

NEWS NOTES

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CELEBRATE!

Our holiday concert, "Celebrate," will be held on Saturday, December 1st, at 7:30 PM in the State Theatre Regional Arts Center.

The concert begins with the Prelude from the opera Hansel and Gretel, by Humperdinck. Humperdinck wrote the opera after his sister, Adelheid Wette, asked him to write music for songs she had written for her children based on the tale by the brothers Grimm. The opera, which premiered on December 23rd, 1893, is noted for its folk-music inspired themes

Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite follows. Tchaikovsky derived the Nutcracker Suite from his Nutcracker ballet, and because of its inclusion in the 1940 Disney movie Fantasia, the suite was, for some time, more popular than the original ballet. The ballet is now one of the most popular ballets in Western countries, and is frequently performed during the holiday season. The suite was actually performed before the ballet was premiered. Unlike the ballet, which did not become extremely popular until the mid-1960's, the March 19th, 1892 premiere of the suite was an instant success. The Nutcracker is noted for its unique use of the Celesta, an instrument which looks similar to an upright piano, but sounds more like a glockenspiel.

Next, the symphony will be performing Sleigh Ride. This piece was written by Leroy Anderson during a particularly hot August in 1946. Some interesting things to listen for during this piece are the "whip cracks" from the percussion section, and the whinny of the horse from the trumpet section!

We'll also hear the March from 'Babes in Toyland,' an operetta composed by Victor Herbert. This opera combines characters from many Mother Goose nursery rhymes into an exciting, musical story. It originally premiered on Broadway on October 13th, 1903.

Finally, we'll be hearing from our Guest Artists, the Pacibells! The Pacibells are the adult handbell choir of Grace Lutheran Church in Eau Claire. They were formed in 1976 and ring monthly for worship services and special services. Ringers come from varying backgrounds, with experience from just a few months to over thirty years.

We wish you an enjoyable holiday season!

Christiane Stagg



Upcoming Events

November 17, 2007

Friends of the Symphony
Christmas Stroll
1:00-6:00 p.m.

December 1, 2007

Celebrate!
7:30 p.m.
The State

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MEET THE MUSICIANS

This is part of a continuing series of articles about CVS musicians. In this issue, we introduce you to two members of the violin section: Sara Vojtasek and Joan Malloy.

Sara Vojtasek

When Sara Vojtasek was two years old, her sister started taking Suzuki violin lessons. Sara began to teach herself, and by the time she was four, she could play the entire first Suzuki book on her sister's violin!

Ever since, Sara has loved to perform- not only for the sense of accomplishment that accompanies a performance, but for the feeling of "painting a picture with (her) music."

In 1994, Sara won the Young Artist Competition and performed Paganini's Violin Concerto in D with the Symphony. Sara began playing with the Chippewa Valley Symphony when she was sixteen years old, in 1992. She took a break a few years ago, when she started her family, but is now happy to be back.

Sara devotes much of her time to her children. She has four between the ages of three and nine. She is also the children's ministries director at Abundant Life Church in Thorp, where she holds children's church every Sunday morning, and also directs a puppet team.



Joan Malloy

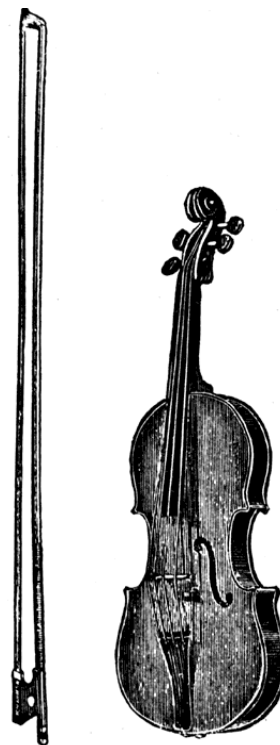
Violinist Joan Malloy was raised in a musical environment; she frequented concerts at Oberlin Conservatory and began her piano studies at the age of five. It was seeing her seven year-old neighbor play the violin, though, which made her realize that violin was the instrument for her.

