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Bay Chamber Concerts Announces 2009-2010 Performing Arts Series

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Bay Chamber Concerts has announced an exciting line-up of events for its 2009-2010 Performing Arts Series. The Performing Arts Series, now in its twenty-fourth year, includes an eclectic mix of classical, American, world music and dance.

Events of the 2009-2010 Performing Arts Series

The season kicks off with Bay Chamber's Columbus Day weekend tradition: "Chamber Music All Stars," on Sunday, October 11, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. at the Rockport Opera House. The concert features leading chamber music players including musicians who have been part of the Muir, Vermeer and Mendelssohn string quartets.

On Saturday, November 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Bay Chamber Concerts, in partnership with Juice 2.0, will present "Liz Lerman Dance Exchange" at the Camden Opera House. Liz Lerman Dance Exchange provides a unique brand of dance/theatre, which breaks boundaries between stage and audience, theatre and community, movement and language, tradition and the unexplored. In addition to the performance, Liz Lerman will be a featured speaker at the Juice 2.0 Conference.

To get everyone in the holiday spirit, Bay Chamber Concerts is bringing back the audience favorite "Moscow Boys Choir" on Thursday, December 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Camden Opera House. The Choir will showcase such beloved Christmas classics as excerpts from Handel's "Messiah," "The Twelve Days of Christmas," and their hauntingly beautiful rendition of "Silent Night."

In the new year, at the Strand Theatre in Rockland, Bay Chamber Concerts will present "Ralph Stanley & His Clinch Mountain Boys" on Sunday, January 24, 2010 at 2:30 p.m. Most recognizable for his work on the film "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" Grammy Award-winner Ralph Stanley is a legendary bluegrass musician, known for his distinctive singing and banjo playing styles.

As a pre-Valentine's Day treat, Bay Chamber Concerts will present the Golden Dragon Chinese Acrobats at the Strom Auditorium on Saturday, February 12, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Direct from Hebei, China, the Golden

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Dragon Chinese Acrobats will present a show of breathtaking skill and spellbinding beauty. The performance will feature contortionists, juggling of umbrellas, balls and hats, plate spinning, high ropes, ladder and flag routines and the incredible Tower of Chairs. Be sure to buy tickets in advance and remember that discounted youth tickets will be limited to 200 for this show.

Bay Chamber Concerts will present “DBR & the New Clef Coalition” at the Rockport Opera House on Sunday, March 7, 2010 at 2:30 p.m. Recently featured with Lady Gaga on “American Idol,” DBR has been described as the “hip-hop Mozart” and “Beethoven meets Lenny Kravitz.” His explorations of musical rhythms and classically-driven sounds are peppered by his own cultural references as a Haitian-American and by his vibrant musical imagination. Bay Chamber has co-commissioned DBR to compose a new orchestral work, which will be performed by members of the Odeon Strings Program and local young musicians as part of the concert.

Each season Curtis on Tour brings the extraordinary artistry of the world-renowned Curtis Institute of Music to Bay Chamber Concerts. Their concert will be on Saturday, March 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rockport Opera House and will feature internationally acclaimed violinist Ida Kavafian and cellist Peter Wiley of the Curtis faculty, who will be joined by Curtis students in celebrating the centenary year of alumnus and composer Samuel Barber with a performance of his String Quartet.

Audience favorite and Andrew Wolf Chamber Music Award winner, Jonathan Biss returns to Bay Chamber Concerts courtesy of Midori’s Partners in Performance. Jonathan Biss is one of the top pianists in the international circuit and recently appeared with the Boston Symphony Orchestra. The concert will take place on Saturday, April 10, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rockport Opera House.

Barrage will close out the 2009-10 Performing Arts Series with a concert at the Camden Opera House on Sunday, May 2, 2010 at 2:30 p.m. Barrage is comprised of a half dozen fiddle players backed by a rock band; they blend jazz, classical and rock. Their shows have been compared to such aggressively theatrical presentations as “Stomp” and “Riverdance” – imagine Led Zeppelin played by a pack of out-for-blood violins!

Education & Outreach

The Odeon Strings Program, Bay Chamber Concerts educational program for string musicians, will offer three free concerts this season, featuring the four different ensembles that comprise the program. The first is the “Odeon Fall Concert” where all four ensembles will perform, on Sunday, December 13, 2009 at 2:30 p.m. The spring sessions will have two free offerings: the “Odeon Chamber Orchestra Concert” on Sunday, May 16, 2010 at 2:30 p.m., and on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. the Junior, Youth and Adult ensembles will perform. All performances take place at the Rockport Opera House.

