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We're very pleased that you're at this event and hope you'll consider attending other UMS performances as well as some of the educational and social events surrounding our concerts.

You'll find listings of all of these events in this program book on page 22 through 25.

I'm privileged to work with a dedicated and talented staff. One of them, box office representative Sally Cushing, is celebrating 30 years with UMS this season, representing the longest-serving employee among our current staff. The entire UMS family joins me in thanking Sally for her loyalty, friendliness, and commitment to providing outstanding service to all of our patrons. Say "hi" to Sally

when you next call or stop by the box office.

I hope we have a chance to meet. I'd like to hear your thoughts about this performance. I'd also be pleased to answer any questions and to learn anything we can do at UMS to make your concertgoing experience the best possible. Your feedback and ideas for ways we can improve are always welcome. If we don't see each other in the lobby, please call my office at Burton Tower on the campus (734-647-1174) or send me an e-mail message at kenfisch@umich.edu.

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Sally Cushing

with Ken Fischer

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Sincerely,

Kenneth C. Fischer, President

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On behalf of the University Musical Society, I am privileged to recognize the following corporate leaders whose support of UMS reflects their recognition of the importance of localized exposure to excellence in the performing arts. Throughout its history, UMS has enjoyed close partnerships with many corporations who have the desire to enhance the quality of life in our community. These partnerships form the cornerstone of UMS' support and help the UMS tradition continue.

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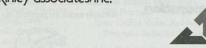
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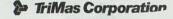
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Power Center: Lockers are available on both levels for a minimal charge. Free self-serve coat racks may be found on both levels.

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

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# 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 parking is available to UMS members at the Principal level. Free and reserved parking is available for UMS members at the Leader, Concertmaster, Virtuosi, Maestro and Soloist levels.

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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 box office lobby.

Michigan Theater: Pay phones are located in the lobby.

Mendelssohn: Pay phones are located on the first floor of the Michigan League.

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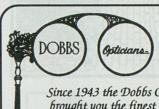
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# Tours

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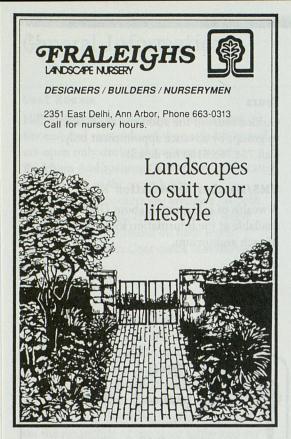
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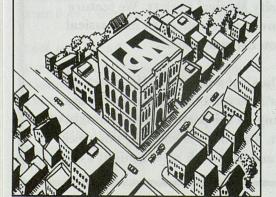


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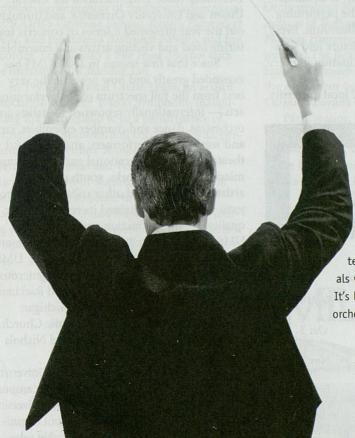
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The goal of the University Musical Society (UMS) is clear: to engage, educate, and serve Michigan audiences by bringing to our community an ongoing series of world-class artists, who represent the diverse spectrum of today's vigorous and exciting live performing arts world. Over its 120 years, strong leadership coupled with a devoted community have placed UMS in a league of internationallyrecognized performing arts presenters. Today, the UMS seasonal program is a reflection of a thoughtful respect for this rich and varied history, balanced by a commitment to dynamic and creative visions of where the performing arts will take us in the next millennium. Every day UMS seeks to cultivate, nurture and stimulate public interest and participation in every facet of the live arts.

UMS grew from a group of local university

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

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

Since that first season in 1880, UMS has expanded greatly and now presents the very best from the full spectrum of the performing arts — internationally renowned recitalists and orchestras, dance and chamber ensembles, jazz and world music performers, and opera and theatre. Through educational endeavors, commissioning of new works, youth programs, artists residencies and other collaborative projects, UMS has maintained its reputation for quality, artistic distinction and innovation. UMS now hosts over 80 performances and more than 150 educational events each season. UMS has flourished with the support of a generous community which gathers in Hill and Rackham Auditoria, the Power Center, the Michigan Theater, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, and Nichols Arboretum.

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



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# **UMS** Choral Union

Thomas Sheets, conductor

For more information about the UMS Choral Union, please call 734.763.8997.

Throughout its 120-year history, the UMS Choral Union has performed with many of the world's distinguished orchestras and conductors.

Based in Ann Arbor under the aegis of the University Musical Society, the 180-voice Choral Union remains best known for its annual performances of Handel's *Messiah* each December. Four years ago, the Choral Union further enriched that tradition when it began appearing regularly with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. Among other works, the chorus has joined the DSO in Orchestra Hall and at Meadowbrook for subscription performances of Beethoven's *Symphony No. 9*, Orff's *Carmina Burana*, Ravel's *Daphnis et Chloé*, and Prokofiev's *Aleksandr Nevsky*, and has recorded Tchaikovsky's *The Snow Maiden* with the orchestra for Chandos, Ltd.

In 1995, the Choral Union began an artistic association with the Toledo Symphony, inaugurating the partnership with a performance of Britten's War Requiem, and continuing with performances of Berlioz' Requiem, Elgar's The Dream of Gerontius and Verdi's Requiem. During the 1996-97 season, the Choral Union again expanded its scope to include performances with the Grand Rapids Symphony, joining with them in a rare presentation of Mahler's Symphony No. 8 (Symphony of a Thousand).

Evidence of the Choral Union's artistic range can be found in the breadth of repertoire from the 1997-98 season: on one hand, the singers gave acclaimed performances of Mendelssohn's *Elijah* and Handel's *Messiah* in Hill Auditorium, and on the other, equally successful concert presentations of *Porgy and Bess* with the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra and musical theatre favorites with Erich Kunzel and the DSO at Meadow Brook.

This season, the UMS Choral Union will perform in three major subscription series at Orchestra Hall with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Neeme Järvi, including performances of Brahms' A German Requiem, Kodály's Psalmus Hungaricus, and Rachmaninoff's monumental The Bells. Other programs include Handel's Messiah and Mozart's Requiem with the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra, and Carmina Burana with the Toledo Symphony.

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# **Auditoria**

# Hill Auditorium

Standing tall and proud in the heart of the University of Michigan campus, Hill Auditorium is associated with the best performing artists the world has to offer. Inaugurated at the 20th Annual Ann Arbor May Festival in 1913, this impressive structure has served as a showplace for a variety of important debuts and long relationships throughout the past 84 years. With acoustics that highlight everything from the softest notes of vocal recitalists to the grandeur of the finest orchestras, Hill Auditorium is known and loved throughout the world.

Former U-M regent Arthur Hill bequeathed \$200,000 to the University for the construction of an auditorium for lectures, concerts and other university events. Then-UMS President Charles Sink raised an additional \$150,000, and the concert hall opened in 1913 with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra perform-



Hill Auditorium

ing Beethoven's *Symphony No. 5*. The auditorium seated 4,597 when it first opened; subsequent renovations, which increased the size of the stage to accommodate both an orchestra and a large chorus (1948) and improved wheelchair seating (1995), decreased

the seating capacity to its current 4,163.

Hill Auditorium is slated for renovation. Developed by Albert Kahn and Associates (architects of the original concert hall), the renovation plans include elevators, expanded bathroom facilities, air conditioning, greater backstage space, artists' dressing rooms, and many other improvements and patron conveniences.

# Rackham Auditorium

ixty years ago, chamber music concerts in Ann Arbor were a relative rarity, presented in an assortment of venues including University Hall (the precursor to Hill Auditorium), Hill Auditorium, and Newberry Hall, the current home of the Kelsey Museum. When Horace H. Rackham, a Detroit lawyer who believed strongly in the importance of the study of human history and human thought, died in 1933, his will established the Horace H. Rackham and Mary A. Rackham Fund, which subsequently awarded the University of Michigan the funds not only to build the Horace H. Rackham Graduate School which houses the 1,129-seat Rackham Auditorium, but also to establish a \$4 million endowment to further the development of graduate studies. Even more remarkable than the size of the gift, which is still considered one of the most ambitious ever given to higher-level education, is the fact that neither of the Rackhams ever attended the University of Michigan.

# Power Center for the Performing Arts

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

In 1963, Eugene and Sadye Power, together with their son Philip, wished to make a major gift to the University, and amidst a list of University priorities was mentioned "a new theatre." The Powers were immediately interested, realizing that state and federal government were unlikely to provide financial support for the construction of a new theatre.

The Power Center opened in 1971 with the world première of *The Grass Harp* (based on the novel by Truman Capote). No seat in the Power Center is more than 72 feet from the stage. The lobby of the Power Center features two hand-woven tapestries: *Modern Tapestry* by Roy Lichtenstein and *Volutes* by Pablo Picasso.

# Michigan Theater

The historic Michigan Theater opened January 5, 1928 at the peak of the vaudeville/ movie palace era. Designed by Maurice Finkel, the 1,710-seat theater cost around \$600,000 when it was first built. The gracious facade and beautiful interior housed not only the theater, but nine stores, offices on the second floor and bowling alleys running the length of the basement. 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. Restoration of the balcony, outer lobby and facade is planned for 2003.