Joan began playing with the symphony in 2006, for the "Kosower Comes Home" concert, and comments that "the musicians were all very welcoming and made me feel part of the community right away."

Her inspiration for playing is the repertoire. "There is so much amazing repertoire, and so little time!" When asked about her favorite composer, Joan compares the question to being asked about her favorite food: "I love variety!" Lately, she has been listening to a lot of Schubert. When doing housework, she prefers something more active such as reggae or Shostakovich string quartets.

When studying a piece, Joan listens to as many recordings as possible to hear "what each performer has to say in their playing." She feels that hearing unique perspectives and interpretations gives performing musicians both "permission and the challenge to develop their own voices."

Joan works as a fulltime violin teacher and plays in different chamber ensembles. She also enjoys gardening, hiking, horseback riding, and cooking.



FRIENDS OF THE SYMPHONY CHRISTMAS STROLL

The Friends of the Symphony are hosting their Christmas Stroll on Saturday, November 17. Join others to celebrate the beginning of the Holiday Season with a tour of four special, beautifully decorated homes in Eau Claire, open from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

Musicians will play holiday music at each home from 1:30-3:00 and 3:30-5:00.

Enjoy complimentary coffee and Christmas cookies from 12:00 to 4:00 PM at First Congregational Church to add to the festive spirit!

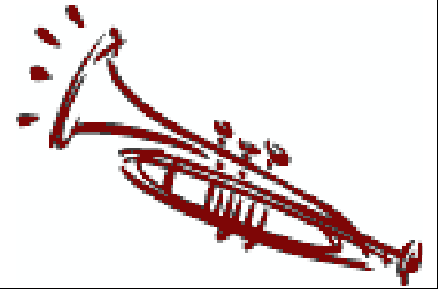
Decorated gingerbread cookies will be available for sale at the church. This is a great way to get a head

start on your holiday baking.

As an added treat, there will be drawings for festive baskets, a wonderful opportunity to win a holiday gift.

Tickets will be available at the church on Saturday for \$10, or in advance at:

May's Floral
Festival Foods
Brent Douglas
The Potting Shed
Mega East & West
Ron's Castle Foods
Willow on Water St.



A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Merry Christmas! The holidays hold many memories for all of us. One of my favorites is the delight that Nobu shows when he walks on stage to conduct the orchestra for the December concert. When I first started working at the Symphony, I learned that Nobu always likes to invite a local group to perform with us

for this concert. This year, he has invited the hand bell choir from Grace Lutheran Church: The Pacibells. They ring five octaves of hand bells and four octaves of hand chimes. Bells of all kinds symbolize the holidays. I can think of sleigh bells, church bells, jingle bells, and silver bells. I'm sure there are more. The Pacibells are a perfect addition to the orchestra. We're delighted they will be performing with us. This is a wonderful season to share the *Music you love by People you know*.

Jill Granlund



MAKING A GIFT OF APPRECIATED STOCK

Each year the Symphony strives to improve its performance and overall impact on the community. Continuity of community involvement and financial giving is vital to the further development and growth of the Chippewa Valley Symphony.

As the 2007 calendar year draws to a close, we want to remind you of a wonderful opportunity that exists for you and the Chippewa Valley Symphony – making a gift of appreciated stock. By transferring stock to the Symphony, you can avoid the tax on any gain, perhaps still be eligible for a tax deduction and allow the Symphony to enjoy the full value of your gift. Everyone benefits from a gift of stock, and we ask

you to consider taking advantage of this opportunity and make it a reality for both you and the Symphony.

If this is a good time for you to make a gift of stock or some other form of gift to the Chippewa Valley Symphony, please contact us at 715-832-6366. We would be delighted to assist you in this most beneficial endeavor.

However you may choose to give to the Symphony in the future, you can be assured you are making a wonderful investment.

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