In conjunction with their on-stage appearances, a number of the performers from the Performing Arts Series will participate in educational events. The Golden Dragon Chinese Acrobats and Barrage will give student matinee performances to area school-children, offered for free by Bay Chamber Concerts.

For the benefit of the wider community, Bay Chamber Concerts will offer two Education Extras this season. Workshops with visiting artists scheduled for this year are: Liz Lerman Dance Exchange Workshop on Saturday, November 14, 2009, the time and location TBA, \$15 per person; and Ralph Stanley’s Bluegrass Jam Session on Sunday, January 24, 2010 at 12:00 noon at the Strand Theatre, \$15 per person.

Subscription Options

The best deals on tickets to the season are available by purchasing a subscription to the whole season of ten events. Bay Chamber has two tiers of seating prices: Prime and Value. The majority of seats will be in the

Value section, and all seats in this section will be \$25. Select seats will be reserved in the Prime section, for a regular single ticket price of \$45, with discounts of up to 44% available with the purchase of a subscription. When buying the entire series, any seat in the house is available for \$25 per event. Youth subscriptions are available for ages 18 and under for \$72 for the entire season.

Two mini-packages are available: the Classical Package and the Rhythms Package, each with five events. The Classical Package includes Chamber Music All Stars, Moscow Boys Choir, DBR & The New Clef Coalition, Curtis on Tour, and Jonathan Biss. The Rhythms Package includes Liz Lerman Dance Exchange, Ralph Stanley & His Clinch Mountain Boys, DBR & The New Clef Coalition, Golden Dragon Chinese Acrobats, and Barrage. The mini-packages are \$150 per person for Prime seating, or \$30 per event.

The most flexible subscription option is the Explore Pass, where patrons can choose 5 or more events from the season to create their own package. Explore Passes start at \$175 per person, with tickets in the Prime section priced at \$35 each.

Subscription benefits include advance seating, the waiving of order and exchange fees, advance notice of coming events and the ability to purchase additional single tickets at the subscription rate. Subscriptions to the season are available now and may be purchased by calling the box office. Tickets to individual events are available by phone now, but will not be seated until after September 7. Single tickets will be available by both phone and online after September 7.

Bay Chamber Concerts is a 501(c)(3) registered non-profit organization. The media sponsor is VillageSoup.com. For more information, or to purchase tickets, contact Bay Chamber Concerts at (207) 236-2823, toll free at (888) 707-2770 or online at www.baychamberconcerts.org.

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Calendar Listings:

Date: Sunday, October 11, 2009

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Location: Rockport Opera House, 6 Central Street, Rockport, ME 04856

Title: Chamber Music All Stars

Sponsors: Mrs. Richard W. Ledwith and the Ledwith Family

Performers: Peter Zazofsky and Bayla Keyes, violins; Steven Ansell and Maria Lambros, violas; Michael Reynolds and Marc Johnson, cellos; and Cary Lewis, piano.

Program: Korngold's Suite for Piano (left hand) and Strings, Op. 23; Ravel's String Quartet in F Major; and Dvořák's Sextet for 2 Violins, 2 Violas and 2 Cellos.

Description: A Columbus Day weekend tradition – an all star chamber music group with members of the Muir Quartet and friends.

Price: Most tickets \$25. Prime seating \$45, discounted up to 44% with subscription. \$8 for Youth ages 18 and under, limited availability.

Date: Saturday, November 14, 2009

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Camden Opera House, 29 Elm Street, Camden, ME 04843

Title: Liz Lerman Dance Exchange

Sponsors: Presented in partnership with Juice 2.0: building Maine's innovation networks

Description: A national treasure! Liz Lerman Dance Exchange pursues a broad definition of dance as a multi-disciplinary art form that encompasses movement, music, imagery and the spoken word. Its unique

brand of dance/theatre breaks boundaries between stage and audience, theatre and community, movement and language, tradition and the unexplored.

Price: Most tickets \$25. Prime seating \$45, discounted up to 44% with subscription. \$8 for Youth ages 18 and under, limited availability.

Date: Thursday, December 17, 2009

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Camden Opera House, 29 Elm Street, Camden, ME 04843

Title: Moscow Boys Choir

Sponsors: Viking

Program: The Choir will showcase beloved Christmas classics including excerpts from Handel's "Messiah," "The Twelve Days of Christmas," "Silver Bells," and their hauntingly beautiful rendition of "Silent Night."

Description: Back by popular demand! Russia's most prestigious all-boy choir, The Moscow Boys Choir is a careful blending of divine soprano voices with rich resonance of bass, tenor and baritone sound.

