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The 2007-2008 Texas Instruments DSO Classical Series



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The Dallas Instruments Classical Series at the Dallas Symphony Orchestra is one of the most exciting in recent memory. The programming spans from the monumental ideas of Beethoven, to the unique and diverse voices of

The 2007-2008 Texas Instruments Classical Series at the

20th century American music. During the fall, the Texas Instruments Classical Series includes five consecutive weeks featuring all nine symphonies of Beethoven, in chronological order. The second half of the season leaps forward to America in the 20th century, and presents musical experiences as diverse as the stunning eclecticism of the iconic Leonard Bernstein featured in a 90th anniversary concert, to the celebration of one of America's great composers today, John Corigliano as we mark his 70th birthday.

But I must confess that I most anticipate the three history-making weeks Jaap van Zweden will be at the podium; his first appearances as our music director designate. Maestro van Zweden will conduct two weeks of the DSO's Texas Instruments Classical Series Beethoven Festival this fall and will return in the spring to conduct the Dallas Symphony Orchestra and the world-renowned Dallas Symphony Chorus in the stunning Verdi Requiem; these are moments you simply will not want to miss.



Jaap van Zweden

AFI Dallas International Film Festival opens March 22

A new and exciting city-wide annual international film festival will come to Dallas this month. The AFI Dallas International Film Festival presented by Target with founding sponsor Victory Park, will take place March 22 through April 1.

Spanning 10 days and nights, its more than 200 screenings will make it one of the largest film festivals in the Southwest. The comprehensive programming will include the very best of contemporary international features, documentaries and short films. The festival will be punctuated with red-carpet galas,

receptions and special screenings accessible through family-friendly outdoor viewings.

"The AFI Dallas International Film Festival is a result of Dallas' love of film and filmmakers," said Michael Cain, festival artistic director. "We welcome this opportunity to work with the Dallas film and film festival community to bring the international cinema spotlight on Dallas"

The citywide event is designed in a hub-and-spoke style, with Victory Park and Victory Plaza—featuring the largest outdoor media screens in

the country—as the festival's headquarters. Victory Park will house the festival's box offices, hospitality areas and numerous events and parties.

To maximize the plethora of Dallas' distinctive venues, the festival will make use of Victory Plaza, the historic Majestic Theatre, the Landmark Magnolia and Inwood Theatres, the Angelika Film Centre and the new AMC NorthPark

Theaters. Other AFI Dallas venues include the Meyerson Symphony Center, Dallas Museum of Art, Nasher Sculpture Center, The Crow Collection of Asian Art and Southern Methodist University.

For more information, visit www.AFIDallas.com.

FWSO Annual Gala



Hailed as "the most beautiful voice" of our time, American soprano Renée Fleming is the star of grand stages worldwide. The Grammy Award winning soprano has cultivated a devoted following for her brilliant musicianship, intelligence and interpretive ability, nationally and internationally. Don't miss her one-night-only gala performance with Music Director Miguel Harth-Bedoya and the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra on March 6 at Bass Performance Hall. The concert begins at 7 p.m.



WRR presents A Night at the Movies

It's no secret to music fans that some of the most brilliant music of the last 50 years was written for the silver screen. In honor of the AFI Dallas International Film Festival, which opens March 22, WRR presents A Night at the Movies on Wednesday, March 21. This three-hour spotlight on cinematic sounds will start at 8 p.m. with DSO Principal Pops Conductor Richard Kaufmann hosting a pro-

gram on the movie music phenomenon. Kaufman has devoted much of his musical life conducting and supervising music for film and television productions, as well as performing film and classical music in concert halls and on recordings. Then on Theme and Variations beginning at 9 p.m., enjoy two hours of memorable music from landmark motion pictures.

Inspired by the art and traditions of his native Spain, Cristóbal Balenciaga's designs elicited a singular devotion from his clients and left a mark on generations of designers to follow. This one-of-a-kind exhibition of extraordinary gifts from Texas patrons Claudia Heard de Osborne, Bert de Winter and Mercedes T. Bass features more than 100 creations by Balenciaga and those he influenced, including Oscar de la Renta, Hubert de Givenchy and André Courrèges.

The exhibition and study have been organized by the Meadows Museum at SMU, in collaboration with the Texas Fashion Collection, School of Visual Arts at the University of North Texas. It is made possible by a gift from The Meadows Foundation.



