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Bochum Welcomes Corigliano

John Corigliano's passport is getting quite a bit of use in recent months. Having summered in London as a guest of the BBC Proms for the UK premiere of his *Concerto for Violin and Orchestra* ("The Red Violin"), and in Tuscany as composer-in-residence at the Tuscan Sun Festival, the composer jets off again next month — this time to Germany where he begins a season-long celebration of his music with Steven Sloane and the Bochum Symphony.

"As our composer-in-residence," shares Sloane, "we are proud to take this great opportunity not only to develop our ongoing relationship with him but also to get to know him better as a person." The 25 November opening concert of his residency features the orchestral song-cycle *Mr. Tambourine*

John Corigliano

Concerto for Violin and Orchestra ("The Red Violin") 38' violin; 3(2pic,afl).2.2(bcl).2(cbn)/4.2([pictpt]).3.1/timp.4perc/pf(cel).hp/str

Mr. Tambourine Man: Seven Poems of Bob Dylan 36' Text: Bob Dylan Soprano (amplified);

3(2pic).3(ca).3(Eflat+bcl).asx(barsx).3(cbn)/4.4.2+btbn.1/timp.3perc/pf.hp/str

Man in its German premiere. Sloane continues, "Although John and his music are already well known in Germany and

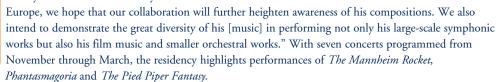




photo courtesy Bochum Symphon

All Things China

In our increasingly shrinking world, cultural divides between the East and the West are finding new meeting grounds in the arts which bring our worlds

closer together. This month, two Chinese cultural arts festivals — one in the "old" world and one in the "new" — feature the works of musical ambassadors **Bright**

Sheng and Tan Dun.



The Royal
Concertgebouw
sponsors a musical feast with its
"Amsterdam
China Festival."
The festival spotlights Tan's
music with the
Kronos Quartet
and pipa player W

and pipa player Wu Man presenting *Ghost Opera*; a screening of films he has scored; and

Tan's own performance with the Flemish Radio Orchestra of *Orchestral Theatre II: Re* and *The Map*. The Concertgebouw Orchestra participates with the European premiere of Bright Sheng's marimba concerto *Colors of Crimson*, performed by soloist Colin

Currie.

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Eyes will also be on Washington, DC, where the Kennedy Center offers up "The Festival of China," which highlights both composers' orchestral works in concert with the Shanghai Symphony. Tan's voice is also represented in the

worlds of chamber music and dance.

LPROGRAMMA - OKTOBE Speaking of dance, John

Tavener receives a nod, as Shen Wei Dance Arts stages the ballet "Folding," which is choreographed to the composer's *The Last Sleep of the Virgin*.

Bright Sheng

Colors of Crimson 20'
Marimba; 2(pic).2(ca).2(bcl).2(cbn)/3220/timp.2perc/pf.hp/str

Tan Dun

Ghost Opera 41' pipa; 2 vn, va, vc

Orchestral Theatre II: Re 18'

Bass; audience; 0+3pic.2+ca.2+bcl.2/4.3Dtpt.3.1/4perc/pf.hp/str (two conductors)

The Map: Concerto for Cello, Video, and Orchestra 55' Cello; 2(2pic).2(ca).1+Ebcl(bcl).1+cbn/2221/4perc/hp/str and video

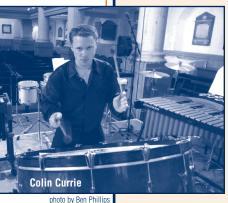
John Tavener

The Last Sleep of the Virgin 20' 2vn, va, vc, handbells

"It's a wonderful honor to be giving the







(Re)View: Husa, Apotheosis of This Earth An Antheil Love Affair

"The composition of Apotheosis of This Earth was motivated by the present desperate stage of mankind and its immense problems with everyday killings, war, hunger, extermination of fauna, huge forest fires, and critical contamination of the whole environment. Man's brutal possession and misuse of nature's beauty — if continued at today's reckless speed — can only lead to catastrophe."

Karel Husa was struck by the chaos of the world around him in 1970. As a composer, he knew that his instrument for change was his music. The result was his Apotheosis of This Earth, a 25-minute "what if" that highlights the potential self-

destruction of the planet.

Karel Husa Apotheosis of This Earth 25' band version: SATB [optional]; 4(pic).33+Ebcl+acl+bcl[Bbcbcl].2asx+tsx+barsx.2+cbn/ 444+2bar.1/timp.4perc/db

chorus and orchestra version: SATB Chorus; 4(pic).3+ca.3+bcl.2+cbn/4441/timp.perc/str

The three movements, in versions for both wind band and orchestra, highlight the Earth as it spins through time. In the first movement, the Earth is seen as a point of light in the uni-

verse, building to the second movement, bringing us in close to the destruction that we have brought upon ourselves. The final movement offers some catharsis and hope — the possibility that we will not destroy ourselves.

