deus visus lapis manus non praecisus Quem vidit Daniel quem venturum praedixit Gabriel

Hic est noster angularis spes justorum salutaris Hic est noster salutaris potens celi terre maris Facture condolens quam premebat tyrannus

insolens

Aft Par Go

For truly the Creator has wrought a holy mystery:
The raiments of a human body He donned

in order to aid mankind — Stunned, let the rebellious see themselves vanguished thereby!

After times of tears, laughter returns; Paradise opens, God reveals himself upon earth As a stone come down to earth and by no hand thrown as seen by Daniel, and announced by Gabriel:

This is the keystone, the hope of the righteous for salvation,

This is our savior who wields power over Heaven and Earth:

He was compassionate towards his creatures whom the insolent tyrant had enslaved.

(Dan. 2,34)

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Groundbreaking were the initial Hildegard von Bingen recordings, Ordo Virtutum (1982) and Symphoniae (1983), which are among the best-selling early music records of all time, the latter winning the Netherlands' prestigious Edison Prize in 1987. The first two discs of the present Sequentia complete works project with Deutsche Harmonia Mundi, Canticles of Ecstasy and Voice of the Blood, have broken all early music sales records and reached the number one position of the classical charts in France and Australia, while remaining in the top five in almost all European countries and North America. Canticles of Ecstasy has sold over 150,000 copies worldwide.

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ounded in 1977, Sequentia has grown to become the internationally-acclaimed leader in its field - an ensemble that combines vocal and instrumental virtuosity with innovative research and programming to reconstruct the living musical traditions of medieval Europe. Under the direction of its founders, Benjamin Bagby and Barbara Thornton, Sequentia celebrates its 18th year as a multi-faceted ensemble whose size and composition vary with the demands of the repertoire being performed. Sequentia is based in Cologne, Germany.

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Sequentia performs extensively in Europe and North America, and since 1979 has undertaken numerous far-reaching tours under the auspices of the Goethe Institute, performing in South America, India and the Middle East, Japan, Korea and North Africa. During the past several years, the ensemble has become active in the Eastern European and Balkan countries as well, and a long-

awaited Australian debut is scheduled for 1997. In North America, Sequentia conducts an acclaimed two-week advanced level course annually as part of the Vancouver Early Music Programme & Festival.

Sequentia has received prizes for several recordings, including the International CD Prize Frankfurt, the Netherlands' Edison Prize, and the Innsbruck Radio Prize, and has been awarded research grants for performance projects from the Siemens Foundation and the Volkswagen Foundation. In addition to their performing and recording activities, the members of the ensemble also teach medieval performance practice at special intensive courses held each year in Europe and North America.

After receiving the 1993 Deutsche Schallplattenpreis for their 3-CD series of medieval Spanish music, Vox Iberica, Sequentia entered into a long-term relationship with BMG Classics / Deutsche Harmonia Mundi. This has resulted in a project to record the complete works of the German mystic and abbess, Hildegard von Bingen (1098-1179); the third CD in this series, Canticles of Ecstasy, has already sold over 150,000 copies worldwide. Sequentia's most recent releases include Dante and the Troubadours, and the fourth Hildegard von Bingen CD, Voice of the Blood (songs for St. Ursula and Ecclesia). Early in 1996 the next CD will appear featuring the Sequentia men's vocal ensemble, Sons of Thunder, performing stories from the Bible. The Sons of Thunder will continue to record and perform liturgical polyphonic and monophonic song, especially sequences, and will increasingly turn their attention to Gregorian Chant.

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Elizabeth Gaver holds advanced music degrees from Stanford University (California) and the Juilliard School (New York). She continued her postgraduate musical work at the Early Music Institute of Indiana University, where she was active as a performer in both mediæval and baroque repertoires. Ms. Gaver has performed with many leading early music ensembles in North America and Europe, including the Waverly Consort, Concert Royal, Citimusick, Ensemble Seicento, the Santa Cruz Baroque Festival and the Mostly Mozart Festival. She has also played with ensembles specializing in the traditional music of Bulgaria, Macedonia and Iran, and is currently involved in an in-depth study of ancient Norwegian fiddle traditions.