# St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

In June 1950, Father Leon Kennedy was appointed pastor of a new parish in Ann Arbor. Seventeen years later ground was broken to build a permanent church building, and on March 19, 1969 John Cardinal Dearden dedicated the new St. Francis of Assisi Church. Father James McDougal was appointed pastor in 1997.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church has grown from 248 families when it first started to more than 2,800 today. The present church seats 900 people and has ample free parking. In 1994 St. Francis purchased a splendid three manual "mechanical action" organ with thirty-four stops and forty-five ranks, built and installed by Orgues Letourneau from Saint Hyacinthe, Quebec. Through dedication, a commitment to superb liturgical music and a vision to the future, the parish improved the



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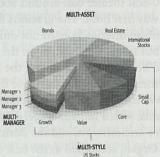
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acoustics of the church building, and the reverberant sanctuary has made the church a gathering place for the enjoyment and contemplation of sacred a cappella choral music and early music ensembles.

# Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre

Notwithstanding an isolated effort to establish a chamber music series by faculty and students in 1938, UMS most recently began presenting artists in the Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre in 1993, when Eartha Kitt and Barbara Cook graced the stage of the intimate 658-seat theatre for the 100th May Festival's Cabaret Ball. Now, with a new programmatic initiative to present song in recital, the superlative Mendelssohn Theatre has become a recent venue addition to the Musical Society's roster and the home of the Song Recital series.

# Detroit Opera House

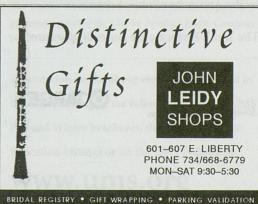
The Detroit Opera House opened in April of ▲ 1996 following an extensive renovation by Michigan Opera Theatre. Boasting a 75,000 square foot stage house (the largest stage between New York and Chicago), an orchestra pit large enough to accommodate 100 musicians and an acoustical virtue to rival the world's great opera houses, the 2,800-seat facility has rapidly become one of the most viable and coveted theatres in the nation. In only two seasons, the Detroit Opera House became the foundation of a landmark programming collaboration with the Nederlander organization and Olympia Entertainment, formed a partnership with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and played host to more than 500 performers and special events. As the home of Michigan Opera Theatre's grand opera season and dance series, and through quality programming, partnerships and educational initiatives, the Detroit Opera House plays a vital role in enriching the lives of the community.

# **Burton Memorial Tower**

een from miles away, this well-known University of Michigan and Ann Arbor landmark is the box office and administrative location for the University Musical Society.

Completed in 1935 and designed by Albert Kahn, the 10-story tower is built of Indiana limestone with a height of 212 feet. During the academic year, visitors may climb up to the observation deck and watch the carillon being played from noon to 12:30 pm weekdays when classes are in session and most Saturdays from 10:15 to 10:45 am.





# **Education and Audience Development**

During the past year, the University Musical Society's Education and Audience Development program has grown significantly. With a goal of deepening the understanding of the importance of live performing arts as well as the major impact the arts can have in the community, UMS now seeks out active and dynamic collaborations and partnerships to reach into the many diverse communities it serves.

Several programs have been established to meet the goals of UMS' Education and Audience Development program, including specially designed Family and Student (K-12) performances. This year, more than 7,000 students will attend the Youth Performance Series, which includes The Harlem Nutcracker, Trinity Irish Dance Company, The Gospel at Colonus, Orpheus Chamber Orchestra with Pepe Romero, Kodo, and Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater. In addition to the Youth Performance Series, UMS inaugurates its new First Acts program, bringing school children to regularly scheduled evening and weekend performances and providing educational contexts. For more information on UMS youth education programs, please call 734.647.6712.

The University Musical Society and the Ann Arbor Public Schools are members of the Kennedy Center Performing Arts Centers and Schools: Partners in Education Program. UMS is also recognized as a "Partner in Excellence" by the Ann Arbor Public Schools.

The Youth Performance Series is sponsored by





Other activities that further the understanding of the artistic process and appreciation for the performing arts include:

### MASTER OF ARTS INTERVIEW SERIES

Now entering its third year, this series is an opportunity to showcase and engage our artists in informal, yet in-depth, dialogues about their art form, their body of work and their upcoming performances. This year's series includes interviews with:

- Maestro Valery Gergiev of the Kirov Orchestra of St. Petersburg
- · Jazz Tap Summit dancers and choreographers
- · Pianist Mitsuko Uchida
- · Choreographer Merce Cunningham
- · Composer Steve Reich and Filmmaker Beryl Korot.



Kimberly Camp, Director of the Museum of African American History in Detroit, interviews choreographer Donald Byrd

# PREPS (PERFORMANCE-RELATED EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS)

This series of pre-performance presentations features talks, demonstrations and workshops designed to provide context and insight into the performance. Led by local and national experts in their field, all PREPs are free and open to the public and begin one hour before curtain time. Some highlights from this year's series include:

- Greg Hamilton of the Academy of Early Music hosts a brief interview with Jordi Savall, violist and Music Director of Hespèrion XX.
- Professor Steven Whiting's lecture series on Beethoven with live demonstrations by U-M School of Music students precedes three of the four concerts by the American String Quartet.
- David Vaughan, company archivist for the Merce Cunningham Dance Company, leads talks on Cunningham's 50-year body of work.
- Professor Kenn Cox interviews members of the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra,
- And other highlighted PREPs featuring Naomi André, Richard LeSueur and other experts.



Dr. Alberto Nacif leads a demonstration before the performance by Los Muñequitos de Mantanzas

# RESIDENCY ACTIVITIES

UMS residencies cover a diverse spectrum of artistic interaction, providing more insight and greater contact with the artists. Residency activities include interviews, open rehearsals, lecture/demonstrations, in-class visits, master classes, workshops, seminars, symposia, and panel discussions. Most activities are free and open to the public and occur around the date of the artist's performances.

Major residencies for the 98/99 season are with:

- · Jazz Tap Summit
- American String Quartet/Beethoven the Contemporary Series
- · A Huey P. Newton Story
- · The Gospel at Colonus
- ImMERCEsion: The Merce Cunningham Dance Company

For detailed Residency Information, call 734.647.6712.

# MEET THE ARTISTS: POST-PERFORMANCE DIALOGUES

The Meet the Artist Series provides a special opportunity for patrons who attend performances to gain additional understanding about the artists, performance and art form. Each Meet the Artist event occurs immediately after the performance, and the question-and-answer session takes place from the stage. This year, patrons will have the opportunity to meet, among others:

- Choreographers Bill T. Jones, Merce Cunningham and Meryl Tankard
- Members of the a cappella group Sweet Honey in the Rock
- Actor Roger Guenveur Smith
- The American String Quartet and composer Kenneth Fuchs
- The Emerson String Quartet with pianist Menahem Pressler

### TEACHER WORKSHOP SERIES

A series of workshops for all K-12 teachers, these workshops are a part of UMS' efforts to provide school teachers with professional development opportunities and to encourage on going efforts to incorporate the arts in the curriculum. This year's workshops include three by Kennedy Center educators and three led by local experts tailored to UMS performances:

- Bringing Literature to Life. Workshop Leader: Leonore Blank Kelner, Kennedy Center Arts Educator, Monday, October 12, 4-7 p.m., Washtenaw Intermediate School District, Ann Arbor, Grades K-5.
- The Gospel at Colonus. Tuesday, December 8, 4-6 p.m., Washtenaw Intermediate School District, Ann Arbor, Grades K-12.
- Kodo. Monday, January 25, 4-6 p.m., Washtenaw Intermediate School District, Ann Arbor, Grades K-12.
- Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater. Tuesday, February 2, 4-6 p.m., Washtenaw Intermediate School District, Ann Arbor, Grades K-12.
- Storytelling: Involving Students in African Tales.
   Workshop leader: Dylan Pritchett, Kennedy
   Center Arts Educator, Monday, March 8, 4-7
   p.m., Balas II building, Ann Arbor, Grades 1-6
- Special Education: Movement Strategies for Inclusion. Workshop leader: Eric Johnson, Kennedy Center Arts Educator, Monday, March 22, 4-7 p.m. Washtenaw Intermediate School District, Ann Arbor, Grades K-8.

The Teacher Workshop Series is made possible in part by the generous support of the Charles Reinhart Realty Company.

Information on the above events can be found in the season listing in the following pages, the UMS Fall and Winter brochures, the Fall and Winter Education Listings or on the UMS Website at:

www.ums.org

# 1998-99 UMS Season

Look for related Educational Events listed in blue.

## SEPTEMBER

### EIKO & KOMA: RIVER

Friday, September 11, 8:15 P.M. Saturday, September 12, 8:15 P.M. Seating on the banks of the Huron River in the Nichols Arboretum.

Master Classes taught by Eiko. Ten places per class open to the public, no oberservers. Thursday, September 10, 11 a.m. and 12:45 p.m., U-M Dance Department. Call 734-763-5460 to register.

Brown Bag Lunch Video talk led by Eiko and Koma of their "Environmental Trilogy: Land, Wind and River." Friday, September 11, 12 noon, U-M Institute for the Humanities.

Delicious Movement Class for dancers, musicians, singers, actors and visual artists taught by Eiko and Koma. Saturday, September 12, 12 noon, Dance Gallery/ Peter Sparling & Co. Call 734-747-8885 to register.

## SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY MICHAEL TILSON THOMAS, CONDUCTOR AND PIANO

Sunday, September 27, 4 P.M. Hill Auditorium Sponsored by McKinley Associates. Media Partner WGTE.

