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Duo Pianists to Perform At Symphony Orchestra's Next Concert In April

WESTFIELD - Under the baton of Music Director and Conductor David Wroe, duo pianists Joshua Pierce and Dorothy Jonas will perform the fourth concert of the Westfield Symphony Orchestra's season on Saturday, April 1 at the Union County Arts Center in Rahway.

Ms. Jonas will perform Mozart's "Concerto No. 10 for Two Pianos, K. 365." Mr. Pierce will present Ellington's "New World a-Comin'" as

Cage's "Three Dances for Two Prepared Pianos," Charles Ives' "The Pieces in Quartertones" and Robert Starer's "Concerto for Two Pianos & Orchestra."

Both artists are members of the Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences. Their recordings appear on Wergo, MMC, Centaur and IMP.

A new composition by New Jersey composer and arranger Mark McGurty is also on the program, as



Dorothy Jonas and Joshua Pierce

a solo piece.

Both Mr. Pierce and Ms. Jonas enjoy a distinguished international reputation as a duo-piano team. They perform the standard repertoire for two pianos and orchestra and have introduced and recorded many important 20th century works.

Their recordings range from the two piano works of Mozart to John

as well as Brahms' "Symphony No. 3," which will be funded through the generosity of the Symphony's Brahms Society members.

For more information about the concert and tickets, please call the Westfield Symphony Orchestra Box Office at (908) 232-9400 or the Union County Arts Center Box Office at (732) 499-8226.

Former Westfielders Win John Lennon Songwriting Contest for Second Year

WESTFIELD - For the second consecutive year, two Westfield natives, Kathy Norwine and Tom Polman were recently announced



Kathy Norwine

as winners in the Children's Category of the John Lennon Songwriting Contest.

The contest is the premier international songwriting contest with over \$200,000 in cash awards and prizes, endorsed by Yoko Ono Lennon and adjudicated by a committee of esteemed celebrities, including some of the biggest in the

music industry.

Ms. Norwine and Mr. Polman's winning entry this year, a playful and jazzy children's song, "Insect Safari" sings about going on a safari to "search for bugs cause it's bugs that we love" and mentions many fun bugs and insects and



Tom Polman

where kids might find them.

Last year's winning song, "Build A House" is aimed at teaching preschool aged children about tools ("a hammer and a nail go pound pound pound") with voice, guitar and hand motions.

The songwriters crossed paths for the first time on New Years Eve in 1997 at First Night Westfield, when Mr. Polman was performing. Both lifelong musicians, the two decided to combine talents and collaborate on a project within a new genre for both of them, children's music.

Winning the John Lennon Songwriting Contest two years consecutively has brought recognition to their work and encouragement to continue to create good music that appeals to children and parents alike.

Ms. Norwine and Mr. Polman reside in Alexandria, Va. and are currently recording a debut CD to be released late spring 2000.

For more info on this singing/songwriting team, please contact them via email at norwine@erols.com or at 3224 Wellington Road, Alexandria, Va., 22302.

Peter Yu to Perform In National HS Orchestra

WESTFIELD - Peter Yu, 16, a junior at Westfield High School, will play first violin in the 2000 National High School Honors Orchestra.

Peter was nominated to the Orchestra by Raymond Wojcik, his high school music instructor and private teacher, Stephen Wolosonovich.

The Orchestra's repertoire will include "Don Juan" by Strauss, various selections of "Ma Mere L'Oye" by Ravel, and Copland's "Symphony No. 3."

Admission to the concert is free and open to the public. Tickets are not required.

For more information, please call (703) 476-1316 or e-mail asta@erols.com or visit www.astaweb.com.

Contemporary Artist to Offer Demonstration Next Sunday

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Art Association will bring back one of its own members, Roy M. Steinberg, to present a demonstration of his contemporary artistic style on Sunday, March 19, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Community Room of the Municipal Building in Westfield.

Painting since early childhood, Mr. Steinberg held his first exhibitions at the age of 14. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Fine Arts from The University of Florida. After studying at the Art Student's League in New York City for several years, he became a Life Member.

Mr. Steinberg has held numerous shows in New York City and New Jersey. He has exhibited at Wrens Gallery and Celedon Gallery in Soho and the Beaux Arts Gallery in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Westfield Art Association meetings are held from 2 to 4 p.m. They are free and open to the public. For more information, please call Tobia L. Meyers at (908) 687-2945.

SP Pupil Gabrielle Falco Publishes Poem in Anthology

SCOTCH PLAINS - A poem by Park Middle School sixth-grader Gabrielle Falco has been published in a poetry anthology entitled, "A Time To Be Free."

Gabrielle's poem, "I Am a Dancer," was selected from a field of nearly 1,500 submissions out of which only 209 poems were included in the book.

The anthology, which was published by Quill Books of Harlingen, Tex., is a collection of poetry designed to promote and revitalize an interest in poetry and give recognition to deserving novice poets, the vast majority of whom are adults.

Gabrielle has been writing poetry since the fourth grade and honed her writing skills while participating in the Fanwood Poetry Writing Workshop, which was sponsored by the Fanwood Cultural Arts Program this fall.

"A Time To Be Free" is a 144-page

paperback book with black and white illustrations and may be ordered at local bookstores.



COCKTAIL PARTY FOR ARTS... Lisa Hicks, left, hosted a cocktail party and performance in honor of Young Audiences of New Jersey. She speaks with Christine Geoghegan, one of the guests at the event.

Cocktail Party, Performance Tributes Young Audiences

WESTFIELD - The non-profit arts organization, Young Audiences of New Jersey, was recently honored in Westfield at a cocktail party and performance at the Westfield home of Lisa Hicks and Jon Eisenberg.

The cocktail party served to intro-

duce parents in Westfield to Young Audiences. As part of the event, the Freestyle Repertory Theatre, one of Young Audience's artistic groups, presented a performance of improvisational skits.

Young Audience's mission is to raise the level of arts awareness among children by providing talented artists to teach or perform in a variety of programs. These artists, including musicians, actors, visual and media artists and dancers, appear in individual performances, workshops and residency programs in schools, community centers and other venues for children.

The party attracted over 50 Westfield residents and citizens from other communities.

Young Audiences will receive another salute in Westfield on Sunday afternoon, March 19, when renowned clarinetist Richard Stoltzman, a Young Audiences National Advisory Board member and his son, Peter, will present a concert at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield.

The concert will be sponsored by the Arbor Chamber Music Group of Westfield. For more information, please call (908) 232-1116.

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