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**Avner Dorman** 

# Avner Dorman Signs with G. Schirmer

G. Schirmer, Inc. has Dorman comments, "I am extremely excited to signed an exclusive be joining one of the world's greatest publishers. agreement with the Signing a publishing deal with Schirmer before Israeli-American the age of 30 is a dream come true. I feel composer Avner honored and very privileged to be a part of Dorman. With the Schirmer's distinguished signing, Dorman becomes both the newest group of and youngest composer composers, and look forward to on the G. Schirmer

> Born in 1975, his Masters degree from Tel

many fruitful

ration."

years of collabo-

Dorman obtained Aviv University.

He majored in music, musicology, and physics and worked with former Soviet composer Josef Bardanashvili. Currently enrolled in the doctoral program at Juilliard, Dorman studies with John Corigliano. He has also been a composition fellow at the Tanglewood Music Center.

Serenada Schizophrana (2005) 42'

timp(perc).5perc/hp.2pf(syn).syn/str (14.10.8.8.6)

3(2pic,afl).3(2ca).3(Ebcl,2bcl,asx).3(2cbn)/

6.3.3(btbn)+btbn(cbtbn).1(Cimbasso)/

small female chorus;

# אבנר דורמן

At age 25, Dorman became the youngest composer to win Israel's prestigious Prime Minister's Award. In 2002, the Israeli newspaper Ma'ariv proclaimed him "Composer of the Year."

His Variations without a Theme, premiered by

Zubin Mehta and the Israel Philharmonic in November 2003, has won ASCAP's Morton Gould Young Composer's Award and the 2004 Best Composition of the Year award from the Israeli performing rights society, ACUM.

Dorman's music has been praised as "outstanding for its freshness and

spontaneity," (Jerusalem Post), with "craftsmanship [and] musical power." (Berliner Zeitung). His catalogue includes concertos, orchestral pieces, chamber music, vocal music, song cycles, and works for solo piano. He has been commissioned and performed by the Berliner Symphoniker, the Israel Philharmonic, and the Israel Camerata. His diverse catalogue also includes music for ballet and for Nitzan Aviram's award winning film, "Son."



left to right: G. Schirmer Vice President Susan Feder, Avner Dorman, Director of Promotion Peggy Monastra

# Elfman Conquers Carnegie

roster

"Dorman's compositions reflect his keen intelli-

structures. His sound world, at once lyrical and

energetic, embraces the listener. Altogether he's a

refreshing and welcome new young voice — we

ence." Flutists will have the opportunity when the

Lior Eitan and the San Diego Chamber Orchestra

can't wait to introduce Avner to a wider audi-

2005 National Flute Association Convention

on 13 August 2005 in San Diego.

presents Dorman's Piccolo Concerto with soloist

gence," observes G. Schirmer Vice President

Susan Feder. "He writes beautiful, elegantly

wrought musical lines within sophisticated

Danny Elfman's first major work for the concert hall, Serenada Schizophrana, is a symphonic tour-de-force.

After hearing the February world

premiere by the American Composers Orchestra (the work's commissioner), Bernard Holland of The New York Times praised Elfman's "ear for symphonic colors and how to balance them." Elfman's music ranges from the frenetic theme for television's "The Simpsons" to such diverse Hollywood soundtracks as "Spiderman," "Batman," and "The Nightmare Before Christmas."

Until the ACO commission, Elfman had not composed concert music. "Serenada Schizophrana is a completely new experience for me," he said. "I've always had visuals to drive my orchestral music." He began by "composing several dozen short, freeform compositions, none of them related. Some of them began to develop themselves until I had [five] movements that in some

abstract, absurd way, felt connected." G. Schirmer recently signed an agreement with Elfman to publish Serenada Schizophrana; music soon will be available from the Rental and Performance Library.

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**Danny Elfman** 

#### **SELECTED ORCHESTRAL WORKS**

Concerto Grosso (2003) 13' Soli string quartet and harpsichord; str

Ellef Symphony (2000) 19' 3(pic).2+ca.2+bcl.2+cbn/4331/timp.5perc/pf.hp/str

> Piccolo Concerto (2000-01) 15' Piccolo; 0000/0000/pf/str (min 6.5.4.3.1)

Saxophone Concerto (2003) 14' Soprano saxophone; 1112/2000/dmkit/str

Udacrep Akubrad (2003) 13 1/2'

Percussion Concerto 2 soli percussion; 1111/1000/str

Variations Without a Theme (2001-03) 15' 4(pic).3.3(Ebcl,bcl).3(cbn)/4331/timp.3perc/hp.pf(cel)/str (min 16.14.12.10.8)

# Reviews

#### **ADAMO**

Mark Adamo just returned from Japan, where New York City Opera performed the Asian premiere of Little Women at the 2005 Aichi World Expo. Now he'll head into the studios to edit the Houston Grand Opera's performances of Lysistrata for October broadcast by NPR. Adamo then jets to Milwaukee to direct rehearsals for the Skylight Opera Theatre's new production of *Little* Women, which opens in September.

#### CORIGLIANO

On 27 July, the BBC Proms will present and televise the UK premiere of John Corigliano's Concerto for Violin and Orchestra (The Red Violin). Marin Alsop will lead Joshua Bell and the Bournemouth Symphony. Earlier in the month, Bell will perform the concerto at the Aspen Music Festival. In August, Corigliano will be composer-inresidence at the Tuscan Sun Festival (Cortona, Italy) for performances of The Red Violin Suite and Symphony No. 2.