It is striking that Husa's comments could easily be made today, conjuring up images of killings, war, hunger, and other man-made ills that could scarcely have been imagined 35 years ago. Look at a newspaper, turn on the TV. Have we fulfilled Husa's dire predictions of the future?

"It speaks directly from the heart to the heart. It is a work of terrifying intensity, a prolonged scream of anguish."

- Irving Lowens, The Star and News, Washington DC, April 16, 1973

"A stark musical depiction of the shameless way man has used and abused our planet for his own selfish ends. Husa succeeds in projecting his dour message with gripping force."

- John Schneider, Atlanta Journal, March 19, 1976

"Apotheosis of This Earth has everything power, passion, mysticism, even peace and ecology"

- Richard Freed, High Fidelity/Musical American,

"Cataclysmic in impact, designed with a master orchestrator's highest cosmic energies"

- Theodore Price, Rochester NY Democrat and Chronicle, April 8, 1972



Karel Husa is currently the composer-in-residence in East Lansing, MI, now: and will be featured in the same capacity at the University of Louisville in November of this year. He turns 85 on 7 August 2006.



"I'm crazy about Antheil. His music is madcap, charming and wonderfully American. But for a handful of pieces, his works are little known." Thus declares Miller Theatre executive director George Steel. On 7 October, pianist Guy Livingston joins Daniel Spalding and the Philadelphia Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra at Miller to reintroduce to American audiences three forgotten scores of George Antheil: Piano Concerto No. 2 — in its American premiere; Dreams Ballet, and Serenade No. 2 for Chamber Orchestra. Steel

continues, "For a few years now, I've been speaking with Guy about presenting

"George Antheil's music has wit, humor, and is always full of fabulous colors." — Daniel Spalding

a portrait concert here at Miller Theatre, and recently Daniel and I have

been talking about the same thing. It's a three-way love affair for Antheil's music." The concert offers the second performance of both Dreams Ballet and Serenade No. 2, which haven't been played since their premieres. The program repeats in Philadelphia on the 9th.

Piano Concerto No. 2 premiered in Paris on 12 March 1927, as part of the popular series "Concerts Golschmann," presented by the brothers Vladimir Golschmann, conductor, and pianist Boris Golschmann. Written after Ballet mécanique, this work evidences Antheil's change in compositional style as he himself called it "neoclassic." After returning to the US in the early thirties, Antheil wrote a series of ballets for Georges Balanchine and the American Ballet. Dreams Ballet was first performed on 5 March 1935 conducted by Sandor Harmati. Antheil noted of this work "We are trying, in American style and spirit, to revive the Diaghilev tradition." Antheil's Serenade No. 2 was premiered on 26 February 1950 by the Los Angeles Chamber Symphony. Composed as a companion work to his Serenade for String Orchestra, it illustrates the composer's gift and imagination for creating mosaic, block-like structures featuring America-inspired melody and energetic orchestration.

Dmitri Shostakovich *Jazz Suites*

...[Shostakovich] created the two Jazz Suites, sequences of short, light pieces in dance rhythms to be performed by ensembles like the [Soviet] State Jazz Orchestra...The Second Jazz Suite begins and ends with sprightly marches. The music is energetic and brilliant...The heart of the Second Jazz Suite is a series of three waltzes. The third [waltz]...moves gracefully and with a seductive lilt, but the haunting theme, in the minor, has a mournful quality and is indelible to the memory — hear it once and it's with you for good...The Overture on Russian and Kirghiz Themes and the Festive Overture are both statesponsored pieces written for specific occasions...the pieces [are] lively and entertaining... Novorossiisk Chimes is another occasional piece, a setting of the song "Fire of Eternal Glory"...It is beautifully done...Performances throughout the program are highly charged...It's fun to play and delightful to listen to and should have a place in any Shostakovich collection.

- Ung-aang Talay, Bangkok Post (Andante.com)

Dmitri Shostakovich Jazz Suites Nos. 1 and 2 Overture on Russian and Kirghiz Themes Festive Overture Novorossiisk Chimes National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine/ Kuchar **Brilliant Classics SACD 7096**



Water/Colors

Place: New York City. Setting: the downtown new music scene. What four words come to mind? Answer: Bang On a Can, the festival founded by composers **Michael Gordon**, **David Lang**, and **Julia Wolfe**. Increasingly, however, their influence extends well beyond the Hudson, with a summer festival at MASS/MoCA (North Adams, MA) and performances of their music throughout Europe.