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Female Buddhas at Crow Collection

in Dallas

Female Buddhas inaugurates RMA in Dallas, the new partnership between the Rubin Museum of Art and The Crow Collection of Asian Art, now through Aug. 26. With objects dating from the 13th through the 19th century, the exhibition includes sculptures and colorful paintings of fully realized women of power, compassion, and omniscience, including Tara, the most popular female Buddha in Tibet.



series of exhibitions developed from RMA's permanent collection that will explore the rich art found in the regions surrounding a 1,800-mile arc of high mountains and deep valleys that stretch from Afghanistan to Myanmar (Burma). The Himalayan cultural sphere was immortalized by the Silk Road, an iconic bridge comprising a series of land routes across Asia.

RMA in Dallas will present a

TBAAL hosts NADSA Conference

The Black Academy of Arts and Letters (TBAAL) is hosting the National Association Dramatics and Speech Arts conference (NADSA) March 14-17.

If industry professionals in theatre, film, television and arts administration are looking for youth with promise, take a journey to Dallas and attend one of the country's only pre-

dominantly African American educational theatre conferences.

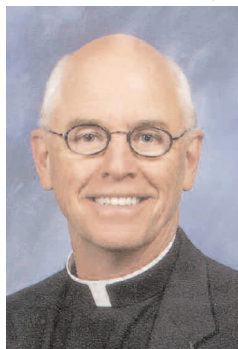
This august body of academic theatre leaders showcases many of the brightest and talented students from more than 30 African-American institutions.

For more conference information, contact TBAAL or Dr. Wendy Coleman at 229-430-4840.

20 Years of Reflecting

What do a prison inmate, a Methodist, a New York priest, a mom with a sick child, and an elderly woman whose "eyes have gone, but not her ears" all have in common?

They are all devoted listeners to "Pastoral Reflections" airing 10 a.m. each Sunday on WRR Classical 101.1 FM. This month, "Pastoral Reflections" hosted by Monsignor Donald L. Fischer is celebrating its 20th anniversary on WRR.



He may be the pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Richardson, but to listeners all over the country, "Father Don," with his gentle voice and reassuring tone, is a true blessing and a conduit for their spiritual growth.

A sampling of letters he has received through the years illustrates the impact this program of spiritual thought and beautiful music has had. One woman confesses that she would like to listen to "Pastoral Reflections" while attending her own church's service. Another wrote "I move my entire life around to be by my radio at 10 a.m. on Sunday," and another felt that the program "draws me into the Scripture in a way that transcends Christian denominations."

Join us in celebrating "Pastoral Reflections" 20th anniversary. Email Monsignor Fischer at pastor@stjosephcc.net.



Celebrate spring at the Dallas Arboretum's 23rd annual Dallas Blooms festival, featuring over 400,000 spring-blooming bulbs, 3,000 azaleas and thousands of other annuals and perennials spread throughout the 66-acre gardens.

The 2007 festival theme is Flower Power, a salute to the 1960s, and will include theme-inspired flower topiaries placed throughout the gardens, a flower-filled Volkswagen Bug, Flower Power Concerts, and other popular, family-friendly activities and events, such as Mommy and Me Mondays and 2-For-1 Wednesdays. For more details, visit www.dallasarboretum.org.

Dallas Blooms runs March 10 through April 15, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. WRR is proud to be the opening week media sponsor of Dallas Blooms.

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WRR Program Schedule

DAYPART	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
A.M.	5:00	MUSIC ALL NIGHT with Peter Van de Graaff					
	6:00	MUSIC ALL NIGHT with Peter Van de Graaff					
	7:00	MORNING MUSICALES with Karen Moyer					
	7:30	TRINITY UNITED METHODIST	THE MORNING SHOW with Christopher Hackett				
	8:00	CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SENTINEL					
	8:30	WILSHIRE BAPTIST CHURCH					
	9:00	UNIVERSITY PARK METHODIST					
	9:30	LOVERS LANE UNITED METHODIST					
	10:00	PASTORAL REFLECTIONS					
	10:30	ST. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL	MIDDAY MUSIC with Adriana Bate				
	11:00	PRESTON HOLLOW PRESBYTERIAN					
P.M.	Noon	CLASSICAL CAFE with Adriana Bate					
	12:30	MIDDAY MUSIC with Adriana Bate					
	1:00	COMMAND PERFORMANCE with Karen Moyer	MIDDAY MUSIC with Adriana Bate				
	2:00	METROPOLITAN OPERA (various times)					
	3:00	THE GOING HOME SHOW with Kurt Rongey					
	4:00	ART MATTERS with Quin Mathews & Sharon Bengé					
	4:30	THE GOING HOME SHOW with Kurt Rongey					
	5:00	THE GOING HOME SHOW with Kurt Rongey					
	5:30	THE AFTERNOON CONCERT with Amy Bishop					
	6:00	THE AFTERNOON CONCERT with Amy Bishop					
	6:30	ART MATTERS with Quin Mathews & Sharon Bengé					
	7:00	EXPLORING MUSIC with Bill McGlaughlin					
	7:30	THE EVENING CONCERT with Amy Bishop					
	8:00		DFW ORCHESTRAS		THE EVENING CONCERT with Kevin Sutton	NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC	
9:00				THEME AND VARIATIONS with Kevin Sutton		THE EVENING CONCERT with Kevin Sutton	
10:00	PIPEDREAMS with Michael Barone		THE EVENING CONCERT with Kevin Sutton			A NIGHT ON THE TOWN - George Harter	
11:00		THE EVENING CONCERT with Kevin Sutton		THE EVENING CONCERT with Kevin Sutton		ROMANTIC HOURS with Mona Golabek	
11:30	EVENING CONCERT			THE EVENING CONCERT with Kevin Sutton			
A.M.	Midnight	MUSIC ALL NIGHT with Peter Van de Graaff					
	1:00	MUSIC ALL NIGHT with Peter Van de Graaff					
	2:00	MUSIC ALL NIGHT with Peter Van de Graaff					
	3:00	MUSIC ALL NIGHT with Peter Van de Graaff					
	4:00	MUSIC ALL NIGHT with Peter Van de Graaff					