### OCTOBER

# JUAN D'MARCOS' AFRO-CUBAN ALL STARS

Friday, October 9, 8 P.M.
Michigan Theater
Sponsored by Charles Hall with additional
support from AAA Michigan. Media partner
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# ST. PETERSBURG PHILHARMONIC YURI TEMIRKANOV, CONDUCTOR GIDON KREMER, VIOLIN

Saturday, October 10, 8 P.M. Hill Auditorium Sponsored by Charla Breton Associates. Media Partner WGTE.

### JOHN WILLIAMS, GUITAR

Wednesday, October 14, 8 P.M. Rackham Auditorium Sponsored by Red Hawk Bar & Grill and Zanzibar.

# CAPITOL STEPS

Friday, October 16, 8 P.M. Michigan Theater Presented in partnership with the U-M Institute for Social Research in Celebration of its 50th Anniversary. Media Partner WEMU.

# GUARNERI STRING QUARTET

Sunday, October 18 P.M. Rackham Auditorium Sponsored by Deloitte & Touche.

# BILL T. JONES/ARNIE ZANE DANCE COMPANY

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Friday, October 23, 8 P.M.

Power Center

Master Class led by Janet Wong, Company Rehearsal Director. Wednesday, October 21, 7 p.m., Dance Gallery/Peter Sparling & Co. Call 734-747-8885 to register.

Master Classes led by Janet Wong, Company Rehearsal Director and dancer Alexandra Beller. Ten participant and ten free observer places per class open to the public. Thursday, October 22, 11 a.m. and 12:45 p.m., U-M Dance Deptarment.

PREP Video talk of Bill T. Jones' work. Friday, October 23, 7 p.m., MI League

Call 734-763-5460 to register.

**Meet the Artists** Post-performance dialogue from the stage.

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# BUDAPEST FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA IVÁN FISCHER, CONDUCTOR ANDRÁS SCHIFF, PIANO

Saturday, October 24, 8 P.M. Hill Auditorium

PREP "Bartók and Stravinsky at the Crossroads" Glenn Watkins, Earl V. Moore Professor Emeritus of Musicology. Saturday, October 24, 7 p.m., MI League Koessler Library.

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# DAVID DANIELS, COUNTERTENOR WITH THE ARCADIAN ACADEMY NICHOLAS MCGEGAN, DIRECTOR AND HARPSICHORD

Tuesday, October 27, 8 P.M. Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre Sponsored by KeyBank with additional support from Maurice and Linda Binkow. Media Partner WGTE.

# LA CAPELLA REIAL DE CATALUNYA AND HESPÈRION XX JORDI SAVALL, VIOLA DA GAMBA MONTSERRAT FIGUERAS, SOPRANO

Friday, October 30, 8 P.M.
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
PREP Greg Hamilton of the Academy of
Early Music interviews Jordi Savall.
Friday, October 30, 7 p.m., St. Francis
School Music Room.

### NOVEMBER

MICHIGAN CHAMBER PLAYERS
FACULTY ARTISTS OF THE UNIVERSITY
OF MICHIGAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC
Sunday, November 1, 4 P.M.

Rackham Auditorium Complimentary Admission

# KIROV ORCHESTRA OF ST. PETERSBURG VALERY GERGIEV, CONDUCTOR

Monday, November 2, 8 P.M.
Hill Auditorium
Master of Arts Interview and Open
Rehearsal Conductor Valery Gergiev
interviewed by Ann Arbor Symphony
Orchestra Conductor Sam Wong. Monday,
November 2, 1 p.m., Hill Auditorium.
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### VIENNA VIRTUOSI

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Thursday, November 5, 8 P.M. Rackham Auditorium Presented with support from Butzel Long, Attorneys and Counselors.

# JAZZ TAP SUMMIT

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Saturday, November 7, 8 P.M. Hill Auditorium

Photo Exhibit "Plenty of Goo

Photo Exhibit "Plenty of Good Women Dancers: African American Women Hoofers from Philadelphia." October 19-November 13, Ann Arbor District Library, Main Branch.

Gifts of Art Local and national tap artists perform. Thursday, November 5, 12 noon, U-M Hospital Main Lobby.

Master of Arts Interview with artists from Jazz Tap Summit. Friday, November 6, 7 p.m., MI League Hussey Room.

Master Classes with tap artists featured in Jazz Tap Summit. For information and registration, call Susan Filipiak of Swing City Dance Studio, 734-668-7782.

Jazz Tap Lecture/Demonstration by Dianne Walker. Saturday, November, 7, 1 p.m., Ann Arbor District Library.

Tap Jam Saturday, November 7, 7 p.m.,

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AMERICAN STRING QUARTET

# BEETHOVEN THE CONTEMPORARY

Sunday, November 8, 4 P.M. Rackham Auditorium PREP Steven Whiting, U-M Assistant Professor of Musicology, with U-M School Look for valuable information about UMS, the 1998/99 season, our venues, educational activities, and ticket information.

# http://www.ums.org

of Music student musicians. Sunday, November 8, 3 p.m., Rackham Assembly Hall. **Meet the Artists** Post-performance dialogue from the stage.

Delicious Experience The American String Quartet cooks for UMS patrons as a part of the UMS Delicious Experience series. Monday, November 10. For information and reservations call 734-936-6837. Brochure available in late September.

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### MITSUKO UCHIDA, PIANO

Wednesday, November 11, 8 P.M. Hill Auditorium Master of Arts Interview with Mitsuko Uchida. Tuesday, November 10, 7 p.m., U-M School of Music Recital Hall. Media Partner WGTE.

# ASSAD BROTHERS WITH BADI ASSAD

Thursday, November 12, 8 P.M. Rackham Auditorium Sponsored by NBD. Additional support provided by Crown House of Gifts.

# SEQUENTIA

HILDEGARD VON BINGEN'S ORDO VIRTUTUM (PLAY OF THE VIRTUES) A FULLY STAGED SACRED-MUSICAL DRAMA

Friday, November 13, 8 P.M. St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church PREP Benjamin Bagby, director of *Ordo Virtutum.* Friday, November 13, 7 p.m., St. Francis School Music Room.

Presented with support from the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany. Media Partner WDET.

# A HUEY P. NEWTON STORY CREATED AND PERFORMED BY

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ANTHONY THOMPSON

Wednesday, November 18 – Saturday, November 21, 8 P.M.

Trueblood Theatre

Lecture Ahmed Rahman, Ph.D. student in history. Thursday, November 19, 5 p.m., CAAS Lounge, 209 West Hall.

**Meet the Artists** Post-performance dialogue from the stage after each performance.

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# EMERSON STRING QUARTET WITH MENAHEM PRESSLER, PIANO

Sunday, November 22, 4 p.m.
Rackham Auditorium
Meet the Artists Post-performance
dialogue from the stage.
PREP "The Trials and Tribulations of
Brahms' Piano Quintet" U-M Professor
Ellwood Derr, Sunday, November 22, 3
P.M. MI League, Vandenberg Room.
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# NOVEMBER/DECEMBER THE HARLEM NUTCRACKER DONALD BYRD/THE GROUP MUSIC BY DUKE ELLINGTON AND DAVID BERGER

Friday, November 27 – Sunday, December 6 12 performances, Detroit Opera House. Co-presented with the Detroit Opera House and The Arts League of Michigan Youth Gospel Choirs Pre-performance songs by area youth gospel choirs sung in the lobby of the Detroit Opera House. Lobby Exhibit Photo exhibit of local African American family life in the 1920s. Detroit Opera House lobby.

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GORDON GIETZ, TENOR
DEAN PETERSON, BASS
THOMAS SHEETS, CONDUCTOR

Sunday, December 6, 2 P.M.
Hill Auditorium
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Saturday, December 5, 8 P.M.

### JANUARY

### TRINITY IRISH DANCE COMPANY

Friday, January 8, 8 P.M.
Power Center
Meet the Artists Meet the Trinity dancers
in the lobby after the performance.
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### RENÉE FLEMING, SOPRANO

Thursday, January 14, 8 P.M.
Hill Auditorium
PREP Naomi André, U-M Assistant
Professor of Music History and
Musicology. Thursday, January, 14,
7 p.m., MI League Hussey Room.
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# THE GOSPEL AT COLONUS FEATURING J.D. STEELE AND SPECIAL GUEST JEVETTA STEELE

CLARENCE FOUNTAIN AND THE BLIND BOYS OF ALABAMA THE ORIGINAL SOUL STIRRERS REVEREND EARL MILLER THE DUKE ELLINGTON CENTENNIAL CHOIR

Friday, January 15 – Saturday, January 16, 8 P.M.

Sunday, January 17, 3 P.M.

Monday, January 18, 3 P.M.

Choir Workshop with the music director of *The Gospel at Colonus*. Saturday, November 14, Museum of African American Histoy in Detroit. Call 734-647-6712 for information and registration. Community Gospel Sing Along with the Cast of *The Gospel at Colonus*. Wednesday, January 13, 7 p.m. Call 734-647-6712 for information and registration.

Family Performance Special one-hour performance for parents and their children. Saturday, January 16, 2 p.m., Power Center. Sponsored by NBD. Co-presented with the Office of the Proyest of the University of

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# AMERICAN STRING QUARTET BEETHOVEN THE CONTEMPORARY

Thursday, January 28, 8 P.M.
Rackham Auditorium
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# ANNE SOFIE VON OTTER, MEZZO-SOPRANO CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF LINCOLN CENTER DAVID SHIFRIN, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR BENGT FORSBERG, PIANO

Friday, January 29, 8 P.M. Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre PREP Richard LeSueur, Vocal Arts Information Services, Friday, January 29, 7 p.m., MI League Hussey Room.