#### DANIELPOUR

Richard Danielpour continues to ride the waves of success for his first opera Margaret Garner, premiered in May by the Michigan Opera Theater. In July, the original cast and creative team move on to Ohio, where co-commissioner Cincinnati Opera will present the opera's second run. Co-commissioner Opera Company of Philadelphia will give the third set of performances next February.

#### FRANK

Back from Brazil and the South American premiere of her flute concerto Illapa, Gabriela Lena Frank will travel to San Antonio, TX in July, where she will present a lecture-recital at the 2005 Latina Letters Conference. Drawing from her own music and her experiences as a performer, Frank will illustrate how Latina cultural identity in literature and poetry is a font of compelling material for the standard model of art song. In August, Frank will return to South America to attend festivals in Peru and to continue her research in folk music in Bolivia.

#### GLASS

In June, Lincoln Center's Rose Theater will feature **Philip Glass**'s *Qatsi Trilogy*, directed by Godfrey Reggio. The Philip Glass Ensemble will take the stage for a three-evening live-screening of Koyaanisgatsi, Nagoygatsi, and Powaggatsi. Poland's "Malta 2005" International Theatre Festival hosts the trilogy's European premiere in July.

# "Margaret Garner"

photo: John Grigaitis, courtesy Michigan Opera Theate

In the novel, Ms. Morrison wrote her own arias in prose; in the libretto, her lines are short, spare and poetic, a sturdy yet flexible frame that leaves ample space for Mr. Danielpour's richly lyrical, tonal musical language. The music feels particularly American, echoing colloquial sources like slave work songs and spirituals as well as [a] soaring yet simply appealing melodic style....The music is particularly good at expressing the humanity and depth of feeling of the slave characters....Two large choruses, one white and one black, get some of the liveliest writing....Mr. Danielpour's energy and inventiveness extend to the colorful orchestration, which is full of vibrant string writing and wind solos as well as wonderful little touches.

- Heidi Waleson, Wall Street Journal

The strengths of the hotly anticipated Toni Morrison/ Richard Danielpour opera Margaret Garner are so considerable and wide-ranging that the piece is legitimately destined to make new friends for opera without alienating old ones...

- David Patrick Stearns, Philadelphia Inquirer

#### **World premiere**

Libretto: Toni Morrison 3(pic).2(ca).3(bcl).3(cbn)/4.3Ctpt.2+btbn.1/ timp.3perc/hp.pf(cel).stage pf/str Principal Roles: Mezzo-soprano, Lyric Baritone, Dramatic Soprano, Lyric Baritone Secondary Roles: Dramatic Tenor, Light Lyric Soprano, Tenor, Lyric Tenor SATB Black Chorus, 32 voices suggested SATB White Chorus, 40 voices suggested Kenny Leon, stage director Denyce Graves, mezzo-soprano; Angela Brown, soprano; Gregg Baker, baritone; Rodney Gilfrey baritone Michigan Opera Theatre/Lano 7 May 2005; Detroit, MI

# (Re)view — Shostakovich

In 1963, when Shostakovich wrote his Overture on Russian and Kirghiz Folk Themes, he had just married his third wife, Irina Supinskaya, and had recently visited Kirgistan for celebrations commemorating the onehundredth anniversary of their



"voluntary incorporation into Russia." His visit there exposed him to the incredible gifts of the local folk musicians and demonstrated why they were considered a country where "everyone sings" - a feature which he would remark upon on his return. Perhaps it is fitting in

Overture on Russian and Kirghiz Folk Themes 8' 2+pic.2.2.2+cbn/4231/timp.perc/ str (min 16.14.12.12.10) Completed in early October 1963. Premiere at the Frunze Theatre of Opera and Ballet on 2 November 1963. (Frunze is the capital of Kirghiz S.S.R.) The Moscow premiere took place eight days later.

that it was also the year he became a member of UNESCO's International Music Council the mandate

of which is to "promote musical diversity and support cultural rights for all."

Why Shostakovich incorporated a Russian theme from the Omsk region of Siberia as well as the familiar Kirghiz material remains unknown, but it is possibly his musical acknowledgment or depiction of the Kirghiz integration into Russia.

Shostakovich's characteristic style of sharply accentuated modes of expression appears here, marked often by grotesque gestures, especially in the brisker moments of the work. And in developing the folk themes to which he pays homage in this piece, he uses the full expressive possibilities of instruments, giving them a folk character, and bringing them into bold relief against the orchestra proper.

# Pops Goes the Sampler

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Music Publishers. Pick up your free copy at the Schirmer exhibit booth at the American Symphony Orchestra League Conference, or send an E-mail request to schirmer@schirmer.com.

#### HARBISON

This year **John Harbison** will be Director of Tanglewood's Contemporary Music Festival. (Harbison is also a faculty member at Tanglewood's Bach Institute.) He continues to serve as artistic director of the Token Creek Chamber Music Festival (WI). Meanwhile, Harbison recently completed a new piece for the Chicago Chamber Musicians, and is working on a choral work for the Cantata Singers of Boston and a doublebass concerto for the International Society of Bassists. The Toronto Symphony will give the first of some 15 scheduled performances in April 2006.

