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THE BEACH CITIES SYMPHONY

THE 61ST SEASON OF THE BEACH CITIES SYMPHONY BEGINS

Friday, November 5, 2010

Concert—8:15 pm • Pre-concert Lecture—7:30 pm
Marsee Auditorium



*Armen Ksajikian
Cello Soloist*

MUSIC OF YESTERDAY AND TODAY

Singing Together Daniel Kessner

Cello Concerto in B Minor, Op. 104 Antonín Dvořák

Armen Ksajikian, Cello Soloist

Symphony No. 41 in C Major, K. 551: "Jupiter" Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

We are honored to have **Armen Ksajikian** take time from his busy schedule to perform with the BCSO. Mr. Ksajikian has appeared with many musical groups, including the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, Opus Chamber Orchestra, and the Pasadena, Pacific, Long Beach, Glendale, New West, and Santa Monica Symphonies. With the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra, he has traveled to Japan and Brazil. Performances with the Los

Angeles Philharmonic have taken him to New York and throughout Europe. This concert marks Mr. Ksajikian's third performance with the BCSO. In January, 2000, the orchestra accompanied his well-received performance of Shostakovich's First Cello Concerto. In November, 2000, Mr. Ksajikian was joined by two other soloists in performing Beethoven's Triple Concerto in C for Violin, Cello, and Piano.



... from our May Concert

Artists of the Future soloists pose with Maestro Barry Brisk after the May 2010 concert.

(from left) Jinyoung Choi, Megan Chang, Eleanor Dunbar, Lillian Liao, and Sabrina Kozak.

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The BCSO is pleased to welcome back Demetra George for her third appearance with the orchestra. Ms. George has performed with over 150 symphony orchestras and has a repertoire of more than 20 opera and operetta roles and 18 musical theater roles. She has recently produced a set of two CDs of live opera and Broadway entitled "*By George, She's Got It*," and another single CD of popular songs from Greece, Italy, Turkey, Israel, Spain, and France, entitled *Demetra George—A Mediterranean Journey*. Her first appearance with the BCSO in 1999 marked the first "Vienna" concert where she sang selections by Strauss, Jr.; Lehar; and Siczyski. Her most recent performance with the BCSO was in January, 2003, when she appeared with tenor Stephen Plummer, singing duets from Verdi and Puccini. As a soloist, she sang arias from *Tosca* and *La Bohème*.

Second Concert of Our 61st Season

This concert will be dedicated to the memory of John Roehl

"A Night in Old Vienna"

Friday, February 4, 2011

presenting

DEMETRA GEORGE, soprano soloist

performing

"Czardas" from *Die Fledermaus*

by Johann Strauss, Jr.

"Voi che sapete," from *The Marriage of Figaro*

by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

"Vienna, City of My Dreams"

"Mein Lippen" ("My Lips") by Franz Lehar

also featuring

Die Fledermaus Overture

Emperor Waltz

Tritsch-Tratsch (Chit-Chat) Polka

On the Beautiful Blue Danube

by Johann Strauss, Jr.

and

"Marietta's Song" from

Die Todte Stadt (The Dead City)

by Wolfgang Erich Korngold

Symphony No. 8 in B Minor (Unfinished)

by Franz Schubert

SCHOLARSHIP FINALISTS NAMED

Finalists for the BCSA's two scholarships awarded yearly to middle school music students have been chosen.

String Player Finalists:

Kyria Sanchez, Harp and Violin, 7th grade at Palos Verdes

Intermediate; music teacher, Mrs. O'Loughlin

Irene Sun, Violin, 8th grade at Ridgecrest Intermediate,

RPV; music teacher, Linda Rose

Finalists for the Jo Wisniewski Scholarship and other orchestral instruments:

Isabella Sanchez, Flute, 8th grade at Casimir Middle

School, Torrance; teacher, Maria Jaque

Megumi Grasier, Oboe, 7th Grade at PV Intermediate;

teacher, Jeani Lewis



Deborah Aitken's concert work as soloist has taken her throughout the U.S. and to Europe, Mexico, Asia, and Russia. She has performed for film, television and radio, including a recital on Vatican Radio, broadcast thought Europe. Promoted by Yamaha Corporation, she has performed and conducted Master Classes in Tokyo for twelve years. Currently, Ms.

Aitken serves on the music faculties of El Camino College and L.A. Harbor College in addition to teaching privately at her Redondo Beach studio.