Pamela Dellal has appeared as soloist with some of the nation's leading Baroque ensembles, including Aston Magna, Boston Baroque, the Boston Early Music Festival, and the Dallas Bach Society. In 1994 she made her Lincoln Center debut, under conductor William Christie, singing *Messiah* with

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the Handel and Haydn Society. She has also performed with the National Chamber Orchestra, the Baltimore Choral Arts Society, and the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra. As a member of Sequentia's women's ensemble Vox Feminae, Ms. Dellal has made numerous recordings of the music of Hildegard von Bingen, and has toured the U.S. and Europe. She is a founding member of Favella Lyrica, a Boston-based trio, and a regular soloist in the renowned Bach Cantata series presented by Emmanuel Music. Ms. Dellal has recorded for Arabesque Records, Deutsche Harmonia Mundi, and KOCH International.

Suzanne Ehly performs as recitalist, soloist and chamber musician in a repertoire that spans from the Medieval to the contemporary and across many national styles. Known for her work in 19th and 20th century Russian and Armenian repertoires, she has performed extensively in recitals throughout the eastern United States as well as Armenia, Russia and Brazil. She has premiered the works of many Boston-area com-

posers, appearing with such ensembles as Composers in Red Sneakers, Tricinium Productions, Underground Composers and the Longy Contemporary Ensemble. Equally committed to the performance of early music, Ms. Ehly performs Baroque through early Romantic repertoires with the period instrument ensemble Musicians of the Old Post Road, and performs this season as a soloist with the Boston Camerata. Ms. Ehly holds the Artist Diploma in Voice from the Longy School of Music and has studied with Jan DeGaetani, Nina Hinson and Kristin Linklater.

Ellen Hargis enjoys a busy international career as a specialist in early vocal music. She is a member of The King's Noyse and the Cambridge Bach Ensemble, and is a frequent guest artist for concerts and recordings with many ensembles, including The Harp Consort, Fretwork, The Kronos Quartet and Theatre of Voices, The Newberry Consort, The Portland Baroque Orchestra, The Seattle Baroque Orchestra, and The Freiburger Baroque Orchestra.



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Ms. Hargis has appeared in concerts throughout Europe, Canada, and the US, and in many festivals, including the Utrecht Festival in Holland, the Boston Early Music Festival, and The New Music America Festival. Ms. Hargis teaches for the New England Conservatory Extension Division, and is on the faculty of several summer courses in early music, including the Vancouver Early Music Program. She has recorded for Harmonia Mundi USA, Auvidis/Astrée, Berlin Classics, Virgin Classics, and Erato records.

Heather Knutson holds degrees with honors from the Longy School of Music, Cambridge, MA, and the Royal Conservatory, The Hague, The Netherlands. She has an active performing career both in the US and abroad and has appeared at music festivals in the US, Canada, Holland, France, Germany, and Mexico and has performed with such diverse groups as the Boston Camerata, the Boston Cecilia, Clemencic Consort (Vienna), Studio de Musique Ancienne de Montréal, Compañia Musical de las Americas, and La Fontegara (Mexico). Since 1991, she has been a member of Vox Feminae, touring and recording regularly. Ms. Knutson currently teaches students at Brown and Harvard universities and has recorded for Erato, French Harmonia Mundi, and German Harmonia Mundi.

Nancy Mayer called by the Boston Globe "a first-class early music singer," currently lives and works in the Netherlands. While living in the U.S. she appeared as a soloist with such groups as The King's Noyse, The Rochester Bach Festival, Emmanuel Music (Boston), Cantata Singers (Boston) and the Youngstown Symphony Orchestra. She also sang regularly with the Handel & Haydn Society, Boston Baroque and the Meliora Ensemble. Ms. Mayer is an active recitalist and performs often with small ensembles specializing in 17th century

music. A native of Michigan, she studied at the Oberlin Conservatory and with Jan DeGaetani at the Eastman School of Music. Ms. Mayer has been a part of Sequentia's women's ensemble since 1994, participating in numerous tours and recordings.