#### KAPILOW

Robert Kapilow was the keynote speaker for the International Radio Conference in Geneva. This summer, Kapilow will shift gears and write a book. Simon & Schuster Editor-in-chief Michael Korda will shepherd the project, which focuses on listening and is designed to appeal to musicians and non-musicians alike. Kapilow will present his "What Makes it Great?" series at the Bay Chamber Concerts Festival (Maine) in July and again in August at the Mostly Mozart Festival.

#### KERNIS

On 24 June, **Aaron Jay Kernis** will begin his summer season at the Yale/ Norfolk Chamber Music Festival, where soprano Susan Narucki will perform excerpts from his cycle *Songs of Innocents*. After a stint as guest composer at the Ravinia and Cabrillo Music Festivals, Kernis will be in residence at the Moab Festival (UT), which has programmed *The Four Seasons of Futuristic Cuisine, Mozart En Route*, and excerpts from *Songs of Innocents*.

#### KIRCHNER

**Leon Kirchner** will spend the next few months finishing a new piece for James Levine and the Boston Symphony to premiere in January, and working on his *Fourth Quartet* for the Orion String Quartet.

#### LIEBERSON

Peter Lieberson will travel to the Canadian Rockies for a residency at the 2005 Banff Music Festival. The New York Philharmonic will perform Lieberson's next world premiere — World in Flower — in May 2006. The work, like his recent Neruda Songs, will feature his wife, mezzo-soprano Lorraine Hunt Lieberson.

## "Acquanetta"

In 1943, a former cheesecake model, known only as Acquanetta, lit up the screen in the B-movie horror film and cult classic, "Captive Wild Woman." And now, Acquanetta reappears as the subject and title character of **Michael** 

**Gordon**'s newest opera. The work premieres on 25 June at Theater Aachen in Germany.



Acquanetta is ultimately a haunting meditation on the meaning of identity, transformation, stereotypes, and typecasting, set in the heyday of Hollywood gloss.

Acquanetta (2005) 70' without intermission
English libretto by Deborah Artman
Coloratura, Soprano, Mezzo-soprano, Tenor, Bass/Baritone

In the movie, Acquanetta played the untamable and gorgeous creation which resulted from a mad scientist's experiments on an ape. It was a role she sizzled in and played so well that a sequel quickly followed. Nevertheless, just a few years later she inexplicably walked away from Hollywood and swanned off to Mexico.

Who was Acquanetta and why did she abandon her

#### This Season's New Music for Orchestra, Sinfonietta, and Band

#### Mark Adamo

Alcott Music (Suite from Little Women) 20' 1(pic,afl).1(ca).1(bcl).1(cbn)/1.1[opt].0.0/perc/hp.pf(cel)/str

Overture to Lysistrata 4'

#### 1(pic).0.1.asx(barsx).1/1100/timp.2perc/hp/str (4.4.3.3.2)

#### John Corigliano

Circus Maximus (Symphony No. 3) 35'
On-stage band: 4(2pic), 4(ca),3+2bc+cbcl,3+cbn/
4.4(2Dtp),4.2+2euph/timp.4[=5]perc/pf.hp; Surround band:
0.0.1.2asx+tsx+barsx.0/2.11.0.0/3perc/db;
Marching band:
pic, Ebcl, 2tpt, 2tbn

#### **Richard Danielpour**

Adagietto 10' string orchestra

Songs of Solitude 30' English texts by W. B. Yeats

English texts by W. B. Yeats Baritone; 3(pic).2(ca).3(bcl).3(cbn)/4.3.2+btbn.1/ timp.3perc/pf.cel.hp/str 7.6.5.4.3 preferred)

#### Gabriela Lena Frank

Illapa: Tone Poem for Flute and Orchestra 18' Flute; 2222/4220/timp.4perc/hp.pf/str

#### **Philip Glass**

Piano Concerto No. 2 (After Lewis and Clark) 34' Piano, Native American Flute; 1111/2100/perc/str

Symphony No. 7 — A Tottec Symphony 30' SATB; 2+pic.2+ca.2(Ebcl)+bcl.2/4.3.2+btbn.1/timp.perc/pf(cel).org.hp/str

#### Sofia Gubaidulina

The Deceitful Face of Hope and of Despair 26' Flute(afl,bfl); 3(2pic).2.2+bcl.2+cbn/4.2.1+2btbn+cbtbn.1/timp.perc/2hp.cel.pf/str(16.14.12.10.8)

#### John Harbison

Darkbloom: Overture for an Imagined Opera 7' 3(pic).2+ca.3(bcl).3(cbn)/4221/timp.3perc/pf.hp/str

#### John Harle

The Ballad of Jamie Allan English texts and video by Tom Pickard Alto, Baritone; Northumbrian pipes; 1(pic,afl).1(bcl).0.0/0000/perc/hp.ekbd.gtr/str

#### **Hans Werner Henze**

Fünf Botschaften für die Königin von Saba ("Five Messages for the Queen of Sheba") 15' 3(3pic,afl).1+ca.0.sxx(asx)+tsx.3(cbn)/4330/3perc/ hp.cel.pf4hnd/str

#### **Robert Kapilow**

Summer Sun Winter Moon 29'
Libretto by Darrell Robes Kipp
Tenor, child Soprano; SATB
2+pic(rec).3(ca).3(bcl).3(bn)/4.3.2+btbn.1/timp.3perc/