On 19 October, Gordon ponders the musical color wheel as the Luzerne Symphony introduces *GreyPinkYellow*. Commissioned for the orchestra's bicen-

Michael Gordon

GreyPinkYellow 12'
3333/4331/3perc/str

tennial, the work explores color in relation to consonance and dissonance. Gordon explains, "Some people categorize sound very simply, dissonant or consonant. But, I think we can hear them both simultaneously....Think of piano keys, they are black and white, but listeners also hear the notes

in between — the grey notes. And, like a full orchestra illuminates sound the same way the sun (yellow) shines brightly on everything, melody is like the color hot pink—the eyes are drawn to it so the ears must listen..."



Also this month, Lang crosses the Pond on the 29th for the London Sinfonietta's performance of his multimedia work *Writing on Water*. Created in collaboration with filmmaker Peter Greenaway, it was commissioned by the famed Lloyd's of London insurance agency to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar. Written for ten players,

it premiered last month in a private concert and incorporates new Greenaway images and his own libretto of sailing texts written by Shakespeare, Coleridge,

and Melville. "What links Lloyds and Trafalgar," Lang observes "is the perilousness of being on the ocean and

David Lang Writing on Water 32' 2 high Baritones, Bass; hn, tpt, tbn, 2 perc, pf, egtr, eb, va, vc

living with the sea....The music features a lot of 'shipwreck' — it is wild, edgy, always moving forward, terrifying and ultimately very emotional."

Michael Gordon, David Lang, Julia Wolfe

Shelter 65'

3 Sopranos; 1+pic.1.1+bcl.1/1.1+slide tpt+pictpt.1.1/perc/pf/egtr.eb/str(11111)

Next month, Julia Wolfe joins the guys in New York

City for the Brooklyn Academy of Music's premiere of the fully staged version of their multimedia opera *Shelter*.

Review

Sofia Gubaidulina

The Light of the End 25'

Gubaidulina's new work, a single span of 25 minutes,

....[requires] a vast orchestra,

and her orchestral colors are extraordinary. Spacious, logical, repetitive, spare, communicative, describes this bleak — occasionally dancing — piece... Gubaidulina's deep spirituality was profoundly conveyed.

— Annette Morreau, The Independent (London)

4(afl,pic).1+ca+heck.2+bcl.2+cbn/4.3.1+btbn+cbtbn.1/

5perc/hp/str (min 20.18.14.14.12 players)

20 August 2005; BBC Proms, London, England

London Philharmonic/Masur

Kapilow!

Rob Kapilow spent his summer hard at work on a new music-listening guide for Simon & Schuster. But, lurking in the back of his mind was the fact that with 50 appearances for 2005-06, this is his busiest season ever.

On 5 October, Kapilow goes to Cerritos, CA with his interactive



educational program "What Makes It Great?" and starts off a coast-to-coast tour of this perennial favorite, which focuses on a variety of composers from Beethoven to Shostakovich — including an all-Mozart program at Alice Tully Hall, where Kapilow is the only artist to be granted his own personal concert series at Lincoln Center. "FamilyMusik" at Boston's Celebrity Series celebrates its tenth anniversary with six concerts, and opens this month with a performance of Kapilow's *Dr. Seuss's Green Eggs and Ham.* This year, Kapilow

"For the past ten years, Rob has single-handedly introduced a whole new generation of children to the wonders of classical music and dance. In a matter of minutes, he had 6-year-old 'doubting Thomases' eating ming out of the palm of his hands and teenage now we have 16-year-old music adult au and dance lovers for life!"

— Martha Jones, president, Boston Celebrity Series takes both
events north of
the border to
present their
Canadian premieres
with new programming targeted to
teenaged and young
adult audiences.

Kapilow heads to big-sky country on 29 October for the Helena Symphony's open-

ing concert of his orchestral narrative *Summer Sun, Winter Moon.* The work was commissioned by the Carlsen Center to honor the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial, and was premiered last year by the Kansas City Symphony and subsequently performed by co-commissioners Saint Louis Symphony and Louisiana Philharmonic. Kapilow set the story through the eyes of the Native American experience. He traveled to the American Blackfeet Tribe in Montana for inspiration which resulted in a fruitful collaboration with tribe member Darrell Kipp as librettist.

Somehow, Kapilow still finds time to conduct. On 11 December, he leads the Toronto Symphony in a Holiday concert of his settings of Chris van Allsburg's *Polar Express* and *Elijah's Angel*.