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# AMERICAN STRING QUARTET BEETHOVEN THE CONTEMPORARY ONE-HOUR FAMILY PERFORMANCE

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### FEBRUARY

# AMERICAN STRING QUARTET BEETHOVEN THE CONTEMPORARY

Sunday, February 7, 4 P.M. Rackham Auditorium PREP Steven Whiting, U-M

PREP Steven Whiting, U-M Assistant Professor of Musicology with U-M School of Music student musicians. Sunday, February 7, 3 p.m., MI League Vandenberg Room.

Meet the Artists Post-performance dialogue from the stage with the ASQ and composer Kenneth Fuchs.

Lecture by composer Kenneth Fuchs.

Monday, February 8, 12 noon, U-M

School of Music, Room 2033.

Panel Discussion "Interdisciplinary
Creativity in the Arts" moderated by U-M
English Professor Julie Ellison, in conjunction
with the Beethoven the Contemporary
and Merce Cunningham Residencies.

Tuesday, February 9, 7 p.m., Rackham Amphitheater.

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# IMMERCESION: THE MERCE CUNNINGHAM DANCE COMPANY

Friday, February 12 – Saturday, February 13, 8 P.M. Power Center

Mini-Course U-M students can earn 2 credit hours in a course drawn from the UMS residency. Information session held in January. Call 734-763-5460 for information. Brown Bag Lunch about Merce Cunningham. Tuesday, January 12, 12 noon, U-M Institute for the Humanities.

Cunningham Company Family Event
Parents and their children (ages 7 and up)
explore visual art, dance and music in a
workshop which culminates in a free performance and reception at the Power
Center on Wednesday, February 10.
Workshop held Saturday, February 6, 4 p.m.
at the Ann Arbor Art Center and Dance
Gallery/Peter Sparling & Co. Call 734994-8004 x101 for information and registration, or walk-in registration at the Ann
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Youth and Adult Art Classes with connections to the Cunningham Company held in the fall and winter. Call 734-994-8004 x101 for information and registration, or walk-in registration at the Ann Arbor Art Center.

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# Second Rhapsody for Orchestra with Piano

# An American in Paris

George Gershwin Born September 26, 1898 in Brooklyn, New York. Died July 11, 1937 in Hollywood, California.

Almost from his birth, George Gershwin was torn between the refined tastes and manners of the "better class" of Americans and the sassy vitality of popular music. His earliest musical memory, he said once, was of an automatic piano in a penny arcade on New York's 125th Street, playing Anton Rubinstein's *Melody in F.* "The peculiar jumps in the music," Gershwin recalled, "held me rooted." The five-year-old future composer had discovered the way that wide melodic skips intensify feeling and make a tune memorable.

Popular music was everywhere then, of course, but so were the classics. By age fourteen, George was attending recitals by celebrated soloists such as Efrem Zimbalist, Josef Lhevinne, and Leopold Godowsky; playing piano in the Beethoven Society Orchestra at Public School 63; and taking lessons with Charles Hambitzer in piano and Edward Kilenyi in music theory two champions of twentieth-century music. George was just fifteen when he quit school to become, as he said, "probably the youngest piano pounder ever employed in Tin Pan Alley." In those days before demo discs, George's assignment was to travel from music store to music store, selling sheet music by performing it — in his own "improved" versions, of course. Playing all day, every day, George continued to grow and develop as a pianist, mastering all the current styles from waltzes to ragtime. A nervous, anything-goes era swept the country after World War I. The Yanks returning from Europe reported that "jazz,"

meaning syncopated rhythms and blues harmonies, was suddenly the rage on the continent, adding its coloration to works by Ravel, Stravinsky, and many others, while Americans returned the compliment with a booming interest in old-world culture on the radio. Inevitably, the sort of experiments we today might call "third stream" or crossover began to appear: The Broadway extravaganza *George White's Scandals of 1922* included the one-act "opera" *Blue Monday*, composed by the noted young songwriter and author of the colossal hit "Swanee," George Gershwin.

When bandleader Paul Whiteman, the self-crowned "King of Jazz," heard about these experiments, he proposed that Gershwin write a "jazz concerto" for his dance orchestra. The resulting piece, *Rhapsody in Blue*, was introduced in February 1924, dazzling a Carnegie Hall audience that included many of the leading musicians of the day. It was a breakthrough event. George Gershwin, songplugger and tunesmith, was a hit in the concert hall.

In the 1931 movie Delicious, starring Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell, a composer with a Russian accent introduces his "New York Rhapsody" at the piano with the following dialogue: "It begins like we all see the city first: the great towers almost in the clouds. Down below, in the long furrows, human seeds trying to grow to the light. And noise: riveters drumming your ear from every side.... And this is the night motif: night, silencing the rivets." The shot dissolves into a montage of crowd scenes, and the music spins out for about eight minutes over views of the cityscape. George Gershwin, the real-life Russian-American composer of that piece, did not know at first whether it would have a life in the concert hall. But then he heard from the distinguished Russian emigré conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Serge Koussevitzky. This champion of America's

most highbrow composers had never commissioned a work from Gershwin, son of Tin Pan Alley. Now he was inquiring whether Gershwin had a new work he could present in Boston. Gershwin returned to his "New York Rhapsody." Although the manuscript contains the inscription "Finished May 23, 1931," Gershwin continued to work on it, expanding it in anticipation of the Boston première on January 29, 1932, an event that, in his mind, carried considerable prestige. No doubt this is why, after considering the title "Rhapsody in Rivets," he settled on the more classical Second Rhapsody. The Second Rhapsody was not published in score until the 1950s, when the publishers decided to edit and reorchestrate the work. Michael Tilson Thomas was a key player in recovering the original version, which we hear at this concert.

After a rhapsodic piano introduction, the riveters start to hammer away. Other distinctive motifs are stirred into the mix. reflecting Gershwin's study of counterpoint around the time he composed this piece. The rivet theme is often set to a 3+3+2rumba beat. The music is nervous, brilliantly scored, and endlessly mutable. Even the tender, lyrical theme, with its Rachmaninofflike swell and climax, constantly probes and expands its harmonic range. The long, whimsical coda is still more adventurous, beginning with a transformation of the repeated-note theme into a satirical little march, and closing with ironic "nyaah-nyaah" phrases in the strings. This acerbic music shows a new, more modern Gershwin refining his art in the later stages of his brief career.

By January 1928, Gershwin had come to feel confident enough to compose an orchestral work without a piano solo part for himself. He had created two hit shows, *Funny Face* and *Rosalie*, that were now running in New York at the same time, and he was ready for

a change of scene. An invitation from friends in Paris to visit that city started him thinking about a "rhapsodic ballet," which acquired its title almost immediately: *An American in Paris*.

Already a connoisseur of everything French, Gershwin wasted no time getting started on his new piece. When the composer and his brother Ira boarded a steamer for Europe that March 9, George had already laid out the work in versions for one and two pianos. His stay in Paris, which lasted from late March to early June, was a happy whirl of parties, museums, and sightseeing. Through it all, George worked steadily on An American in Paris, reconciling the Paris of his imagination with the real thing. His hostess Mabel Schirmer took him on a shopping trip to the auto supply stores on the Grande Armée, where he tooted every horn in stock before selecting several to experiment with as he composed; four of the horns went with him back to New York. and they would add local color to the work's première, which Walter Damrosch conducted with the New York Symphony Orchestra on December 13, 1928.

In painting his French scene, Gershwin helped himself to the moody impressionism of Debussy and the sassy, jazzy boulevardier idiom of Poulenc and Milhaud. To an interviewer, Gershwin offered a few fanciful images to guide the listener through the piece. The bustling first section, he said, portrays "the impressions of an American visitor in Paris as he strolls about the city, listens to various street noises, and absorbs the French atmosphere.

"Our American friend," Gershwin went on, "perhaps after strolling into a café and having a few drinks, suddenly succumbs to a spasm of homesickness. The harmony here is both more intense and simple than in the preceding pages." This paradoxical description covers not only the work's signature tune, a finely sculpted blues melody, but the hot number in Caribbean rhythm (derived from the work's opening theme) that interrupts it. The big tune reaches several climaxes before the American, "having left the café and reached the open air, has downed his spell of blues and once again is an alert spectator of Parisian life." All the themes come back for a bow — and some witty new combinations — in the ebullient coda.

Based on notes by David Wright

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# Symphony No. 1 in D Major

Gustav Mahler

Born July 7, 1860 in Kalischt (Kaliste), near Humpolec, Bohemia. Died May 18, 1911 in Vienna.

Mahler composed this symphony, the most original first symphony since the Berlioz *Symphonic Fantastique*, in high hopes of being understood. But he enjoyed public success with the work only in Prague in 1898 and in Amsterdam five years later. The Viennese audience in 1900, musically reactionary and anti-Semitic to boot, was vile in its behavior.

The work even puzzled its own composer. He was unsure whether he was offering a symphonic poem, a program symphony, or just a symphony. He did most of the work on this score in February and March 1888 and revised it extensively on several occasions. The work is played at this afternoon's concert according to the second, and last, edition published during Mahler's lifetime and dated 1906.

When Mahler conducted the first performance with the Budapest Philharmonic on November 20, 1889, he billed it as a "symphonic poem" whose two parts consisted of the first three and the last two movements.

