Cumberland Valley School of Music presents our 21st Anniversary Showcase Concert

Centennial Celebration of American Masters

Part I - Samuel Barber

Sure on This Shining Night

CVSM Vocal Ensemble
Gerald Kowallis, director; Rochelle Kniss, piano

Adagio for Strings

Deborah Stotelmyer, Cindy Scanzello, violins; Jessica Owens, viola; Dee Cao, cello

Knoxville: Summer of 1915 (excerpts)
Elisabeth Turchi, soprano; Jeffrey Noll, piano

Part II – Artie Shaw, Howlin Wolf, T-Bone Walker

Moonglow
Will Hudson & Irving Mills

CVSM Jazz Quartet:
Craig Stahl, clarinet; Andrew Sussman, piano; Herman Hopple, bass; Sam Hepfer, drums

Djangology
Django Reinhardt
Mark Miller, Stephen Blackstock, guitars; Scott Matlock, violin

Smokestack Lightning
Howlin’ Wolf

Stormy Monday
T-Bone Walker
Mark Miller, Stephen Blackstock, Eric Fisak, guitars; Herman Hopple, bass; Sam Hepfer, drums

~Intermission ~

Part III – Frank Loesser

Heart and Soul
Crenshaw Allen-Hall & Isaac Bryson, piano
Paula Hepfer, Brian Helman, Sam Hepfer and Herm Hopple

Inch Worm (Hans Christian Andersen)
The Cumberbunds
Jeffrey Noll, Director; Rochelle Kniss, piano; Scott Matlock, violin

I’ll Know (Guys and Dolls)
Elisabeth Turchi, soprano; Jeffrey Noll, piano

If I Were a Bell (Guys and Dolls)
CVSM Jazz Quartet

I Believe in You (How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying)
Lee Merriman, baritone; Valerie Merriman, piano

Baby It’s Cold Outside (Neptune’s Daughter)
Mary McGinley, soprano & David Forbes, tenor

Luck Be a Lady Tonight (Guys and Dolls)
Young Men In Harmony: Michael DiMercurio, David Forbes, John Holliman, Adam Marinelli
Gerald Kowallis, Director

Adelaide’s Lament (Guys and Dolls)
Mary McGinley

Sit Down You’re Rockin’ the Boat (Guys and Dolls)
Corey Evan Rotz, tenor;
Vocal Ensemble, Gerald Kowallis, director
About the Performers:

Gerald Kowallis is a CVSM faculty member serving currently as the director of The Young Men in Harmony. He is the former longtime choral director at the Waynesboro Area Senior High School. He has performed extensively, including roles at Allenberry Playhouse, Pittsburgh Civic Light Opera, Trinity Players and the Mercersburg Area Community Chorus and at numerous CVSM concerts and musicales, most recently our “Two Tenors, Father and Son” with his son, noted tenor, Tod Kowallis.

Rochelle Kniss is a member of the CVSM faculty where she teaches private Suzuki piano and is the accompanist for the Cumberbunds. She holds a Bachelors degree from Lebanon Valley College and has Suzuki piano certification. Rochelle has taught piano in Lancaster County and Eastern Mennonite University Preparatory Dept. She teaches lower elementary music at Shalom Christian Academy and plays piano and leads worship at Marion Mennonite Church.

Deborah Stotelmyer Deb is a CVSM faculty member and teaches violin at our Hagerstown location. She received her B.S. in Music Education from Frostburg State College. She is Concertmistress for Mercersburg Community Chorus/Orchestra, the former Principal 2nd Violin of the MD Symphony Orchestra and former concertmistress of Millbrook Orchestra and Frederick Community Orchestra. Has over 25 years experience in private teaching, 14 years in public school teaching and has had many students selected for MD All-State Orchestra, and the Central PA District Orchestra.

Cindy Scanzello teaches violin for CVSM. Although her early instruction pre-dates CVSM, she was a former student of Terry Losee and Herman Hopple, who now serves as CVSM faculty members. She received her Bachelor’s degree in Music Education from West Chester University and her Master of Music, Ed from Shenandoah University, and an M. Ed., from Wilkes University. She is a string teacher with the CASD and Director of the CASD Symphony. Cindy plays Principal 2nd violin with the Shippensburg University Community Orchestra, performs with the Shippensburg Festival Chamber Orchestra, the Mercersburg Chorus Orchestra, and was the guest conductor for the District 7 String Fest in 2006.

Jessica Owens holds a Bachelor of Music (viola) from Ithaca College with minors in Italian and Dance and has performed with the Ithaca Symphony Orchestra and various String Quartets and Trios. An accomplished vocalist, Jessi has performed at many area events and churches as well as with a Jazz Trio. She has taught previously at Candor Grange Arts Institute and worked as a vocal coach at Ithaca College Music Department, prep division.