Recent visits to the New Orleans Opera and Louisiana Philharmonic for the premieres of the New Orleans-inspired works — *Pontalba* (Thea Musgrave) and *03: This New, Immense, Unbounded World* (Robert Kapilow) — and Houston Grand Opera's commissions — *Salsipuedes* (Daniel Catan) and *Lysistrata* (Mark Adamo) — have brought the tragedies of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita closer to home to those of us safe in New York. G. Schirmer's offer to donate music for concerts benefiting musicians affected by the storms has yielded responses from ensembles as far from the Gulf as Seattle and Minneapolis. Our hearts go out to the victims and their families and we hope as the communities rebuild so too will their musical institutions.

Emerson Overture (arr. David G. Porter)

Dmitri Shostakovich Symphony No. 12 premiered 1961

John Corigliano Creations premiered 1984

premiered 1998

Leon Kirchner Toccata premiered 1956

William Schuman American Festival Overture premiered 1939

Henry Cowell Symphony No. 15 "Thesis" premiered 1961

Toru Takemitsu born 1930

Anthony Davis X: The Life and Times of Malcolm X premiered 1985

Roberto Sierra born 1953

10 Paul Creston born 1906

11 Sergei Prokofiev Symphony No. 6 premiered 1947

12 Philip Glass The Voyage premiered 1998

14 Kaija Saariaho born 1952

15 Peter Maxwell Davies The Jacobite Rising premiered 1997

16 Leon Kirchner Music for orchestra premiered 1969

7 Peter Lieberson

Fire premiered 1996 9 Morton Gould

Inventions for Four Pianos and Orchestra premiered 1953

20 Charles Ives born 1874

21 Malcolm Arnold born 1921

22 **John Harbison** The Most Often Used Chords premiered 1993

23 Richard Danielpour Celestial Night premiered 1997

24 Luciano Berio born 1925

24 Sofia Gubaidulina born 1931

25 Peter Lieberson born 1946

26 Gunther Schuller

Piano Concerto No. 1 premiered 1962 27 Heitor Villa-Lobos

Concerto for Harmonica premiered 1957

28 William Grant Still Afro-American Symphony premiered 1931

29 Dmitri Shostakovich Violin Concerto No. 1 premiered 1955

30 Anthony Davis

Tales (Tails) of the Signifying Monkey premiered 1998

Carlos Chávez Toccata premiered 1947 G. Schirmer Selected Performances October '05



Barber (GS) Harhison (AMP) Adagio for Strings Three City Blocks Glens Falls Symphony/ University of Maryland, Charles Peltz Timothy Foley Glens Falls NY College Park MF

Flfman (AMP) Serenada Schizophrana Redwood Symphony/ Fric Kujawsky Redwood City, CA

(Excerpts)

Jeonju Symphony Seoul, Korea Symphony of Zenshu/ Isao Matsushita Tokyo, Japan

Tan Dun (GS)

Concerto for String

Orchestra and Pipa

Brubeck (MAL) Ives (AMP) Symphony No. 3, "The In Your Own Sweet Way light in the Wilderness Camp Meeting" Metropolitan Sympho Cincinnati Sympho William Schrickel Erich Kunzel

Cincinnati, OH Harbison (AMP) Cincinnatti Conservatory

St. Paul, MN Thomas (GS) Pulsar

Music/Winther

Rodríguez (ALH)

A Gathering Of Angels

Greater Dallas Youth

Orchestra/Richard

Giangiulio

Dallas, TX

Thomas (GS)

New York Virtuoso Singers/

Harold Rosenbaum

Presbyterian Church

Madison Avenue

New York City

Love Songs

Hirono Oka, violin Philadelphia PA of Music/Farl Rivers

Cincinnati, OH Corigliano (GS) Lutoslawski (CH)

New York Festival of Song University of Cincinnati Merkin Hall, New York City Conservatory of Kernis (GS) Cincinnati, OH Garden of Light (Excerpt) Minnesota Orchestra

Lang (RP)

Sweet Air

New England

Conservatory/

Steven Drury

Tan Dun (GS)

Fleav: Snow in June

Musikoreis de Stadt

Duisburg, Germany

Duisburg prize/

Boston, MA

Shostakovich (GSR) Minneapolis, MN Piano Trio Yulia 7iskel violing Lang (RP) Cheating, Lying, Stealing Elizabeth Dyson, cello; Tatiana Goncharova, piano Arizona State University/ Merkin Hall, New York Glenn Hackbarth Tempe, AZ

June conference, where Tower (second from left) nosed with Glens Falls Symphony representatives executive director Robert Russoff (left), president Sue Ford (near right), and second vicepresident Alan Redeker (right) October 2- World Premiere

Glens Falls Symphony/Charles Peltz Glens Falls NV

Holland Symphony Holland, MI

October 11

Stow Symphony/Darrell Music Stow, OH

Williamsport Symphony/Robin Fountain Williamsport, PA October 15 Garden State Philharmonic