#### Ezra Laderman

Variations on a Passacaglia 20' Cello; 2222/4321/perc.timp/str

#### **David Lang**

Piano; 3.2+ca.3+bcl.2+cbn/4331/timp.4perc/cel/str

Sweet Air (arrangement) 8' small string orchestra or single strings

#### **Peter Lieberson**

Neruda Songs c.25' Spanish texts: Pablo Neruda Mezzo-soprano; 2(pic).1+ca.2(bcl).2/2200/2perc.hp.pf/str

#### Stuart MacRae

Three Pictures 21' 2(pic,afl).2(ca).2(Ebcl,bcl).2(cbn)/2200/timp.perc/str (8.6.4.4.2)

Two Scenes from The Death of Count Ugolino 15' Mezzo-soprano; 1(pic).1.2(bcl).1(cbn)/1110/perc/hp.pf/str(1.0.1.1.1)

#### **Peter Maxwell Davies**

A Dance on the Hill 25' English text by George Mackay Brown Mezzo-soprano; 2(afl).2.1+bcl.1+cbn/2200/timp/str

#### Thea Musgrave

Wood, Metal and Skin 17' Percussion; 2222/4331/timp.4perc/str

#### Per Nørgård

The Will-o-the-Wisps go to Town c.45'
Texts: Hans Christian Andersen and Susanne Brøgge
Soprano, Mezzo-soprano, Tenor; SATB chorus
2(pic,afl).1(ca).2(Ebcl).1/2210/2perc/ hp.pf/str

#### Tarik O'Regan

Hudson Lullaby 2' 2222/4.2.2+btbn.1/timp.2perc/str

Threnody 5' English text SATB chorus; str

#### Esa-Pekka Salonen

Wing on Wing 27' 2 Sopranos; 4(3aft:1aft),bfl),3+ca.3(3Ebcl,bcl)+cbcl.3+cbn/ 4431/timp.4perc/2hp.2kbd(cel,sampler)/str (min 16.14.12.10.8)

SATB; 2(2pic).2.3.1+cbsn/2321/2perc/kbd.ebgtr/str

career? Gordon's opera turns the

horror inside out in a bravura, one-

minutes that changed Acquanetta's

life forever. In soaring, sometimes

comic, and always indelible songs

that perfectly capture the height-

ened drama of horror films, these

vivid characters reveal their inner

longings and emotional shadows.

mock, serious, campy spirit of

act deconstruction of the five

#### **Bright Sheng**

Colors of Crimson 20' Marimba; 2(pic).2(ca).2(bcl).2(cbn)/3220/timp.2perc/pf.hp/str

La'i (Love Song) 6' for orchestra without strings

1+2pic.2+ca.2(bcl)+Ebcl.2+cbn/4.3.2+btbn.1/timp.4perc/hp [or]

2+4pic.4+2ca.4(2bcl)+2Ebcl.4+2cbn/6442/timp.4perc/hp

#### Bent Sørensen

The Little Mermaid 24'
Text: H.C. Andersen/Peter Asmussen
Soprano, Tenor; SA chorus; 0.2(2obda).0+2Ebcl.2(cbn)/
4231/2perc/hp.pf/str

#### **Joby Talbot**

Sneaker Wave 15' 2.2+ca.2+bcl.3/4331/timp.perc/hp.pf/str

#### Tan Dun

Paper Concerto (revised) 30'
Percussion; 2(bfl).2.1+bcl(Ebcl).1+cbn/2221/timp.2perc/hp/str (16.10.8.8.6)

#### John Tavener

Hymn of Dawn 70'
Texts in Arabic, English, Greek, Persian, and Sanskrit
Soprano; Baritone; Flute, Violin;
perc.hp/str (min. 8.8.5.5.2)

Pratirùpa 45' Piano; str (8.8.4.4.2)

#### **Augusta Read Thomas**

Credences of Summer 15' 2+pic.3(ca).3(bcl).2(cbn)/4331/timp(vib.mba).2perc/hp/str

Gathering Paradise 28'
English texts by Emily Dickinson
Soprano; 3(afl)+pic.2+ca.4(Ebcl, bcl).2+cbn/
4.3(pictpt).3.1/timp.3perc/pf(cel).hp/str

#### **James Whitbourn**

Annelies 80' Soprano; SATB (+ concertante SAATB) 1111/0230/timp.4perc/pf/str (12.10.8.6.4)

#### Yehudi Wyner

Piano Concerto, "Chiavi in Mano" 20' Piano; 2(pic).2.2.2/4231/timp.perc/str

Midsummer Fanfare Grant Park Music Festival

Harbison (AMP) Grant Park Music Festival

Rodríguez (ALH) The Song of Songs Bowdoin Summer Music Festival

Tan Dun (PPI) Crouching Tiger Concerto Grant Park Music Festival

7-22 **Danielpour** (AMP) Margaret Garner Cincinnati Opera

Salonen (CH) Lachen Verlernt Aspen Music Festival

Thomas (GS) Purple Syllable. Tanglewood Music Festival

Barber (GS) Cave of the Heart Bard Summerscape 10 **Sheng** (GS)

May I Feel Said He 15 Shostakovich (GSR)