(At that time, the first movement was followed by a piece called Blumine, which Mahler later dropped.) A newspaper article the day before the première outlined a program whose source can only have been Mahler himself and which identifies the first three movements with spring, happy daydreams, and a wedding procession, the fourth as a funeral march representing the burial of the poet's illusions, and the fifth as a hard-won progress to spiritual victory. When Mahler revised the score in January 1893, he called it a symphony in five movements and two parts, also giving it the name Titan — not for the violent figures of Greek mythology, but for the eponymous novel by Jean Paul (Johann Paul Friedrich Richter, 1763-1825), a key figure in German literary Romanticism and one of Mahler's favorite writers. But by October he announced the work as TITAN, a Tone Poem in the Form of a Symphony.

Before the Vienna performance in 1900, Mahler again leaked a program to a friendly critic, and it is a curious one. First comes the rejection of the *Titan* program, as well as "all other titles and inscriptions, which, like all 'programs,' are always misinterpreted. [The composer] dislikes and discards them as 'antiartistic' and 'antimusical." There follows a scenario that reads much like an elaborated version of the original one for Budapest. During the nineties, when Richard Strauss's Till Eulenspiegel, Also sprach Zarathustra, Don Quixote, and Ein Heldenleben had come out, program music had become a hot political issue in the world of music. Mahler saw himself as living in a very different world from Strauss, and he wanted to establish a distance between himself and his colleague. At the same time, the extra-musical ideas would not disappear, and he seemed now to be wanting to have it both ways. There was no pleasing the critics on this issue. In Berlin he was faulted for omitting the program and in Frankfurt for keeping it.

Mahler writes "Wie ein Naturlaut" (like a sound of nature) on the first page, and in a letter to the conductor Franz Schalk we read. "The introduction to the first movement sounds of nature, not music!" Fragments detach themselves from the mist, then coalesce. Among these fragments are a pair of notes descending by a fourth, distant fanfares, a little cry of oboes, a cuckoo call (by the only cuckoo in the world who toots a fourth rather than a third), a gentle horn melody. Gradually the tempo quickens to arrive at the melody of the second of Mahler's Wayfarer Songs. Mahler's wayfarer crosses the fields in the morning, rejoicing in the beauty of the world and hoping that this marks the beginning of his own happy times, only to see that spring can never bloom for him. But for Mahler the song is an evocation and a musical source, and he draws astounding riches from it by a process, as Erwin Stein put it, of constantly shuffling and reshuffling its figures like a deck of cards. The movement rises to one tremendous climax, and the last page is wild.

The scherzo is the symphony's briefest and simplest movement, and the only one that the first audiences could be counted on to like. The trio, set in an F Major that sounds very mellow in the A Major context of the scherzo itself, contrasts the simplicity of the rustic Austrian material with the artfulness of its arrangement.

The funeral music that follows was what most upset audiences. The use of vernacular material presented in slightly perverted form (the round we have all sung to the words "Frère Jacques," but set by Mahler in a lugubrious minor), the parodic, vulgar music with its lachrymose oboes and trumpets, the boom-chick of bass drum with cymbal attached, the hiccupping violins, the appearance in the middle of all this of part of the last Wayfarer song — people did not know what to make of this mixture, whether to laugh or cry or both. They sensed some-

thing irreverent, new, and ominous, that these collisions of the spooky, the gross, and the vulnerable were uncomfortably like life itself.

Mahler likened the opening of the finale to a bolt of lightning that rips from a black cloud. Transforming material from the first movement, he takes us, in the terms of his various programs, on the path from annihilation to victory, while in musical terms he engages us in a struggle to regain D Major, the main key of the symphony, unheard since the first movement ended. When at last he reenters that key, he does so by way of a stunning and violent coup de théâtre, only to withdraw from the sounds of victory and to show us the hollowness of that triumph. He then goes back to the music with which the symphony began and gathers strength for a second assault that opens the doors to a heroic ending and a hymn-like celebration in which the horns, now on their feet, are instructed to drown out the rest of the orchestra, "even the trumpets."

-Michael Steinberg

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ichael Tilson Thomas assumed his post as San Francisco Symphony (SFS) Music Director in 1995, consolidating a relationship with the Orchestra that began with his SFS debut in 1974. A Los Angeles native, he studied with John Crown and Ingolf Dahl at the University of Southern California, becoming Music Director of the Young Musicians Foundation Debut Orchestra at nineteen and working with Stravinsky, Boulez, Stockhausen, and Copland on premières of their compositions. He was pianist and conductor for Piatigorsky and Heifetz's master classes and, as a student



Michael Tilson Thomas

of Friedelind Wagner, an assistant conductor at Bayreuth. In 1969, at twenty-four, Mr. Tilson Thomas won the Koussevitzky Prize and was appointed Assistant Conductor of the Boston Symphony. Ten days later he came to international recognition, replacing Music Director William Steinberg in midconcert at Lincoln Center. He went on to become the BSO's Associate Conductor, then Principal Guest Conductor, and he has also served as Music Director of the Buffalo Philharmonic and a Principal Guest Conductor of the Los Angeles Philharmonic. He became Principal Conductor of the London Symphony Orchestra in 1988 and now serves as Principal Guest Conductor. He is co-Artistic Director of the Pacific Music Festival, which he and Leonard Bernstein inaugurated in Sapporo, Japan in

1990, and he continues as Artistic Director of the New World Symphony, which he founded in 1988. Michael Tilson Thomas's recordings have won numerous international awards, including the Grammy for Best Orchestral Recording of 1996 for Scenes from Prokofiev's Romeo and Juliet with the SFS. The breadth of his recorded repertory reflects wide-ranging interests arising from his work as conductor, composer, and pianist. He led the televised New York Philharmonic Young People's Concerts from 1971 to 1977 and has also been featured on television with the London Symphony Orchestra, distinguished soloists, and host Dudley Moore in the series Concerto! His compositions include From the Diary of Anne Frank, narrated by actress Audrey Hepburn in its first performances and since performed worldwide, and Shówa/Shoáh, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima. Viva Voce, his volume of conversations with critic Edward Seckerson, was published in 1994. Mr. Tilson Thomas' many honors include Columbia University's Ditson Award for services to American music, the 1995 Conductor of the Year by Musical America, and a Chevalier des Arts et des Lettres of France.

This performance marks Michael Tilson Thomas' sixth appearance under UMS auspices.

he San Francisco Symphony gave its first concerts in 1911 and over the years has grown in acclaim under a succession of music directors: Henry Hadley, Alfred Hertz, Basil Cameron, Issay Dobrowen, Pierre Monteux, Enrique Jordá, Josef Krips, Seiji Ozawa, Edo de Waart, Herbert Blomstedt (now Conductor Laureate), and, since 1995, Michael Tilson Thomas. In recent seasons the San Francisco Symphony has won some

of the world's most prestigious recording awards, including Japan's Record Academy Award, France's Grand Prix du Disque, Britain's Gramophone Award, and the United States's Grammy for Carmina Burana, Brahms' German Requiem, and scenes from Prokofiev's Romeo and Juliet — the first recording by Michael Tilson Thomas and the Orchestra under their exclusive contract with BMG Classics/RCA Red Seal, a collaboration that has produced a series of recordings that includes Mahler's Das klagende Lied, Copland the Modernist, Berlioz's Symphonie fantastique, and a just-released two-CD set of Gershwin's music that includes works heard at this concert. Farlier this week, Michael Tilson Thomas and the San Francisco Symphony celebrated the Gershwin centenary with an all-Gershwin program at Carnegie Hall's opening gala. This will be telecast nationally on PBS's Great Performances on September 30.

Since 1986 the Orchestra has made three tours of Asia, four tours of Europe — including a stunning debut at the 1990 Salzburg Festival — and has performed throughout the US. Some of the most important conductors of our time have been guests on the San Francisco Symphony podium, among them Bruno Walter, Leopold Stokowski, Leonard Bernstein, Sir Georg Solti, and Kurt Masur, and the list of composers who have led the Orchestra is a who's who of twentieth-century music, including Stravinsky, Prokofiev, Ravel, Schoenberg, Copland, and John Adams.

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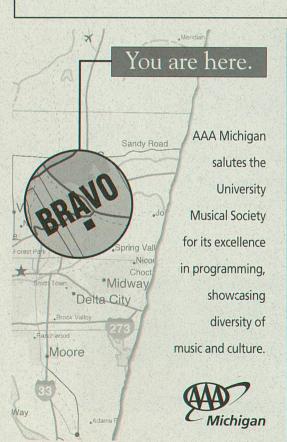
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#### Afro-Cuban All Stars

Not since the 1950s has there been such a surge of Cubaphilia in American pop culture. Part of Cuba's new appeal is the romantic but illusory notion that its isolation has made it a time capsule, maintaining styles that have been overrun by hectic commerciality elsewhere. The music of the Afro-Cuban All Stars is rich in tenderness and nostalgia suggesting a world of tropical ease and pre-revolutionary innocence — a far cry from modern Cuba. The Afro-Cuban All Stars are a classic example of the excellent Cuban musicianship which due to embargo has gone unheard by most people of the United States. It is nonetheless a powerful evocation of the music written by a people who although forced to live under enforced economic strife and the hardship of daily life under communist rule manage to celebrate life, love, beautiful women, and the pursuit of all things pleasurable. The Cuban ethos, in Che Guevara's phrase, is "socialism with pachanga (rhythm)".