Lakewood, NJ Pine Bluff Symphony/Charles James Evans Pine Bluff, AR

October 22 Vermont Symphony/Jamie Laredo Burlington V

Plymouth Philharmonic/Steven Karidovanes The Olde York Road Symphony/Paul Seibert Elkins Park, PA

October 22, 23 Reno Chamber Orchestra/Joan Towe

October 30 Omaha Area Youth Orchestra/Aviva Senall

Thomas (GS)

Dobbs Ferry, NY

The Weeping White

Chicago, IL

Members of the Chicago

Symphony/Ludovic Morlot

Moon Jia

a circle around the sun

Walden Chamber Players

Sheng (GS)

Bright Sheng

Ann Arbor, MI

Corigliano (GS)

Texas Christian

Fort Worth, TX

Gazebo Dances for Band

University/Bob Francis

Nanking! Nanking

University of Michigan/



Stravinsky (GS)

Jeu de cartes

New England

Conservatory/

Ludovic Morlot

Thomson (GS)

Louisiana Story

Orchestral Suite

John Canarina

Des Moines, IA

Drake University/

Boston, MA

Glass (DUN

Orion ★★

man, pipa

(October 6 - 8)

The Philip Glass

Ensemble: Uakti: Foday

Musa Suso, kora; Mark

Atkins, didjerido; Gaurav

Mazumdar, sitar; Ashley

MacIsaac, fiddle: Wu-

BAM Center for the

Performing Arts

Brooklyn, NY

Ives (AMP)

Washington's Birthday

Orchestre d'Auvergne

A Solemn Overture (King

Portland Symphony/

Portland, ME

Chávez (CAR)

Fuga H-A-G-C

String Quartet Nos 1 - 3

Southwest Chamber

Colburn School of

Angeles, CA

Kapilow (GS)

John Varineau

Grand Rapids, MI

Dr. Seuss's Green Faas

and Ham (Orchestral)

Grand Rapids Symphony/

Performing Arts, Los

Clermont Ferrand

Sallinen (NOV)

Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Washington, DC

80th Rirthday Season

Blue Dawn into White Heat

Schuller (MAR)

University of North

Kevin Geraldi

Tan Dun (PPI)

Wong Oh-Yuen, hugin

Hong Kong Chinese

Orchestra/Yan Huichang

Center, New York City

Gordon (RP)

(October 20, 22)

Luzerner Sinfoni

Luzerne, Switzerland

Harbison (AMP)

The Most Often Used

Buffalo Philharmonic/

Orchester

Chords

Robert Franz

Buffalo, NY

GrevPinkYellow ***

Avery Fisher Hall, Lincoln

Fire Ritual

Carolina at Greensboro

October 9 Tan Dun - Ritual Fire Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra/

October 17 **Sheng** - *Postcards* Shanghai Symphony/Chan Xieyan Shanghai Symphony/Tan Dun

Avery Fisher Hall, Lincoln Greensboro, NC

Prokofiev (GSR)

Romeo and Juliet

(October 6, 8, 11)

Charles Dutoit

New York Philharmonic/

Center, New York City

Fortas Chamber Music

Lieberson (AME

Peter Serkin, Orion

Piano Quintet

Kennedy Center

Washington, DC

Corigliano (GS)

Symphony No.

Violin Concerto

Leonard Slatkir

Los Angeles, CA

Itzhak Perlman, violin

National Symphony/

Barber (GS)

Concerts

Quartet

(Excernts)

October 21, 22 Tavener - "Folding," Choreography after Last Sleep of the Virgin Shen Weil choreographer: Guangdong Modern Dance Company

Prokofiev (GSR)

Symphony No. 5

Houston Symphony/

Fanfare for the Uncomm

Skalkottas (MG)

Nine Greek Dances for

Middle Tennessee State

University Bands/

Murfreesboro, TN

Schnittke (GSR)

Victor Yampolsky

Evanston, IL

Still (NOV)

Timothy Muffit

Baton Rouge, LA

and Chamber Orchestra

Northwestern University

Afro-American Symphony

Baton Rouge Symphony/

The Red Violin: Chaconne Concerto No. 3 for Violin

Reed Thomas

(October 8, 9)

Houston TX

Oberlin OH

Tower (AMP)

October 27 Tan Dun - Eight Colors for String Quartet (Excerpts) Ying Quartet

Corigliano (GS)

Symphony No. 1

National Symphon

Orchestra/Leonard Slatkin Fri Klas

Blue Dawn into White Heat Woman, No. 2

University of Wisconsin at Oberlin College/Reynolds

(October 7, 8)

Kennedy Center.