Grant Park Music Festival Antheil (GS)

String Quartet No. 3 Yale/Norfolk Chamber Music Festival Lang (RP)

gravity ★★★ Mittelfest Festival, Italy Musgrave (CH)

Turbulent Landscapes \* Gordon (RP)

AtaXia ★★

Lincoln Center Festival Corigliano (GS) Concerto for Violin (The Red Violin) ★★

August

Abrahamsen (WH) Four Pieces for Orchestra \*\*

Tan Dun (GS) Eight Memories in Watercolor Tuscan Sun Festival

Thomas (GS) In My Sky At Twilight Tanglewood Music Festival

10 Corigliano (GS) Symphony No. 2 Tuscan Sun Festiva

11 Adams (AMP) Shaker Loops for String Septet Caramoor Festival

11 Kirchner (AMP) Music for Left Hand Tanglewood Music Festival

11 Saariaho (CH) 'e sens un deuxieme coeur Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival

12 Sørensen (WH) The Little Mermaid \*\*

13 Chávez (GS) Sinfonia India (Symphony No. 2) New York City

Dorman (GS) Piccolo Concerto National Flute Association Convention

14 Kernis (AMP) Air for Cello and Orchestra Cabrillo Music Festival

G. Schirmer Selected Performances June '05

On 21 and 22 July, the 2005 Lincoln Center Festival presents the US premiere of AtaXia in a ballet performance by Random Dance. Choreographer Wayne McGregor set Michael Gordon's Trance. The acclaimed ensemble Icebreaker performs the score live.



Bainbridge (NOV)

June in Buffalo

Menotti (GS)

Buffalo NY

Four Primo Levi Settings

The Telephone: Lucy's

Tiferth Israel Comm

Orchestra/Amos

San Diego, CA

Previn (GS) 'iolin Concerto ★ : June 1, 2) rchestre de Paris/ Paris, France

Gould (EMI) Spirituals for Orchestra onservatoire Orchestre ille. France

Wyner (AMP)

Tokyo, Japan

Three Informal Pieces

Yehudi Wyner, piano

Husa (AMP) Sonata a Tre Verdehr Trio Fast Lansing, MI Stravinsky (CH) Opera Vivente Baltimore, MD

River to River Festival Tan Dun (PPI) Water Passion After St Dessoff Choirs/Tan New York City

Adams (AMP) The Chairman Dances (June 3, 5) Neubrandenburge Philharmonie/Smith

songs for lou reed Corigliano (GS) (excerpts) Bang On a Can All-Gazebo Dances For Rand Northwestern University/ Paris, France

Glass (DUN)

Qatsi Trilogy

The Philip Glass

Lincoln Center

New York City

Lang (RP)

Lang (RP)

Singapore

Tan Dun (GS)

Death and Fire

cheating, lying, steal

Bang On a Can All-

"Self Portrait" from

Orchestre de Picardie

Hallencourt, Acheux er

Amienois, St. Valéry,

Ensemble/Riesman

(June 3, 4)

Shostakovich (GSR) Piano Concerto No. 1 Symphony No. 10 Los Angeles Philharmonic Lincoln Center New York City

Concerto in F-flat "Dumbarton Oaks San Francisco Symphony/Welser-Weill (GS)

Barber (GS)

Ensemble

velvet

Knoxville, Summer of

Nottingham, England

St. Clements Wind

Thomas (GS)

Prairie Sketches I.

Callisto Ensemble

Chicago, IL

diamonds on orchid

Stravinsky (GS)

Down in the Valley Pahon (June 4, 11, 12) Lang (RP) Chesapeake Choral The So-Called Laws of Arts Society/Santana Nature Waldorf, MD So Percussio Charleston, SC

Sheng (GS) Tibetan Dance Two Poems from the Sung Dynasty Khachaturian (GSR) Toledo Symphony Spartacus: Suites

Thomas (GS) Puerto Rico Symphony Passion Prayers Holland Symfonia Amsterdam, Netherlan

Tower (AMP) Rain Waves Verdehr Trio Kingston, NY

Thomson (GS) (June 12) Molly on the Shore

The Plow that Broke the Post-Classical Ensemble/Ordonez Washington, DC

Strauss (GS) Die Fledermaus (June 12 - 19) North Star Opera/Stucki St. Paul, MN

Grainger (GS)

Green Bushes

Oiai Festival

Ojai, CA

Tower (AMP)

Ives (AMP)

For Daniel Bard College

Washington's Birthday Royal Concertgebouy Orchestra/Eotvos Amsterdam

Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio Annandale-on-Hudson

Barber (GS) Violin Concerto Gürzenich-Orchester/ Palmen

Symphony Orchestra

Aachen/Bosch

School For Scandal Dallas Symphony/Loh Gordon (RP) Dallas, TX Acquanetta ★★★ Deborah Artman libretto: Paul Esterhazy; director

Percucionistas de Buenos Aires/ Bergman Buenos Aires. Argentina

Joshua Bell

Mark Morris Dance Group Lisa Moore, piano

Joshua Bell appears at this year's BBC Proms in John Corigliano's Concerto for Violin and Orchestra (The Red Violin). He joins Marin Alsop and the Bournemouth Symphony for the UK premiere on 28 July.