Dee Cao has degrees from the University of New Haven, the University of Bridgeport, and the Central Conservatory of Music (Beijing, China). She is an award winning soloist in the New England Concerto Competition (Fairfield, CT) and the National Sonata Competition (Beijing, China) and has performed with the Mid-Atlantic Symphony, Lynchburg Symphony, Roanoke Symphony, Symphony of the Mountains, Eastern Connecticut Symphony, and China Symphony Orchestra among others, and is Orchestra Director at Northern Middle School in Hagerstown.

Elisabeth Turchi is a CVSM alumnae and current faculty member. She received her BFA at Carnegie-Mellon University and Master of Music at Shenandoah University. She has sung principal roles with the Harrisburg Opera, the Pittsburgh Opera, and the Carnegie-Mellon Opera. She has also performed with NYC’s Gotham Chamber Opera. Oratorio credits include Gabriel in Haydn’s Creation in Vienna and Budapest with Grammy-winning conductor Robert Page. In December, she will perform Dave Brubeck’s composition, “The Canticles of Mary” with the Dave Brubeck quartet in Providence, Rhode Island. Lisa currently teaches private voice with CVSM and Shepherd University.

Jeffrey Noll has served on the CVSM faculty since 1993. He is the director of the Cumberbunds, Voice and Drama Camp and teaches private piano. Jeff holds a Bachelor of Sacred Music from Baptist Bible College in Clarks Summit with further study at Towson State University. He is an accompanist for many area instrumental and vocal soloists and is the Minister of Music at Hagerstown Bible Church.

Craig Stahl plays with the CVSM Concert Jazz band, with the Jazz Quartet and performs with the Craig Sunday Big Band from Carlisle. He is the Band Director at the Cumberland Valley School District. Craig received Bachelors Degrees in Music Education and Clarinet and Saxophone Performance from Lebanon Valley College and Masters credits in Music Education from Duquesne University.

Andrew Sussman joined CVSM as Executive Director in 1994. Andrew studied at the University of the Arts, and is a composer and jazz pianist whose songs have been performed and/or recorded by singers René Marie, Nancy Reed, Gwen Howard, Mary Jayne Raleigh, Jim Van Slyke, the Washington D.C. Cabaret Network, and Chicago Cabaret Professionals. Other projects include the musicals Pollyanna, Abbey Victoria: A Musical Daydream (both performed in NYC and locally), A Touch of Bourbon, and Follow Your Dreams (one act) and incidental music and songs for Phoenix: The Burning of Chambersburg, A Love Divided, and Nellie Was There. Andrew performs with CVSM Jazz Quartet and Concert Jazz Band.

Herman Hopple serves on the CVSM faculty as a private upright bass instructor and as director of the CVSM Community String Orchestra. Herm received his B.S. Mu. Ed. From Susquehanna University and an M.Mu Ed from Penn State University. He retired after 30 years as string instructor and director of the CASD Symphony. He played upright bass with the Potomac Symphony, the Gettysburg College Community Orchestra, and was principal bass for many years with the Shippensburg College Community Orchestra. He performs regularly with the CVSM Concert Jazz Band and the CVSM Jazz Quartet.

Sam Hepfer served for 15 years as a drum set/ percussion instructor at CVSM. He performs with the CVSM Jazz Quartet, CVSM Concert Jazz Band and the Capitol Dixieland Band. He has performed with the Towne Singers, Slideshow and has accompanied Corey Rotz at local performances. Sam has performed at Totem Pole Playhouse, The Maryland Theatre, CCT, Shippensburg Festival Orchestra, Musica Ritma and other local events.
Mark Miller has served as a CVSM faculty member since 1991 teaching private guitar, audio recording class and was the previous director of It Rocks! camp. In addition to his teaching duties at CVSM, he has worked in our office and designed our registration - development software. Mark has studied music at Montgomery College and H.J.C., advanced theory and composition with C. Randall Williams and classical guitar with Chris Anderson. He is an R.I.A. Certified Recording Engineer and holds I.C.S. Electronics Engineering certification. He is a composer in various styles including pop, rock, jazz, and is the owner of M&M Recording Studio.

Stephen Blackstock has played guitar, bass and harmonica in local area and regional bands for over 35 years, including Southwind, Center Alley, Dem Guise, Side Street, The Toasters, Rudy and the Bluefish, and The Gospel Road Band (Nashville, TN). He has performed at the Western Maryland Blues Fest and opened the concert for Phil Keaggy at the Maryland Theater.. Steve is praise and worship team leader at the Body of Christ Church in St. Thomas, PA.