Price: Most tickets \$25. Prime seating \$45, discounted up to 44% with subscription. \$8 for Youth ages 18 and under, limited availability.

Date: Sunday, January 24, 2010

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Location: The Strand Theatre, 345 Main Street, Rockland, ME 04841

Title: Ralph Stanley & His Clinch Mountain Boys

Description: Grammy Award-winner Ralph Stanley is a legendary bluegrass musician, known for his distinctive singing and banjo playing. Many people know him for his work on the film "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" but he has been making music for more than 60 years – he is a recipient of the National Medal of Arts, nation's highest honor for artistic excellence.

Price: Most tickets \$25. Prime seating \$45, discounted up to 44% with subscription. \$8 for Youth ages 18 and under, limited availability.

Date: Saturday, February 24, 2010

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Strom Auditorium, Camden Hills Regional High School, 25 Keelson Drive (Rt. 90), Rockport,

Title: Golden Dragon Chinese Acrobats

Sponsors: Camden National Bank / Youth Arts

Description: Direct from Hebei, China, The Golden Dragon Chinese Acrobats represent the best of a time-honored tradition that began more than twenty-five centuries ago. Their performance incorporates acrobatics, traditional dance, spectacular costumes and ancient, in addition to contemporary music, to present a show of breathtaking skill and spellbinding beauty. You'll see contortionists, juggling of umbrellas, balls and hats, plate spinning, high ropes, ladder and flag routines and the incredible Tower of Chairs.

Price: Most tickets \$25. Prime seating \$45, discounted up to 44% with subscription. \$8 for Youth ages 18 and under, limited availability.

Date: Sunday, March 7, 2010

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Location: Rockport Opera House, 6 Central Street, Rockport, ME 04856

Title: DBR & the New Clef Coalition

Sponsors: Camden Harbour Inn

Performers: Daniel Bernard Roumain (aka DBR), members of the Odeon Strings Program, and guests.

Description: Haitian-American artist DBR is a composer, violinist and bandleader who seamlessly blends funk, rock, hip-hop and classical music into an innovative musical experience. Recently featured with Lady

Gaga on “American Idol,” he has been described as the “hip-hop Mozart” and “Beethoven meets Lenny Kravitz.” Bay Chamber Concerts has co-commissioned DBR to compose a new symphonic work, which will be performed as part of the concert.

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Date: Saturday, March 20, 2010

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Rockport Opera House, 6 Central Street, Rockport, ME 04856

Title: Curtis on Tour

Performers: Internationally acclaimed violinist Ida Kavafian and cellist, Peter Wiley, of the Curtis faculty will join a select group of Curtis students.

Program: Samuel Barber’s String Quartet, Dvořák’s Piano Quintet, and miniature by Curtis composition students.

Description: Each season Curtis on Tour brings the extraordinary artistry of the world-renowned Curtis Institute of Music to audiences nationwide, with tomorrow’s leading musicians performing alongside celebrated alumni and faculty. On the 2009-2010 tour they will be celebrating the centenary year of alumnus Samuel Barber with a performance of his String Quartet.

Price: Most tickets \$25. Prime seating \$45, discounted up to 44% with subscription. \$8 for Youth ages 18 and under, limited availability.

Date: Saturday, April 10, 2010

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Rockport Opera House, 6 Central Street, Rockport, ME 04856

Title: Jonathan Biss

Sponsor: Midori’s Partners in Performance.

Program: Haydn’s “Sonata in A flat Major, Hob.16/42;” Schoenberg’s “Six Little Pieces, Op.19;” Mendelssohn’s “Variations Serieuses” and a selection from “Songs Without Words;” Beethoven’s “Six Bagatelles, Op.126” and “Les Adieux Piano Sonata No.26 in E flat Major, Op.81a.”

Description: Returning to Bay Chamber Concerts is Andrew Wolf Chamber Music Award winner, Jonathan Biss, now one of the top pianists in the international circuit, who recently appeared with the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

Price: Most tickets \$25. Prime seating \$45, discounted up to 44% with subscription. \$8 for Youth ages 18 and under, limited availability.

Date: Sunday, May 2, 2010

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Location: Camden Opera House, 29 Elm Street, Camden, ME 04843

Title: Barrage

Sponsors: The First

Description: Barrage boasts a musical lineup almost as unconventional as the music they play. Their shows have been compared to such aggressively theatrical presentations as “Stomp” and “Riverdance,” while being praised for their musical excellence. The group is comprised of a half dozen fiddle players backed by a rock band and they blend jazz, classical and rock. The result is not quite classical and not exactly rock – imagine Led Zeppelin played by a pack of out-for-blood violins!

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