Tavener (CH) Elizabeth Full of Grace Charleston Symphony

Tower (AMP) For the Uncommor Israel Contemporary **Evanston Symphony** Orchestra/Eckerling

Vasks (GSR) Concerto for Fnalish Horn and Orchestra Diablo Symphony Antioch, CA

Shostakovich

(GSR)

Hamlet

Newman

Horn Trio

Rockport, MA

Spoleto Festival USA/

Charleston SC Rockport Chamber Music Festival/75th Birthday Concert Wvner (AMP)

The Phoenix Tour

The Phoenix ★★

soprano: Danish

Shanghai, China

National Symphony

Orchestra/Dausgaard

Anne Margrethe Dahl.

Sheng (GS)

Corigliano (GS) Fanfares To Music (June 14 - 15) Dortmund Philharmonic/ Dortmund Germany

Gordon (RP) Light is Calling Wolfe (RP)

Bloch (GS)

Concerto Grosso No.

2 for String Quartet

And String Orchestra

Orchestra/Quartuccio

San Jose Chamber

San Jose, CA

Creston (GS)

A Rumor, Op. 27

Milwaukee Youth

Milwaukee, WI

Symphony Orchestra/

Bang-on-a-Can All Theatre de la ville

Kapilow (GS) Boston Musica Viva/ Cambridge, MA

Gould (GS) Orchestre d'Auverane Dax, France

Sibelius (WH) Symphony No. 7 (June 16 - 8/21) Aspen Music Festival Aspen, CO

Tan (GS) Tea: A Mirror of the (June 5, 15, 19, 21) Oldenburg

Corigliano (GS)

Merkin Concert Hall

Symphony In Waves

(June 12, 13, July 5)

**Dusseldorf Symphony** 

Dusseldorf Germany

Violin Sonata

New York City

Kernis (AMP)

Orchestra/Fiore

Barber (GS) Adagio for Strings Milwaukee Symphony Tan Dun (GS)

Adamo (GS)

Little Women

Alexander

Somerville, MA

Clarinet Concerto

Winchester Orchestra

Shaw (MS)

(June 12)

San Jose, CA

(June 11, 17, 18)

Boston Opera Project/

Paner Concerto \*\* The Man (June 22-26) NHK Symphony/ Tan Dun Tokvo, Japan

Tanglewood Music

"Mosaic and United.

choreography after String

Quartet No. 3, Mosaic

and the Tanglewood

Festival Fellows/Asbury

Cowell (AMP)

(June 27)

Lenox MA

Dorman (GS) Sonata for Violin and Juilliard School of Music New York City

> Menotti (GS) The Medium The Telephone (June 17 - 19) Chamber Opera Chicago/Bond Chicago, IL

Yale/Norfolk Chamber

Music Festival

Kernis (AMP)

from Songs of

Innocents

Weir (NOV)

Norfolk, CT

"Painting the Gate.

King Harald's Saga

Susan Naruki, soprano

Wyner (AMP)

Koln, Germany

Denisov (GSR)

Piccolo Concerto

Players/Nagy

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Lang (RP)

New York City

Cinderella

Newark, DE

Prokofiev (GSR

Mid-Atlantic Ballet

St. Michael's Church

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Jerusalem, Israe

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Adamo (GS) Overture to Lysistrata All Good Music

(Suite from Little Women) ★★★ **Fclipse Chamber** Orchestra/Alimena Washington, DC

Barber (GS) Violin Concerto Peter Martin, choreographer: New York City Ballet New York State New York City

Harbison (AMP) Between Two Worlds Natalie Janssen Songfest Pasadena, CA

Rozsa (EMI) Parade Of The Charioteers from Ber (June 21 - 7/10) Akron Symphony Orchestra/Kraemer Akron, OH

Shulman (SHA) Popocatepetl Senior Musicians Association/Gilbert New York City

Bloch (GS) Schelomo MDR Sinfonieorchester/ Solvom Leipzig, Germany

Barber (GS)

Violin Concerto

The Red Violin:

and Orchestra

(June 8)

Corigliano (GS)

Chaconne for Violin

Vancouver Symphony

Wyner (AMP) Michael Putnam: Swift Flusive, Pursuit. Uncatchable ★ ★ ★ 60 Points of Light ★★★ Addio Roma John Kamitsuka, piano Weill Recital Hall Carnegie Hall New York City

Schoenberg (GS)

Brahms/arr. Schoenberg (GS) Piano Quartet in G Minor, Op. 25 (orchestral version) (July 7, 8) Mittelsächsische Philharmonie Freiberg, Germany

2005 Korean Orchestra Festival Ki-Sun Suna Seoul, Korea

> Menotti (GS) The Telephone Leipzig, Germany

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Canada

Shostakovich (GSR) Chamber Symphony Ustvolskaya (GSR) Concerto for Piano, String Orchestra and Timpani I Musici de Montréal Turovsky

Adams (AMP) The Chairman Dances Luzerner Sinfonieorchester Axelrod Luzern, Switzerland

Falla (CH) Ritual Fire Dance Granados (GS) "Intermezzo" from Govescas Pittsburgh Symphony, Montreal, Quebec, David Briskin Pittsburgh, PA

Singapore Arts Festival Bang-on-a-Can All Stars

Lang (RP) cheating, lying, stealing June 10 Tan (GS)

Concerto for Six

Wolfe (RP)