Washington, DC

Schuller (MG)

Madison, WI

Kirchner (AMP)

and Percussion

New England

Conservatory

Charles Peltz

Boston MA

Corigliano (GS)

Toledo Symphony/

Chelsea Tipton II

Toledo, OH

Kernis (AMP)

Simple Sonas

New Haven, CT

for Violin and Orchestra

New Music New Haven

Concerto for Violin

Violoncello 10 Winds

Madison/Gail Johnson

Chávez (EMI) Sarabande from "The Daughter of Colchis New Brunswick Chambe Orchestra/Mark Traut New Brunswick, NJ

Kernis (AMP) Musica Celestis Minnesota Orchestra

Musgrave (NOV) Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra/N Kraemer St Paul MN

Shostakovich (GSR) Symphony No. 5 New Haven Symphony Jung-Ho Pak New Haven, CT

Tvzik (EMI)

Hot Soul Medley

(October 9, 10)

J.M. Russell

Portland OR

Oregon Symphony/

- Breitkopt & GSA G. Schil assus/ PAT P

V Songs LLC / B&H / GS G. Schirmer / G Nordiska / PPI Parna

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Composer Portrait Concert Menotti (GS) Shostakovich (GSR) The Medium Symphony No. 1 The Telephone October 9) Piano Concerto No. 2 ★★ (October 8, 9, 15, 21, 22) Vancouver Symphony Estonian National Vancouver WA Serenade No. 2 ★ Onera/Frki Pehk Guy Livingston piano

Singapore International

Husa (AMP)

Salonen (CH)

(October 15, 16)

Michael Christie

St Louis, MO

Boston, MA

St. Louis Symphony/

Gambit

Music for Prague

Orchestra Pro Musica/

Martin Fischer-Dieskau

Victoria Hall Singapore

Danny Elfman's Serenada Schizophrana

second performance on October 2nd by the Redwood Symphony (CA).

Antheil (GS)

Dreams Ballet *

Philadelphia Virtuosi

Chamber Orchestra/

Miller Theatre, Columbia

University, New York City

A Grand Grand Overture

Mississinni Symphony/

Daniel Spalding

Arnold (NOV)

Crafton Beck

Jackson, MS

Harbison (AMP)

Concerto for Viola

(October 15, 16)

Beniamin Zander

Orchestra/

Boston MA

Adamo (GS)

Little Women

(October 22 23)

Anna Benneweg

Tabuh-Tabuhan

New York City

Chávez (GS)

Elena Herrera

San Juan, PR

Chicago, IL

Michael La Tour, stage

director; Opera Moda/

Boston Philharmonic

premiered in February. It receives its

Tallinn, Estonia Fanfare for the Gubaidulina (GSR) Hommage a T.S. Eliot 1 2 and 4 Members of the Saint Michelle Louer Paul Chamber Orchestra St Paul MN

No 2)

Tower (AMP) Uncommon Woman, Nos

Kokomo Symphony Kokomo, IN

Chávez (GS) Kernis (AMP)

Sinfonia India (Symphon Musica Celestis

Yale Symphony/ Houston Symphon T. Shimada Houston, TX New Haven, CT Corigliano (GS)

The Red Violin: Chaconne for Violin and Orchestra Nashua Symphony Nashua, NH

Tilson Thomas (KON) Agnegram

Philharmonic/ Michael Morgan Sacramento, CA

Menotti (GS) Chávez (CAR) Fuga H-A-G-C The Consul String Quartet Nos. (October 22 - 25)

Shostakovich (GSR) Symphony No. 11. "The McPhee (AMP) Year 1905' (October 22, 23) (October 22 - November 3) San Diego Symphony/ American Ballet Theatre Gerard Schwarz San Diego, CA

Thomas (GS)

University/

Bowling Green State

E. Freeman Brow

Bowling Green, OH

Sinfonia India (Symphony In My Sky At Twilight

Opera Boston/Gil Rose

Southwest Chamber Norton Simon Museu Pasadena, CA

Orchestra/ Leonard Slatkin Davis CA

Kernis (AMP) Musica Celestis Plymouth Philharmonic/ Steven Karidovanes Plymouth, MA

Corigliano (GS) National Symphony Schoenberg (GS) Chamber Symphony No. 2 (October 23) Westchester Philharmonic/David Carp

White Plains, NY

Corigliano (GS) Lang (RP) Gazebo Dances

Writing On Water (collaboration with filmmaker Peter Fort Wayne Philh Edvard Tchivzhel Greenaway) London Sinfonietta Jurjen Hempel