Scott Matlock has performed throughout the Mid-Atlantic Region as a solo fiddler and singer/guitarist, and as a member of the rock, blues, folk, and funk bands: Slippery When Wet, Arcona, Pair O’Dimes (Pair O’Dimes has performed on four occasions at the Governor’s Mansion in Harrisburg for Governors Ridge and Schweiker), Gossamer. He currently performs with Soleil (Soleil opened for Janis Ian at the Blue Skies Festival in 1999) and Dem Guise. Scott has served as a clinician at CVSM Summer string camps.

Eric Fisak is a CVSM guitar instructor. He received his Bachelor Degree from Mansfield University in Music Therapy. He studied rock guitar with David Levy and classical guitar with Pablo Cohen and Matthew Slatkin. He has performed solo works as well as ensemble pieces. Currently plays electric guitar with the rock band, the Shackeltons. The Shackeltons recorded a CD with Loveless Records, Seattle, WA in 2007 and tour nationally.

Crenshaw Allen-Hall is a CVSM piano student of Brian Helman and a flute student with Dottie Klein. Crenshaw is a fifth grade student at Corpus Christi Catholic School and the daughter of Michael and Sinda Allen-Hall.

Isaac Bryson is a CVSM piano student of Jaranell Fritts. He is a fourth grade student at Corpus Christi Catholic School. Isaac is the son of Mark and Karen Bryson, Chambersburg.

Paula Hepfer is co-founder, program director and private voice instructor with CVSM. She received her B.A. from IUP and an M.M. from PSU. She has performed with the St. Paul United Methodist Recital Series. She has been an instructor of Music Appreciation at Penn State University, University Park and former director of the Wilson College Choir. She is currently co-director of the Praise Team at 1st U M Church, Chbg. Paula enjoys singing occasionally with the CVSM Jazz Quartet.

Brian Helman is a piano instructor at CVSM. He received a B.M. in Piano Performance, MM in Piano Pedagogy from Shenandoah Conservatory of Music. Brian is currently pursuing a doctorate in piano performance and masters in music therapy from Shenandoah. He has performed at numerous NYC venues including Gershwin Theatre, St. James Theatre, Schubert Theatre, Don’t Tell Mama’s cabaret with Joy Dewing in 2002 and accompanied master classes and auditions at Circle in the Square Theatre School. He has served as accompanist for the national touring companies of The Secret Garden and Jesus Christ Superstar and as music director for numerous regional musicals. He has accompanied Tony Award winner Gretha Boston at CVSM’s Benefit Gala in 2002 and frequently accompanies Washington Opera tenor, Corey Evan Rotz.

Lee Merriman, a singing actor, has performed in the area for many years including at the Totem Pole Playhouse and numerous leading roles with the Chambersburg Community Theatre. He has appeared frequently at CVSM events and will be a featured performer at this year’s musicale, the “CVSM Variety Hour.” Lee is the children’s choir director at Central Presbyterian Church.

Valerie Merriman joined the CVSM faculty as a piano instructor in 1992. Valerie received her B.A. from Wellesley College. Her performance experience includes extensive solo and choral accompanying, CCT, and Totem Pole productions, CVSM Musicals and camps and TGIF concerts at the Capitol Theatre. Valerie will accompany husband Lee at this years’ musicale, the “CVSM Variety Hour.”

Mary McGinley is an alumna of CVSM having studied voice with Paula Hepfer. She was a 2008 Merit Award winner in the vocal division. She is a graduate of Saint Maria Goretti High School where she performed with the Choir under the direction of Gerald Kowallis and had principal roles in numerous plays and musicals including “Seussical the Musical” and “Kiss Me, Kate” for which she also served as choreographer. She is currently a Theatre and Dance major at Muhlenberg College where she sings with the College Choir. She is the daughter of Mike and Susan McGinley, Hagerstown, MD.

David Forbes is the current Margaret Weeks Memorial Scholarship recipient having placed 1st in the Merit Award Competition. He currently studies voice with Keith Brant and previously with Elisabeth Turchi. He is a member of Young Men in Harmony and the CVSM Rock Band, both at CVSM’s Hagerstown location. He is a senior at SMGS where he is a member of the Drama Club, the Thespian Troupe, and the Choir. He is a member of his church youth choir. He is the son of Jim and Sally Forbes, Fayetteville.

Corey Evan Rotz. A leading tenor with The Washington Opera for the last 15 seasons he has amassed over 350 performances of 29 roles. Under the mentorship of world renowned tenor and Washington Opera General Director Placido Domingo, Corey has performed on stages from Los Angeles to Tokyo, Japan. Corey has organized and performed numerous concerts in Chambersburg, many to benefit CVSM and the Capitol Theatre and remains active in the local arts community. Corey originally studied voice with the late Margaret Weeks and has worked with CVSM to establish the Margaret Weeks Memorial Scholarship.
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