WRR News



You may have heard a new voice during the weekends here at WRR. It's our newest announcer, Amy Bishop. Amy comes to us with an extensive background in the media appearing on many Dallas radio stations, and presented news and traffic reports on WRR before being asked to join the staff full time. She can be heard Saturdays and Sundays from 4 p.m. until midnight.

Kevin Sutton, host of WRR's Evening Concert is returning from an exciting project in Seattle where he performed as Nutrice, a crusty old nurse in Claudio Monteverdi's epic opera *The Coronation of Poppea*, with the Early Music Guild of Seattle. See wrr101.com for more information.

WRR won 3 Communicator Awards for two projects with the DSO (Guess Who's Coming to Guest Conduct and Ping Pong with Lang Lang) and a program highlighting the life of James Caldwell.



This month the Dallas Summer Musicals partners with the Turtle Creek Chorale to present the Southwest premiere of *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes!*

Tony Award-winner Faith Prince, and Dallas' own Diva-in-Residence Denise Lee join a cast of Dallas luminaries in this staged concert version of the 1949 hit musical. The actors will be backed by the entire 200-member Turtle Creek Chorale and accompanied by a full orchestra - on stage!

This special collaboration will be March 15-18 at the Music Hall at Fair Park. For tickets, visit ticketmaster.com.

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Must Hear Radio: March WRR Highlights



By Kurt Rongey
Operations Manager

We hope you got your vote in for the March March Countdown. Every weekday at 7:35 a.m. from March 5-30, during our March of the Day, we'll count down your 20 favorite marches. It's the best of the best to give you a musical morning boost.

Tune to WRR at 9 p.m. on March 2 and March 30 for complete concert broadcasts by the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra. The concert on March 2 will feature Tan Dun's *Paper Concerto* and Tchaikovsky's "Winter Dreams" Symphony conducted by Miguel Harth-Bedoya. Then on March 30, guest maestro Nicholas McGegan will lead the orchestra in great music of the baroque and classic eras. You'll have an opportunity to experience the skillful conducting of FWSO Music Director Miguel Harth-Bedoya on March 23 at 8 p.m., but it won't be with the FWSO. He'll be a special guest conductor with the Cleveland Orchestra for a concert they'll be giving in Miami. WRR has been given exclusive rights to broadcast it to North Texas classical fans.

Coming in April, we'll present a very exciting new program. It's called the MTT Files, and it gives America's most intriguing conductor, Michael Tilson Thomas, a chance to share his wisdom and excitement for music. Stay tuned for details!

WRR listeners are excited about the new Dallas Symphony Orchestra Music Director Jaap van Zweden. By popular demand, we're rebroadcasting the concert that he conducted with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra in February 2006. Tune in on March 26 at 8 p.m. to hear Maestro van Zweden conduct Brahms' Symphony #1 and Wagenaar's *Cyrano de Bergerac Overture*. Pianist Jeffrey Kahane will also be on hand to play Ravel's Piano Concerto in G with the orchestra. Find out what all the fuss was about, and what Meyerson audiences have in store for them when Jaap van Zweden takes over the DSO helm in 2008.

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- March 18 Chamber Series at the Nasher at noon sponsored by WRR
- March 24 Join WRR and the Metropolitan Opera for Met at the Movies at 12:30 p.m.
- March 25 WRR at the Meadows Museum for Balenciaga 2-4 p.m.
- March 22-Apr. 1 AFI Film Festival, multiple locations & times, visit afidallas.com
- Apr. 7 WRR will be huffing and puffing along with 4000 other runners for the Uptown Run and Trolley Walk

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