Kapilow (GS) Summer Sun Winter Moon Allan R. Sco Helena, MT

Fort Wayne, IN

Duo

Thomas (GS) memory: Swells ★★ The Scandanavian Guitar

London, England

Musikhøst 2005

Amsterdam China Festival Amsterdam, Netherlands

Tan Dun - Ghost Opera Wu Man, pipa: Kronos Quartet

Tan Dun - Circle with Four rios Conductor And Audience Nieuw Ensemble/Ed Spaniaard

Shenn - Colors of Crimson ★ 🕇 oncertgebouw Orchestra/ David Robertson

Tan Dun - Screening of Film

Tan Dun - The Man Orchestral Flemish Radio Orchestra/Tan Du Circus Maximus (Symphony No. 3 for Large Wind Ensemble) (October 28)

Corigliano (GS) Gubaidulina (GSR) Offertorium for Violin and Orchestra (October 28, 29) Gidon Kremer, violin University of North Texas/ San Francisco Symphony Eugene Migliano Kurt Masur San Francisco, CA Denton, TX

Schnittke (GSR) Concerto for Viola and Orchestra Adelphi University Garden City, NY

Puerto Rico Symphony

Helena Symphony/

Denmark

Reviews

Bent Sørensen

The Little Mermaid 24'

... The Little Mermaid is a Hans Christian Andersen bicentenary evocation of the famous fairy tale (a symbol of Denmark itself) and the author's

Text by H.C.Andersen/Peter Asmussen 0.2(2obda).0+2Ebcl.2(cbn)/4.2.3.1/2perc/hp/pf/str Inger Dam-Jensen, soprano; Gert Henning-Jensen, tenor Danish National Girl's Choir Danish National Radio Symphony/Dausgaard 12 August 2005; BBC Proms, London, England World Premiere

own lovelorn life...Sørensen counterpoints the harrowing story a soprano represents the mermaid — with extracts from Anderson's diary, sung by a tenor, but the main narration falls to three groups of girls' voices...The effect was as if a Christmas carol has been analyzed into its harmonic spectra and reconstituted in glassy, glissandoing orchestral half-tones...It was a true poem in sound, and the most striking new work of the season so far.

- Paul Driver, The Sunday Times

Kaija Saariaho

Aile du songe 18'

We're only two weeks into the new Atlanta Symphony Orchestra season and already we might have heard the performance of the year.

Solo Flute; 0000/0000/perc.timp/hp.cel/ str(7.6.5.4.4 stands) Christina Smith, flute Atlanta Symphony/Spano 22 September 2005, Atlanta, GA

...principal flutist Christina Smith hummed, whirred, spat, recited French Symbolist poetry, and not least, played a hauntingly gorgeous flute in Kaija Saariaho's Aile du songe, a 2001 flute concerto by one of Finland's most esteemed composers... The "Wing of the Dream" comes in two parts, "Aérial" and "Terrestrial." The imagery is drawn from a collection of poems, Oiseaux, by Saint-Jean Perse. The music, like the poems, contemplates the mystery of birds in flight rather than chirping birdsong.

Musically, the first section evokes the American desert Southwest. The flute opens with languid upward scales across two octaves... The harp rolls out dreamy fog, punctuated by the rattlesnake sound of crotales...At one point the cellos and basses provide the rumble of faraway thunder. Yet the music is almost still...

The solo flute and orchestra interact much more in the second section, and the mood grows jittery. In an ear-catching effect, the score asks the flutist to vocalize words as she blows the notes. First it's pips and whoops and then, near the end, snatches of poetry...

Saariaho's cool modernist aesthetic...[is] never coddling, but neither is it unfriendly. Like the natural world, it simply exists apart from our expectations.

Pierre Ruhe, Atlanta Journal Constitution

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Danish Firsts

Fact: Home of the Vikings.

Fact: Slightly less than twice the size of Massachusetts.

Fact: The land of The Little Match Girl, Thumbelina and The Ugly Duckling.

Fact: The high employment rate is primarily due to the large number of women in the workforce.

Fact: Home of Hans Christian Andersen

We're talking about Denmark, of course, and in the contemporary music arena, Denmark's making waves abroad with a pair of concerts featuring North American premieres.

Our neighbor to the North starts things off in Victoria, British Columbia when, on 23 October, Aventa New Music features an evening of first performances of works by Peter Bruun, Svendt Hvidfelt Nielsen and Anders Nordentoft. "We are very excited about this event," notes music director William Linwood. "Danish music and musicians have had a major impact on our ensemble. Aventa's first experience with Danish music was Bent Sørensen's Shadowland. This work made such an impression on both our members and our audience...Last spring, I had the opportunity to travel to Copenhagen and meet with several composers and...[afterwards] was able to plan what we hope will be a very special concert. It's excellent music and we are grateful for the opportunity to bring it to our audience."

