

Program Notes

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- Senior Recital: Eliza Woodyard, voice — Sunday, **Feb. 5.**
- La Catrina Quartet — Monday and Tuesday, **Feb. 6-7,** as part of the Faculty Recital Series.
- Johannes Möller — The guest guitarist performs Thursday, **Feb. 9.** The Swedish guitarist and composer has made more than 500 appearances in Europe, Asia, South and North America. In 2010 he was awarded first prize in the GFA Concert Artist Competition, considered by many as the world's most prestigious guitar competition.
- Southwest Honor Band's NMSU Symphonic Winds — Saturday, **Feb. 11.**
- Southwest Honor Band's Honor Band Concerts — 1 p.m. Sunday, **Feb. 12.**
- The 2nd annual NMSU/Warner Hutchison Contemporary Arts Festival performances are **Feb. 13-15,** focusing on contemporary music compositions and their multi-media interaction with other art disciplines. Admission is free, but donations welcome.

'Enchanted Afternoon' — Mesilla Valley Musical Arts host romantic music from the Romantic era at 3 p.m. Sunday, **Feb. 12,** at St. Patrick's Anglican Church, 151 S. Solano in Las Cruces, with selections by Chopin, Mendelssohn, Schubert and Schumann played by Georgina Lavery, Stephanie Robinson, Nadia Russell and Barbara Toth. Light refreshments served. Tickets: \$15. Information/reservations: (575) 523-7714.

Piano Recital — The El Paso Music Teacher's Association-Student Affiliate presents its students in recital at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, **Feb. 12,** at the Chamizal National Memorial, 800 S. San Marcial. Admission is free. Information: 532-7273.

NMSU/Warner Hutchison Contemporary Arts Festival — NMSU Special Events' 2nd annual artist festival focusing on contemporary music with multi-media interaction from other disciplines is 7:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, **Feb. 13-15,** at NMSU's Atkinson Recital Hall. Admission is free, but donations to the Warner Hutchinson Music Scholarship Fund appreciated. Information: (575) 646-2901 or (575) 646-4814

- Monday features the works of John Cage, Kurt Schwitters, the world premiere of a work by Tom Smith and a performance by electronic music duo "Pincushioned."

- Tuesday offers works by James Grant, Lon Chafflin and the world premiere of a work by Warner Hutchison.
- Wednesday features an exploration of the text of Federico Garcia Lorca in conjunction with NMSU Music Department, Dance Department and Creative Media Institute. Featured performers include Links Transmedia Ensemble, La Catrina String Quartet, Pincushioned, Kristen Loree, Monika Mojica, Fred Bugbee, Rhonda Taylor, Martha Rowe and Jim Shearer.

Chamber Choir concert — El Paso Choral Society's Chamber Choir and Orchestra, conducted by Prentice Loftin, performs Bach's "Magnificat," Daniel Pinkham's "Wedding Cantata" and Mozart's "Violin Concerto #4" at 8 p.m. Saturday, **Feb. 18,** at Trinity First United Methodist Church, 801 N. Mesa. Tickets: \$15 (\$10 seniors and military; \$5 students). Information/tickets: 479-0156.

Andrey Ponochevny — Las Cruces Civic Concert Association presents the Russian classical pianist and Bronze Medal winner of the

2002 International Tchaikovsky piano competition in Moscow at 3 p.m. Sunday, **Feb. 19,** at the Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main in the Las Cruces Downtown Mall. Tickets: \$20. Information: (575) 521-4051.

Ponochevny was honored as the featured pianist at the General Assembly of the World Federation of International Music Competitions in Washington, D.C.

'Die Fledermaus' — Doña Ana Lyric Opera presents Johann Strauss's operetta **Feb. 24-26,** at NMSU's Atkinson Music Recital Hall. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$15 and \$20 (Ticketmaster). Information: (575) 646-1986.

This lively farce is Strauss's most popular operetta. The story begins when Gabriel von Eisenstein is sentenced to eight days in prison for insulting an official, so his friend Falke tells him to forget his troubles for an evening and accompany him to a ball. The fun and confusion begin when he tells his wife he is going straight to prison, but instead sneaks off to the ball.

El Paso Symphony Orchestra - The Symphony performs with guest conductor Peter Rubardt, at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, **Feb. 24-25,** in the Plaza Theatre. Rubardt, conductor of Pensacola Symphony Orchestra, is one of six candidates for EPSO's new conductor. Peter Rubardt and guest violinists Chee-Yun present a program with Adams's "The Chairman Dances" Foxtrot for Orchestra, Sibelius's Violin Concerto, op. 47, D minor and Dvorak Symphony No. 9, op. 95, E minor. Tickets: \$15-\$40. (\$8-\$10 for students). Information: 532-3776 or eps.org.

Chee-Yun performed in the El Paso Pro-Musica Chamber Music Festival in January.

The "Opening Notes" discussion with Rubardt and Assistant Conductor Andres Moran is 6:30 p.m. both nights in the Philanthropy Theatre. Discussions are free and open to the public.

Symphony subscribers can meet the guest conductor 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. Thursday, **Feb. 23,** at a pre-dress rehearsal reception in the Plaza Theatre lobby. Subscribers can stay for the dress rehearsal at 7 p.m.

Anita Chen — Grant County Community Concert Association presents the classical musician at 3 p.m. Sunday, **Feb. 26,** at WNMU Fine Arts Center Theater in Silver City. Chen plays both the violin and piano with precision and style, warmth and imagination. Admission: \$20. Information: (575) 538-5862 or gconcerts.org.

'An Evening of Jazz' — El Paso Pro-Musica presents an evening of jazz music with two-time Grammy nominee Philippe Quint, violin, and the Matt Herskowitz Trio **Feb. 28-29,** featuring the works of Claude Bolling. Performances are 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at NMSU's Atkinson Music Recital Hall and Wednesday at UTEP's Fox Fine Arts Recital Hall. Tickets: \$30 (\$25 seniors/military; \$5 students). Information: 833-9400 or eppm.org.

Quint has emerged in recent years as one of the few soloists to combine a remarkable degree of lyricism, poetry and impeccable virtuosity. He performs on a 1723 "Ex-Kieseweter," Antonio Stradivari violin on loan to him from Clement and Karen Arrison through the generous efforts of the Stradivari Society.

Pianist, songwriter, composer and arranger Herskowitz has performed classical, contemporary, jazz and his own compositions to critical acclaim. His trio was invited by Barry Manilow to join him on his Christmas release for

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