Brought together by musical director Juan de Marcos González, the thirteen-member Afro-Cuban All Stars are a multi-generational mixture of the best musicians Cuba has turned out in the last half century. González wanted to recreate the brassy sound of Cuban music's pre-revolutionary golden age by bringing together a creative explosion of legendary musicians of his youth (sparking friendly rivalries of years past) with rising stars from more contemporary generations. This powerful and eclectic mix produced the much acclaimed and Grammynominated debut album, A Toda Cuba Le Gusta which runs through a great range of styles including Danzón, Son-Montuno, Guaguancó, Mozambique, Afro, Mambo and Guajira. The sound is acoustic but the atmosphere is electric -- the entire album was recorded in six days and nights, creating an exuberant alternative to much of the modern music which Juan de Marcos finds tedious.

What makes this band so impressive are the life stories behind the musicians' faces. Imagine Billy Holiday, Louis Armstrong, Miles Davis, John Coltrane, and Thelonious Monk all in one ensemble, and you'll get the sense of each individual's amazing history and the colorful stories yet to be told by the members of the Afro-Cuban All Stars. It's their combined history and tremendous talents that make them one of the front runners in Cuban music.

This performance marks the Afro-Cuban All Stars debut under UMS auspices.



#### Juan de Marcos González

When Juan de Marcos González was growing up in Havana, the fashionable bands of the day were King Crimson, Yes and Jethro Tull. The young Marcos preferred son, guaracha and rumba and has been on a mission to keep alive the best traditions of Cuban music ever since. His father, Marcos González Mauriz, once sang with Arsenio Rodríguez, and Marcos' cradle rocked to the sound of Cuban rhythms. From an early age his parents looked after his musical education by taking him to "rumbas de solar" — all night rumba parties.

Since the late 1970s Marcos has played with the son group Sierra Maestra and at the same time began laying plans to achieve his dream. "I have always had the wish to reunite in one orchestra the major stars of the 1940s and 1950s who are still alive and in good voice with musicians from other generations, to play Cuban music on an album that would show the continuity of the tradition."

#### **Ibrahim Ferrer**

(Born Santiago 1927)

Perhaps the most telling of stories is that of septuagenarian Ibrahim Ferrer who was born at a social club dance. He began singing professionally in 1941 with local Santiago groups, working wherever he could make a living by day and singing by night. By the 1950s he was established as the singer with Pacho Alonso's group and was able to concentrate on music full time. Ferrer began guesting with Orquesta de Chepin and Benny Moré, two of the legendary names of Cuban music. Alonso's band moved to Havana in 1959, and Ferrer stayed with the group for more than twenty years. By the 1970s, the group had become known as Los Bocucos and pioneered the polón rhythm, which was reputedly based on the sound of pounding the coffee beans.

Musicians in Cuba have never been paid much and Ferrer is one of the remarkable number of vintage musicians who has been supported on a small state pension which he supplemented by the hard earned money he received by shining shoes. Ferrer lives in Old Havana in a tiny apartment within a crowded and moldering nineteenth-century house with his wife and assorted junior relatives. As money is tight (the average monthly salary is \$15), the older generations tend to conserve their small pensions by hanging out not far from their open doors. This is exactly where Ferrer was when destiny came knocking and is best explained in Ibrahim's own words, "An angel came and picked me up and said, 'Chico, come and do this record.' I didn't want to do it because I had given up on music. But now I have my own record, my first one ever, so I'm very happy. I don't have to shine shoes anymore."

#### Teresa García Caturla

(Born San Juan de los Remedios, Villa Clara)

Teresa García Caturla was inspired musically from a very early age by the influence of her father, the renowned composer Alejandro García Caturla. She studied percussion at the Academia Municipal de Música in Remedios and went on to join the Banda de Música Municipal de Infantil. In 1958 Teresa (or Teresita as she is affectionately known) moved to Havana where she soon began her career as a singer at the Hotel Plaza. In 1960 she went on to work with the all-female Las Anacaonas Orchestra and with the Azuquita Quartet, Las d'Aida. Along with Elena Burke, Omara Portuondo and Moraima Secada, Teresita performed at the most celebrated theatres (Nacional, Amadeo Roldán and Garcia Lorca) and clubs (Tropicana, Casino Parisien at the Hotel Nacional de Cuba, Salon Copa at the Havana Riveria Hotel) of the time. The group continued working and touring until Aida Diestro's untimely death in 1973, when Teresita took

over leadership of the quartet and took them on tour in Panama, the Caribbean, Mexico, Spain, Finland and Africa. In 1979 Teresita was featured on the classic *Estrellas de Areito* recordings and joined them live in Venezuela in 1981. She has worked with some of the biggest names in Cuban music and is featured on the forthcoming debut album by Ibrahim Ferrer (World Circuit/Nonesuch).

#### Manuel "Puntillita" Licea

(Born Holguín, 1927)

"Puntillita" began singing at the age of seven and joined the *Orchestra Licea* in 1941. He went on to achieve huge popularity in the 1950s as lead singer with some of Havana's greatest bands including Adolfo Guzman, Roberto Faz and Cascarito. He also sang with legendary *Sonora Matancera* with whom Celia Cruz once sang and which has been in existence for almost seventy years. Puntillita recorded the hit "The Rooster, The Hen and The Horse" with the group. He has tackled the whole gamut of Cuban rhythms with his polished vocal styles, but he specializes in the *son* and *bolero*.

#### Orlando "Cachaíto" López

(Born Havana 1933)

The López family is virtually synonymous with bass playing in Cuba. Cachaíto's father and uncle, Orestes and Israel, were both fine players, having learned the instrument from their father Pedro. In the 1930s the López boys rewrote the book on bass playing. While Orestes along with Arsenio Rodgríguez helped create the mambo rhythm, Israel (known as "Cachao") played a key role in the development of the *descarga* style. As a young boy, Cachaíto flirted with the violin but inevitably the lure of the bass was too strong.

His earliest love was *danzón* and by the age of twelve he had already played with

Orquesta Riverside, a hugely popular dance band of the time. He was then asked by his uncle to stand in with Arcana y sus Maravillas, a band that had been around since the 1930s. The teenage boy was so impressive that he was asked to stay.

As a musician of astonishing versatility, Cachaíto started playing classical music with the *Orquesta Sinfónica Nacional* in the 1960s. He would play Beethoven in a concert hall in the early part of the evening and then move on to play electric bass in a club into the small hours of the morning. Yet his preferred instrument is the acoustic bass and combined with his deep love of jazz influenced by Charles Mingus, he began to explore this instrument more. He played with Irakere in the 1960s, the group responsible for shaping modern Latin jazz, and he continues to play Cuban rhythms, classical and jazz with equal enthusiasm.

#### **Félix Valoy**

(Born Holguín 1944)

Félix Valoy started his musical career in 1960 by studying percussion. By 1970 he had begun working as a professional singer with such groups as Chapottín, Cubalse, Conjunto Primavera, Combo Yarey and Chuquí. Since then he has worked with veteran timbales player Elio Revé and his Orquesta Revé, Son 14, and Adalberto y su Son, and has toured extensively in Europe and Latin America with the latter two groups. He once fronted his own band Valoy y su Talento Latino and in 1976, he made a film with Chapottín called Son o no Son. He cites Nino Bravo and Nat King Cole as his favorite singers and Benny Moré as his most important influence.

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#### Festive Overture, Op. 96

Dmitri Shostakovich Born September 25, 1906 in St. Petersburg Died on August 9, 1975 in Moscow

This delightful short work falls chronologically between two of Shostakovich's most serious symphonies: Symphony No. 10, which contains a diabolical scherzo reputed to be a "portrait of Stalin," and Symphony No. 11, which commemorates the bloody events of the 1905 revolution. Shostakovich whipped it off, literally in one day, in response to a call from Vasili Nebolsin, a conductor at the Bolshoi Theater in Moscow, who urgently needed a festive piece for November 7, the anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution of 1917. Lev Lebedinsky, a musicologist and close friend of the composer's during the 1950s, told the story in an interview with British cellist and author Elizabeth Wilson. (See Wilson's fascinating Shostakovich: A Life Remembered, Princeton University Press, 1994).

"Shostakovich composed the Festive Overture before my very eyes," recalled Lebedinsky, who happened to be in Shostakovich's apartment when a desperate Nebolsin arrived to announce an emergency. Lebedinsky watched as the composer sat down to compose the overture he had been asked for. Shostakovich kept talking to his friend and making jokes even as he was composing. As soon as he finished a page, a courier came and took it away to be copied, in an almost exact replay of how Rossini had written his famous overture to La gazza ladra in 1817.

This amazing effortlessness can be heard in the light and carefree tone of the music, yet the quality of the musical ideas and the craftsmanship with which they are presented never let us suppose that the composer had no time at all to plan or even think about the piece. What Shostakovich did here is as close to improvisation as a

symphonic composer can ever come: the conception and the realization of the piece were virtually simultaneous.

Of course, Shostakovich had the classical sonata-form model to fall back on: after an introductory fanfare, he duly presents his two themes (the first consists mainly of rapid eighth-note passages, while the second has an expressive, singing character). The subsequent development, recapitulation and return of the opening fanfares as a concluding section, were all part of the traditional framework that Shostakovich could well take for granted, like so many composers before him. But the freshness of the materials that fill in that framework, the brilliant orchestration, and the effervescence of the whole piece are true signs of genius. They explain why the Festive Overture, originally written to help out a colleague in a pinch, has entered the standard repertoire and held its place there for more than forty years.