Lick

Barber (GS) The Lovers On 43 Wheaton Symphon Orchestra/Lipari

Glen Ellyn, IL

Aachen/Görtz Aachen, Germany Villa-lobos (AMP) Harmonica Concerto

Orchestre de Cannes

Antibes, France

Tap Dance Concerto

Gould (GS)

Studenten der MHS

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> Husa (AMP) Three Dance Sketches

# Poplars and Birthday Wishes

#### PREVIN

On 1 June, **André Previn** will lead the Orchestre de Paris in the French premiere of his *Violin Concerto* with soloist (and wife) Anne-Sophie Mutter. On 9 June, Previn will partake in a 75th birthday celebration by the London Symphony Orchestra. During their gala, he'll accompany Mutter in *Tango, Song, and Dance.* Previn will lead other LSO performances and join its musicians in concerts of his *Cello Sonata* and *Sextet.* 

#### RODRÍGUEZ

Robert X. Rodríguez will be a visiting composer at the American Academy in Rome for two weeks in June. Afterwards, he will take up residence at the Bowdoin International Music Festival (ME) and conduct his Song of Songs. Rodríguez continues to work on Musical Dice Game — a commission for the Dallas Symphony — and La Curandera, commissioned by Opera Colorado.

#### **SCHULLER**

Master conductor, educator, performer and composer **Gunther Schuller** has been preparing the text of Volume I of his autobiography for publication in 2006. In May he led the New York University Ensembles in concerts of his Meditation, The Past is in the Present, and Sonata Serenata. At press time, he was putting the finishing touches on a new 25-minute work for Frank Epstein and the New England Conservatory of Music Percussion Ensemble, which will premiere on 6 August during Tanglewood's Contemporary Music Week. Schuller will compose a large orchestral work — an 80th birthday commission from James Levine and the Boston Symphony.

#### SHENG

Following its European premiere of Bright Sheng's song cycle, The Phoenix, the Danish Radio Orchestra will bring the Hans Christian Andersen adaptation to Shanghai for the Asian premiere on 6 June. Sheng will conduct the Toledo Symphony in *Two Poems* from the Sung Dynasty, then perform in his trio Tibetan Dance. In July, Sheng will teach at Tanglewood where his Concertino for Clarinet and String Quartet and May I feel said he will be performed. Sheng will conduct Two Poems from the Sung Dynasty and Postcards at the Bowdoin International Summer Festival. He will be guest composer of the Transient Glory Choral Symposium at New York University in August. A new piece for the Philadelphia Orchestra based on the Chinese Zodiac will premiere in February 2006.

...occasionally, one is confronted in one's life with a serious challenge, when one's life hangs by a thread and only a gathering of disparate events makes it possible to go on living — like my poplars...

— Giya Kancheli

As he approaches his 70th birthday, **Giya Kancheli** turns to Nature as the source of his most recent work,

Twilight. The piece reflects the beauty and steadfastness of the grove of poplar trees that grow outside of his studio throughout the changing seasons. Gidon Kremer's Kremerata Baltica premiered Twilight last January and will tour it with Kancheli's Lament at separate in Piece Popul Str.

concerts in Riga, Bern, Stuttgart, and in Switzerland at the Verbier Festival, where on 1 August, soloist



Other Kancheli birthday activities include concerts in Tbilisi highlighting his works for string orchestra, which were conducted by Wachtang Kachidse, the son of another Kancheli

champion Dschansug Kachidse. ECM Records recently released Kancheli's piano quartet *In l'istesso*  tempo in its world premiere recording. Next season, conductor Lev Markiz presents "Kancheli Day" in the Netherlands. In spring 2006, Kancheli's Concerto for Accordion and String Orchestra premieres at the Athens Concert Hall, with soloist Christos Zerbinos. Next up, a new work for choir and saxophone quartet written for the Netherlands Chamber Choir and the Rascher Saxophone Quartet, which receives eight performances and a European tour.

Kancheli turns 70 on 10 August. Happy Birthday Giya.

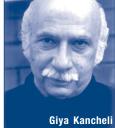


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#### Alec Wilder

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#### TAN

Fresh from his successful multimedia exhibition "Visual Music 2005" at the Shanghai Gallery of Art, **Tan Dun** will lead the Dessoff Choirs in *Water Passion after St. Matthew* on 1 June during New York City's River to River Festival. His next opera — *The First Emperor*, a Metropolitan Opera commission — will premiere in December 2006, directed by awardwinning filmmaker Zhang Yimou.

#### **THOMAS**

Augusta Read Thomas returns to the Tanglewood faculty this summer where Chanticleer will sing Purple Syllables in July. In August, the Tanglewood Center Fellows will perform In My Sky at Twilight. Thomas will also be the featured composer at this summer's Musicorda Music Festival (Mount Holyoke College, MA). The Memphis Symphony will premiere a new work in February 2006. Thomas will soon complete her final residency piece for the Chicago Symphony, Astral Canticle, a double concerto for concertmaster Robert Chen and principal flutist Mathieu DuFour.

#### TOWER

Joan Tower will be a visiting composer at the 2005 Conductors Institute at Bard College (NY). She will serve a dual residency with the Muir String Quartet's Institute at Deer Park and the Utah Symphony as part of Meet the Composer's "Music Alive" program. Tanglewood will feature DNA and For Daniel.