Janet Youngdahl has performed with Sequentia since 1992. In the last year, she has appeared with Christopher Hogwood in Dido and Aeneas, in Bach and Telemann cantatas with Apollo's Fire Baroque Orchestra, as a soloist with the Village Bach Festival, and in recitals at the Cleveland Museum of Art. With the Baroque ensemble Cecilia's Circle she has appeared in concerts throughout the Midwest. In the spring of 1996, she will appear in Monteverdi's Orfeo and will tour with the American Baha'i Choir. Currently living in Cleveland, Ms. Youngdahl is a native of Michigan and was educated at the College of Wooster, The University of Michigan and Case Western Reserve University, where she teaches voice.

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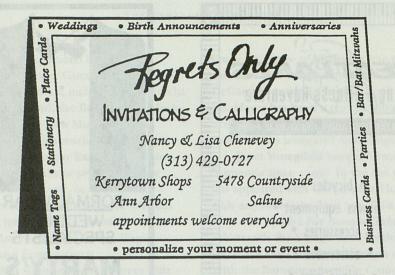
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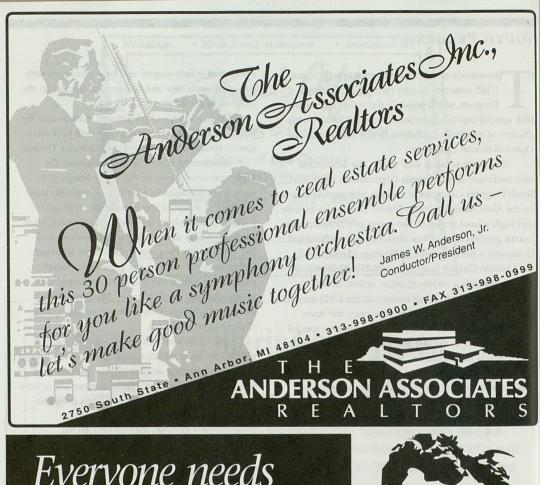
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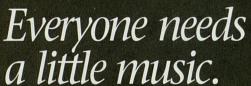
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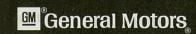
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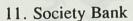
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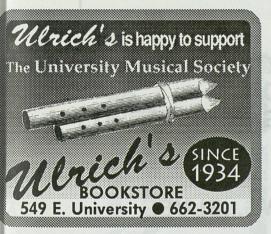
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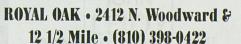
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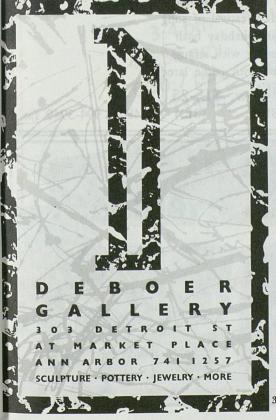
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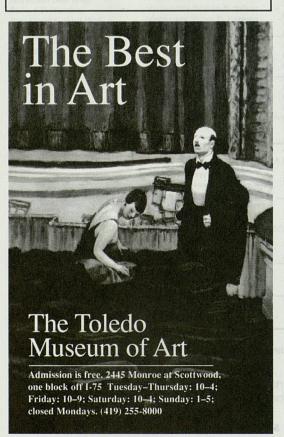


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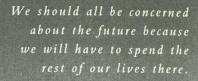
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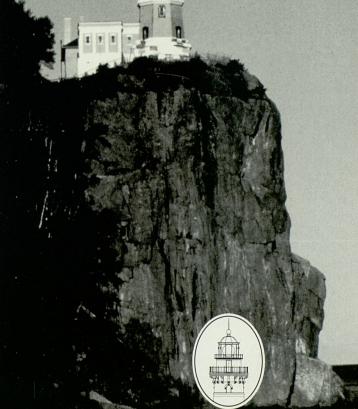
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