#### Violin Concerto No. 2, Op. 129

Dmitri Shostakovich

With this concerto, Shostakovich completed a "quartet of concertos," two for violin and two for cello, written for two close friends (David Oistrakh and Mstislav Rostropovich) over a period of almost two decades. The quartet had begun in 1948 with the Violin Concerto No.1, an intensely dramatic piece written in the wake of the infamous Party resolution that condemned Shostakovich and others in the harshest possible terms. The popular Cello Concerto No. 1 followed in 1959, followed in 1966 by the Cello Concerto No. 2. The Violin Concerto No. 2, completed a year later, was in many ways modeled after the cello work which had preceded it.

This concerto was intended as a present for Oistrakh's sixtieth birthday. But Shostakovich wrote the piece a year early, so Oistrakh was able to première it when he was only fifty-nine. (Incidentally, the première fell on Shostakovich's own sixty-first birthday.) A year later, Shostakovich surprised his friend with a violin sonata (Op.134), finished just in time for the actual anniversary.

The Violin Concerto No. 2 follows the classical three-movement sequence of fastslow-fast, with the last movement in rondo form, though the first movement (as often in Shostakovich) is in moderate rather than fast tempo. The thematic material is extremely simple, often consisting of the constant repetition of short melodic patterns. Also, the orchestra is considerably reduced; there are only double - not triple - woodwinds, no trumpets or trombones, and no percussion other than timpani and tom-tom. But Shostakovich used his restricted ensemble and his simple themes with great ingenuity, achieving expressive moments of great diversity and a surprisingly powerful sound at climactic moments, as in an especially dramatic passage in the first movement where the two clarinets play in their seldomused, shrill and penetrating high register. Such passages alternate with more playful episodes, as in the second theme whose humoristic staccato theme at one point takes a sudden turn and begins to sound like a well-known Schubert march. After a brief cadenza (a much longer one will be heard in the third movement), this march tune is used as the ending of the first movement. It is played by the solo violin and fades out as the double basses play pianissimo to the accompaniment of the tom-tom.

The second movement is a single long melody for solo violin, combined with some exquisite woodwind solos. One of the most soulful moments comes at the end, where the first horn recapitulates the theme, transforming it into a lullaby, which leads into the third movement via a short bridge passage for solo violin and two horns. The finale is based on a three-note rhythmic pat-

tern (short-short-long) already heard in the first movement. After a playful start, the tone of the music becomes more serious, even tragic at times. The tension gradually increases, and reaches a high point where a diabolical cadenza begins. The three-note rhythmic pattern dominates both the violin part and the orchestral accompaniment until the end of the work.

#### Symphony No. 7, Op. 131

Sergei Prokofiev Born April 27, 1891 in Sontsovka, Ukraine Died March 5, 1953 in Moscow

Prokofiev's last years were anything but happy. Barely sixty years old, his health had already begun to decline. He suffered from a number of physical ailments, but the psychological consequences of the Communist Party attack of 1948 were at least equally serious. Prokofiev was devastated by the attack that had branded his music as "formalistic." He was still officially acknowledged as the Soviet Union's greatest composer, but most of his works, including some of which he himself thought quite highly, could not be performed. For instance, he was never to see on stage his opera War and Peace, on which he worked, on and off, for the last twelve years of his life.

Prokofiev was sustained during these difficult years by only one thing: work. To the end of his life, he composed as prolifically as he had always done: he completed his *Piano Sonata No. 9* in 1947, a sonata for cello and piano in 1949, as well as numerous *pieces d'occasion* on official commissions. He also revised some of his earlier works such as the *Symphony No. 4* or the *Cello Concerto* Op. 58 which became the *Symphony-Concerto*, generally considered the greatest work of Prokofiev's final period.

Symphony No. 7 was commissioned by a department within the Soviet national radio

whose task was to create musical programs for young people. Prokofiev wanted to write something light and simple for this occasion. But it wasn't going to be another Peter and the Wolf: the humor and immediacy of a children's story were replaced by a nostalgic view of youth from the perspective of old age. Prokofiev wanted to avoid complications in his harmonic language so that he could be easily understood, even by children (inaccessibility was one of the charges leveled at him in 1948). As a result, the symphony is like a day of Indian summer; the sun, no longer scorching as in August, is mild and gentle, evoking feelings of warmth and serenity in the listener. Symphony No. 7 was to remain the last major work Prokofiev completed, and its first performance also marked his last appearance in public.

The symphony begins with an expressive melody Prokofiev develops by adding some fast-moving countersubjects in sixteenth-notes. A second theme follows, a broad legato melody in the Tchaikovsky-Rachmaninoff tradition that had been quite alien to Prokofiev's earlier style. A third idea, introduced *staccato* (short, separated notes) by the woodwind and bells, is more in character with the old Prokofiev. These three ideas, in more or less varied form, provide the material for a mostly lyrical and contemplative movement.

The second movement is a scherzo with many waltz elements. It starts with a leisurely "Allegretto" that escalates into "Allegro" and even "Più mosso" (Faster) as the excitement gradually increases. The trio (middle section), by contrast, is more laid back: its expressive melody is played by muted violins and then by the solo oboe. The scherzo-waltz returns, with the addition of a new variation where the theme is reinforced by brass instruments. After a varied repeat of the trio, the waltz returns and develops into a frantic closing

section so that the climax of the movement comes at the very end.

The third-movement ("Andante espressivo") is again based on two contrasting ideas. The first is of a *legato* character, emphasizing long melodic phrases (Prokofiev's Soviet biographer, Israel Nestyev, was reminded of Friar Laurence's music from *Romeo and Juliet*). The second is staccato and uses rhythm as its primary propelling force. The two ideas are then combined, and the legato melody returns, played by the solo flute accompanied by piano and harp. A quiet brass chord (a major triad with a pungent major seventh) closes the movement.

The finale is full of typical Prokofievian humor, recalling the upbeat days of Lieutenant Kije, among other manifestations of Prokofiev's light side. The fun and frolic are, however, interrupted, as the broad Romantic theme from the first movement returns, followed by the staccato theme from the same movement. The music clearly receives a more serious turn at this point; the tempo slows down and the brass instruments play some forte notes in a low register that threaten to destroy the cheerful atmosphere that has prevailed so far. The original ending of the symphony was accordingly soft and wistful. But, Nestyev tells us, during the rehearsals of the symphony, Prokofiev was persuaded (the word may be a euphemism in this case) to write an alternative ending that brings back the playful first theme and ends the symphony on a happy note.

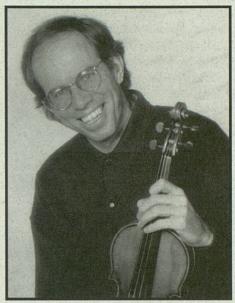
Program notes by Peter Laki

n the twenty-five-year course of his distinguished career, violinist Gidon Kremer has established a reputation worldwide as one of the most original and compelling artists of his generation. He has appeared on virtually every major concert stage with the most celebrated orchestras of Europe and America and has collaborated with today's foremost conductors and instrumentalists.

His repertoire is unusually extensive, encompassing all of the standard classical and Romantic violin works, as well as music by twentieth-century masters such as Henze, Berg and Stockhausen. He has also championed the works of living Russian and Eastern European composers and has performed many important new compositions, several of them dedicated to him. He has become associated with such diverse composers as Alfred Schnittke, Arvo Pärt, Sofia Gubaidulina, Valentin Silvestrov, Luigi Nono, Aribert Reimann, John Adams and Astor Piazzolla, bringing their music to audiences in a way that respects tradition yet remains contemporary.

Since making his Western debut, Mr. Kremer has appeared with the orchestras of Berlin, Boston, Amsterdam, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Philadelphia, New York, London, Paris and Vienna in collaborations with a distinguished roster of conductors that includes Leonard Bernstein, Herbert von Karajan, Carlo Maria Giulini, Eugen Jochum, Andre Previn, Claudio Abbado, James Levine, Lorin Maazel, Riccardo Muti, Nikolaus Harnoncourt, Zubin Mehta and Sir Neville Marriner.

Deeply committed to chamber music, Mr. Kremer devotes a portion of his schedule to recital appearances with partners such as Valery Afanassiev, Martha Argerich, Keith Jarrett, Oleg Maisenberg, Vadim Sakharov, Tatyana Grindenko, Misha Maisky and Thomas Zehetmair.



Gidon Kremer

An exceptionally prolific recording artist, Gidon Kremer has made more than 100 albums for Deutsche Grammophon, Teldec, Philips, ECM, Sony Classical, EMI/Angel and Nonesuch. His recordings have garnered many awards, among them the prestigious *Grand Prix du Disque* and *Deutsche Schallplattenpreis*.

Since 1981, Mr. Kremer has been inviting a select group of artists to participate in the music festival he founded in the small Austrian village of Lockenhaus. For two weeks each summer, musicians from all parts of the world gather to perform in an intimate setting. The festival's emphasis is on the exploration of new repertoire, with unusual pairings of musicians who collaborate in an informal atmosphere conducive to discovery and communication. Lockenhaus is the realization of the violin-

ist's belief that music can overcome all barriers of language and culture. Since 1992, musicians from Lockenhaus have been touring throughout the world under the designation KREMERata MUSICA. On the occasion of Franz Schubert's 200th birthday cel-

ebrations in 1997, they undertook a comprehensive concert cycle devoted to Schubert throughout Europe, including appearances at the Salzburg Festival. Also in 1997, Mr. Kremer made a world tour with his "Hommage à Piazzolla" program.

In November 1996, Mr. Kremer founded the KREMERata BALTICA chamber orchestra to foster outstanding young musicians from the three Baltic states. He will be undertaking regular concert tours with the orchestra, serving as Artistic Director and soloist. Since 1997 Mr. Kremer has also been the Artistic Director of the Musiksommer Gstaad in Switzerland, succeeding Lord Yehudi Menuhin.