#### **WYNER**

Yehudi Wyner will travel the world this summer. First stop: Tokyo in early June, where he will perform selections from his Fantasies for solo piano. At the end of June, Wyner will go to Massachusetts for a 75th Birthday concert at the Rockport Chamber Music Festival, where he performs Commedia with clarinetist Richard Stoltzman. Horntrio is also on the schedule. Wyner will be a guest composer at the Yale/Norfolk Chamber Music Festival (CT), where soprano Susan Narucki will perform his song cycle Orpheus. In July, Wyner will go to Lecce, Italy where he is the designated lecturer at the 2005 International Piano Festival. In August, Wyner will appear on the Bard Music Festival's panel "Copland's Legacy." Commedia will be performed on Tanglewood's Contemporary Music Week.

# Reviews

#### **Peter Lieberson**

Neruda Songs c. 25'

#### **World premiere**

Spanish texts: Pablo Neruda Mezzo-soprano; 2(pic).1+ca.2(bcl).2/2200/2perc.hp.pf/str Lorraine Hunt Lieberson; Los Angeles Philharmonic/Salonen 20 May 2005; Los Angeles, CA

"If your eyes were not the color of the moon," the Chilean poet Pablo Neruda wrote in one of a hundred sonnets to his third wife, Matilde Urrutia, "if you were not that bread the fragrant moon kneads, sprinkling flour across the sky, oh my dearest, I could not love you so!"

If you don't think such lines (and they are more beautiful still in their original Spanish) need to be set to music, you must have missed the Los Angeles Philharmonic's premiere of Peter Lieberson's *Neruda Songs* ...But that's OK — there will surely be other performances, and a recording is all but inevitable. These songs are here to stay...

*Neruda Songs* is a new direction for Lieberson. The five love poems are allowed to bloom with deceptively simple music. The orchestra is small, and used with great delicacy. Each line of poetry is rounded into easy melody, while harmonies coddle the text...

This is, of course, deeply personal music, and Hunt Lieberson's performance was like her reading to us her love letters. Each word was given its expression. Others will want to sing these gorgeous songs, but Hunt Lieberson is one of a kind.

- Mark Swed, Los Angeles Times

#### **Michael Gordon**

Trance 50'

Ataxia is a medical term. Its literal meaning is "disorder." A signal from the brain doesn't get picked up by the body and remains misunderstood....The sum total of dance and stage design renders "AtaXia" a most fascinating piece to behold. But the most impressive is the music, *Trance*, of American composer

#### Choreography

"AtaXia" (after Trance)
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Wayne McGregor, choreographer
Random Dance
8 April 2005; Amsterdam, Netherlands

Opera in Three Acts

Michael Gordon....The composition is strongly minimalist, but at times also beautifully meditative because of its remixing of monk chants, or exotic when the panflute is heard. At the start of the chaotic is emphasized, but toward the end the music turns into driving, swinging rock music, ending in an almost ecstatic finale. It causes the dance to be progressively dramatic.

— Isabella Lanz, NRC Handelsblad (Netherlands)

#### Kirke Mechem

Tartuffe

How have I missed knowing about the opera *Tartuffe* by Kirke Mechem? It was premiered at the San Francisco Opera in 1980 and by late 2002 had already had some 260 performances in some 70 productions, worldwide. The composer made his own libretto, in English, based on the great Molière play, and it has been translated into Chinese, Czech, German, Japanese, and

Libretto by the composer after Molière
Bar, B, Mz, high Bar, S, T, S, Mz, silent role;
Optional chorus
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William Graham
North Carolina School of the Arts/Allbritten

Russian. It has gathered effusive reviews everywhere it has been performed, and a May 4 performance by the NCSA's A.J. Fletcher Opera Institute fully confirmed the reasons for the opera's acclaim. This is very much a virtuoso ensemble opera...It was a fast paced, "white hot" evening of complete theater....Run — don't walk! — to catch Mechem's delightful *Tartuffe*.

- William Thomas Walker, Classical Voice of North Carolina

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#### **Augusta Read Thomas**

Four Etudes 10' Spirit Musings 11'

Four Etudes
piano
Spirit Musings
Violin; 1121/1100/perc/hp/str (11111)
Chicago Chamber Musicians
9 May 2005; Chicago, IL

Thomas' *Spirit Musings* made a strong impression in its Chicago premiere. A chamber concerto for violin and 15 instruments, it draws much of its power from her instincts as a colorist. Her imagination seems fired by a quasi-French obsession with color.... But her voice remains distinct and personal.

Thomas' Four Etudes was an unqualified success. Each piece is an homage to a composer, but the references were tightly grafted with her own style

- Michael Cameron, Chicago Tribune

#### **Gunther Schuller**

A Bouquet for Collage 16'

fl, cl, perc, pf, vn, vc MusicNow Ensemble/Colnut 16 February 2005; Chicago, IL

The program was made all the more enjoyable by Gunther Schullers' A Bouquet for Collage, a divertimento in 11 short movements written for the Boston new music group, Collage. The jaunty, punning titles ("With Mallets Aforethought" is the best) barely suggest what makes the piece such fun. Schuller writes with wit, color, ingenuity and affection for his six woodwind, string, piano and percussion players. It drew a crisp, persuasive reading.

— John von Rhein, Chicago Tribune

Peter Lieberson's Neruda Songs
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