Third Concert of Our 61st Season

GERSHWIN, BY GEORGE!

Friday, March 25, 2010

presenting

DEBORAH AITKEN, piano soloist

performing

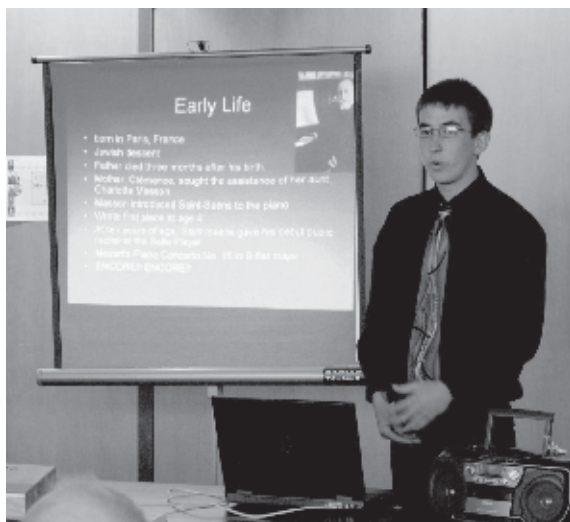
Piano Concerto in F

also featuring

**Selections from *Porgy and Bess*
*An American in Paris***

YOUNG PRESENTERS AT OUR MAY 2010 CONCERT

To encourage and educate young members of our audience, lectures about the evening's composers and music were given before the May 2010 concert by these student presenters.



Nick Brabec is a graduate of South High School (May 2010), and a piano student of Ellen Lohneiss.



Hadeel Saah, age 12, attends Palos Verdes Intermediate School and is studying piano with Bozena Nakov.

COMMENTS, ANYONE?

Do you have any comments or suggestions you'd like to share with members of the Beach Cities Symphony Board of Directors? We're listening.

Please feel free to email your comments to us at bcsa.clefnotes@gmail.com, or write to Beach Cities Symphony, Attn: Clef Notes Editor, P.O. Box 248, Redondo Beach, CA 90277-0248.

Fourth Concert of Our 61st Season

Friday, May 27, 2010

presenting

Music Teachers Association of California

ARTISTS OF THE FUTURE

also featuring

**Hungarian Dances by Johannes Brahms
The Modau by Bedřich Smetana**

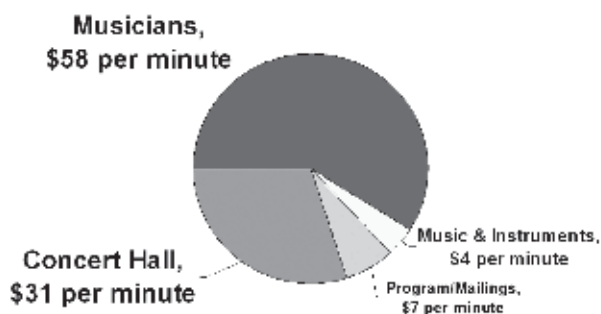
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MAY 2010 PRIZE WINNERS

In the members' raffle at our May concert, the CDs were won by Drew Kozain of Redondo Beach and Evelyn Sorensen of Torrance. The floral arrangement donated by **Lily's Flowers and Gifts** was won by Barry Forman of Manhattan Beach. In the general raffle, Alonzo Felder of Hermosa Beach won the gift certificates to **Chef Hannes Restaurant** in El Segundo and the **Marmalade Café**. The four tickets to **Disneyland** were won by Kim Kholer of San Pedro.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO BE A PART OF OUR 61ST SEASON MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2010-2011 SEASON

With the loyal support of our members, advertisers, and donors, the Beach Cities Symphony has accomplished 60 years of giving concerts free to the public. This means that it is time once again to request your support for our 61st season. We hope members will renew their commitments and consider the possibility of moving up to the next level of support. Payments received at this time will guarantee the placing of your name(s) on our membership list in this coming season's concert programs. If you have been enjoying our free concerts and are not yet a member, we invite you to accept our invitation to join the Beach Cities Symphony Association now in anticipation of our 2010-2011 Season of free concerts.

Although our concerts are still free to the public, El Camino College is telling us that parking will still be \$2.00 for each performance. For your convenience, we are again offering a season parking pass for those who wish to include an additional \$8.00 with their membership check.

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