Gidon Kremer was born in 1947 in Riga, Latvia. He began his study of the violin at age four with his father and grandfather, both of whom were accomplished string players. At seven, his formal education began with his entry into the Riga Music School as a student of Professor Sturestep. By the time he reached the eighth grade he was auditioning for competitions in Poland, Romania and France, and at sixteen was awarded the First Prize of the Latvian Republic. Two years later he successfully auditioned for David Oistrakh and became one of the few students selected to apprentice under his mastery at the Moscow Conservatory.

In 1967 Mr. Kremer won his first international prize: the Queen Elisabeth Competition in Brussels. Following this triumph, he took a prize in the Montreal Competition, top honors in the Paganini Competition in Genoa, and, finally, the coveted First Prize in the 1970 Tchaikovsky Competition.

Gidon Kremer plays a Guarnerius del Gesù, "ex-David," dated from 1730. He is also the author of three books, published in German, which reflect his artistic pursuits.

This performance marks Gidon Kremer's fifth appearance under UMS auspices.

n April 1988 Yuri Temirkanov was named Music Director and Principal Conductor of the St. Petersburg (formerly Leningrad) Philharmonic Orchestra, succeeding Evgeny Mravinsky. Prior to his appointment with that ensemble, he was Artistic Director and Chief Conductor of the Kirov Opera.

In the United States, where he is one of the most well-known and highly regarded Russian conductors, Mr. Temirkanov led the Philadelphia Orchestra regularly between 1975 and 1980. In January 1986, he made a historic appearance with the New York Philharmonic as the first Soviet conductor to visit the United States following the renewal of the Soviet/American Cultural Exchange Agreement, winning exceptional critical acclaim. He has since returned many times to conduct not only the New York Philharmonic and the Philadelphia Orchestra, but also the Boston Symphony, the Los Angeles Philharmonic and the San Francisco Symphony. He was recently named Music Director of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, a post he formally takes up with the start of the 1999-2000 season. Also sought-after for opera engagements, he led an acclaimed production of Tchaikovsky's Eugene Onegin with the San Francisco Opera during the 1997-98 season.

In Europe, Maestro Temirkanov has conducted all of the leading orchestras including the Berlin Philharmonic, the Vienna Philharmonic, the Dresden Staatskapelle, the Orchestre de Paris and the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra. In 1977 he made his London debut with the Royal Philharmonic and starting with the 1979-80 season became its Principal Guest Conductor. After eleven years in that position, succeeded André Previn as Principal Conductor for several years beginning in September 1992. He is now Principal Guest Conductor of the Danish National Symphony Orchestra.

In 1988 the conductor began a long-term



Yuri Temirkanov

exclusive relationship with BMG Classics/ RCA Victor Red Seal. His numerous releases include the complete Stravinsky ballets with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and works of Tchaikovsky, Shostakovich, Prokofiev and Rachmaninoff with the St. Petersburg Philharmonic Orchestra. Among his most recent releases are recordings with the St. Petersburg Philharmonic of Prokofiev's oratorio On Guard for Peace and Shostakovich's Symphony No. 13.

This performance marks Yuri Temirkanov's third appearance under UMS auspices.

he St. Petersburg Philharmonic
Orchestra is Russia's oldest symphony orchestra. It was formed out of the nineteenth-century "Imperial Music Choir" in 1882 but initially played only for the Imperial Court and in aristocratic circles. As early as October 19, 1917 the ensemble was declared a state orchestra, giving its first public concert in Soviet Russia shortly thereafter, on November 8th. A year later the orchestra was incorporated into the newly founded Petrograd Philharmonic Society, the first concert organization of the U.S.S.R. In 1991, just after its

home city was renamed, the Orchestra changed its name from the Leningrad Philharmonic to the St. Petersburg Philharmonic. Today it is internationally recognized as one of the world's première symphonic ensembles. The Philharmonic's first principal conductors were Emil Cooper (1921-22) and Nikolai Malko (1926-29). During its earliest years, the orchestra was also conducted by Alexander Glazunov, Serge Koussevitsky, Gregor

Fitelberg and Nikolai Tcherepnin, as well as abroad by such figures as Bruno Walter, Oscar Fried, Erich Kleiber, Otto Klemperer and Hans Knappertsbusch. In the 1930s, the orchestra was headed by Alexander Gauk and the Austrian conductor Fritz Stiedry.

For fifty years, from 1938 to 1988, Evgeny Mravinsky was the orchestra's Music Director. During World War II, the orchestra continued to give concerts without interruption, even as Leningrad was being evacuated. After 1945 the orchestra under Mravinsky was active in introducing to Russia important foreign composers and conductors, including Leopold Stokowski, Charles Munch, Andre Cluytens, Igor Markevitch, Josef Krips, Zoltán Kodály and Benjamin Britten. In 1946 it undertook the first tour of the West by a Soviet orchestra, and since then has been acclaimed by the public and press alike in over thirty countries throughout Europe, North and South America, and the Far East.

The St. Petersburg Philharmonic has played a major role in furthering the careers of Russian and Soviet composers. The orchestra premièred Shostakovich's *Symphony No. 1* in 1926, bringing immediate international attention to the nineteen-

year-old composer, whose close association with the orchestra—which went on to première seven of his subsequent symphonies—continued until his death in 1975.

In 1988 Yuri Temirkanov was appointed Music Director and Principal Conductor of the St. Petersburg Philharmonic with Mariss Jansons continuing as Associate Principal Conductor, a post he has held since 1985. Among the orchestra's recent tours have been visits to the major European festivals, including highly acclaimed performances in Salzburg, Lucerne, Edinburgh and London (at the Proms). It participated in many events marking the centennial of Tchaikovsky's death in 1993, including three concerts at Carnegie Hall as part of its American tour that year. The orchestra again toured the United States in 1996 giving three weeks of



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concerts throughout the country, including returns to Ann Arbor, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco and Washington, D.C. Its extensive European touring has included recent residencies in Paris and Vienna, and concerts to inaugurate Belfast's Waterfront Hall. In April 1998, the orchestra made a highly acclaimed tour of South America.

The St. Petersburg Philharmonic has established an important relationship with BMG Classics/RCA Victor Red Seal, which has released much of the central Russian repertoire by Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninoff, Prokofiev and Shostakovich conducted by Yuri Temirkanov. Among Maestro Temirkanov's recent recordings with the orchestra are Prokofiev's oratorio *On Guard for Peace* and Shostakovich's *Symphony No.* 13 and oratorio *The Song of the Woods*. The orchestra and Mariss Jansons have recorded the complete Rachmaninoff Symphonies and Piano Concertos (with Mikhail Rudy) for EMI.

This performance marks the St. Petersburg Philharmonic Orchestra's seventh appearance under UMS auspices, including four occasions under its former name of the Leningrad Philharmonic Orchestra.

#### St. Petersburg Philharmonic Orchestra

YURI TEMIRKANOV, Music Director and Principal Conductor

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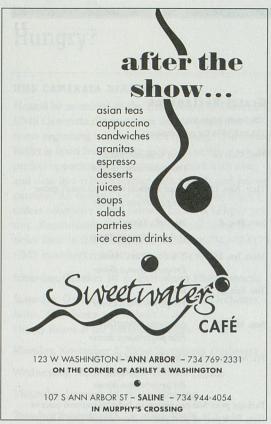
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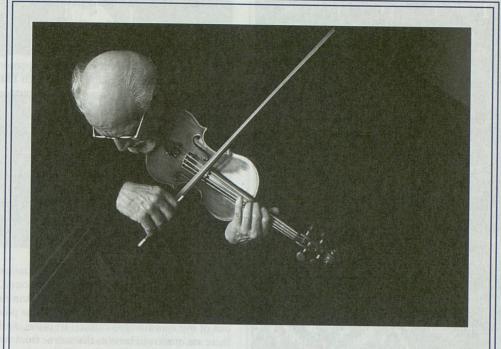
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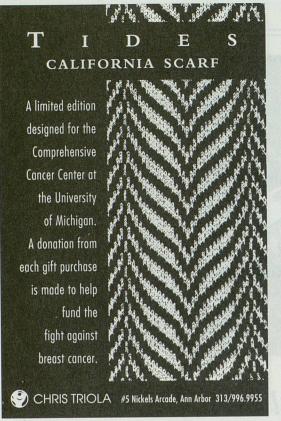


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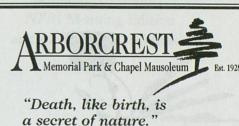
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This season's Ford Honors Program will be held Saturday, May 8. The recipient of the 1999 UMS Distinguished Artist Award will be announced in January.





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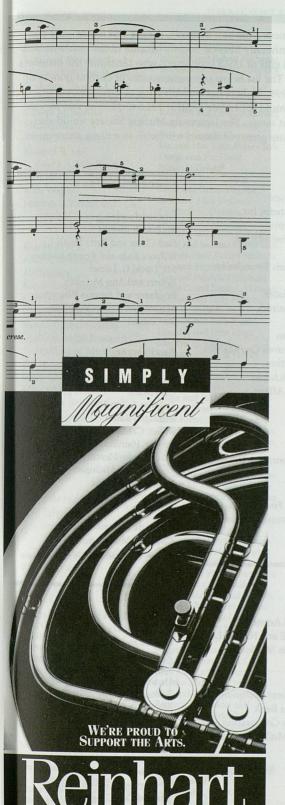
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