On the 31st, the second continental premiere takes place on "mischief night" when ensemble members of the Chicago Symphony present Bent Sørensen's The Weeping White Room. Programmed as part of the orchestra's MusicNOW series, Augusta Read Thomas — the CSO's Mead-composer-inresidence — chose this work because "Bent Sørensen's composition is an exquisitely beautiful work — one of great sen-

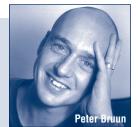


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sitivity, nuance and power." Given the bewitching title, Sørensen shares, "As usual the title came first. But where is that room? And what is it? Who is weeping? I am not sure!"

'Regan at Yale

Novello composer Tarik O'Regan is this year's Research Affiliate at the Yale Institute of Sacred Music, where he will lecture as part of the choral and composition seminars and

compose a commissioned piece for the Yale Schola Cantorum. O'Regan has previously served fellowships in the US at Harvard and Columbia Universities. His other current happenings include: the Los Angeles Master Chorale's January 2006 performance of Dorchester Canticles at Walt Disney Concert Hall, and the February release (Koch International Classics) of an all-O'Regan choral CD (produced by John Rutter) with Tim Brown conducting the Choir of Clare College, Cambridge.

Festival, and Lincoln Cathedral.



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Violin Concerto

Gian Carlo Menotti

Jennifer Koh, violin Spoleto Festival Orchestra/Hickox Chandos CHAN 9979

Gian Carlo Menotti's lyrical Violin Concerto [is] one of his most popular instrumental works...Hickox draws from the Festival Orchestra [a] warmly persuasive reading...[in a] powerfully convincing committed performance....The vigorous finale features a jaunty main theme and ends with virtuoso fireworks rounding off a piece that deserves resurrecting not just on disc but in the concert-hall too.

The young composer writes with a sure hand...The brilliance of the work seldom diminishes and its texture, though cast in a modern mold, is soft and warm.

- Alice Eversman, News of Music, Washington Post

Fall and Resurrection

John Tavener

Patricia Rozario, soprano; Michael Chance, countertenor Martyn Hill, tenor; Stephen Richardson, bass **BBC Singers**

St. Paul's Cathedral Choir City of London Sinfonia/Hickox Etcetera DVD KTCD 109

This could be called Tavener's Creation, an oratorio-like account of the Biblical tale beginning with the representation of primordial Chaos. It takes the story much further than Haydn....But, like Haydn's, this is a warmly mature work, epitomizing its composer's style and personality....Tavener's richly exotic textures are beautifully evoked by Hickox and his forces....If you like Tavener, you need not hesitate.

These excerpts are just a small taste of the new 2006 Gramophone Classical Good

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Review

Mark Adamo

Little Women (Opera in Two Acts) 120'

...I can't think of another opera that begins to portray family life so vividly and in such deep dimension...Adamo wraps it all up in a com-

pelling rhythmic and harmonic flow that gives an uncommonly complex scene a big contour you can hold in your mind...Bits of counterpoint crop up and harmonies converge at cadences, but mostly the voices sing in lively exchanges. This isn't just recitative or droning arioso. Adamo writes singing lines...so it expands on character and resonates emotionally...Adamo's wordplay can be brilliant, and we want to get to know these people...We learn more about them every time they sing, and that's why the opera engages from start to finish.

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Tenor and piano

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New to our rental library is a wind band version of Charles Ives' The Alcotts. Transcribed by Jonathan Elkus, the arrangement was premiered on 12 December 1998 by the United States Marine Band, conducted by Timothy Foley. The Alcotts is the

third movement from Ives's Second Piano Sonata.

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Even by sky-high Skylight standards, this is an extraordinary cast...Coached, naturally, by Adamo the stage director, their acting appears artless. You don't think about it during the show - you're just watching these people live their lives...Adamo tells it right.

English libretto by the composer after the

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novel by Louisa May Alcott

perc/hp.pf(cel,syn)/str Mark Adamo, stage director

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Tom Strini, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

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Carols Chávez

"Chávez Project Volume 3"

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From a distance, Mexico is the source of many beautiful things and the source of much chaos...The third of four Cambria CD's by Southwest Chamber Music and the Tambuco Percussion Ensemble devoted to Chávez's chamber pieces shows a composer smoothing and ordering Mexican art's more ardent impulses. All the elements of Mexico's eruptive beauties are here. Indeed, much of this music is for timpani and percussion. But Chávez, who died in 1978, managed musical composition...shrewdly and elegantly...Everything in this collection is attractive...Chávez had a distinct place in mid-20th-century musical history, and these recordings help us remember it.

- Bernard Holland, New York Times

Peter Maxwell Davies

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— David Hart, Birmingham Post

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