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## 2008/09 Concert Programs

### **THE PRODIGIES**

Friday, October 31 - The Village Church at Shell Point, 7:30 pm

Saturday, November 1 - First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs, 7:00 pm

Sunday, November 2 - BIG ARTS on Sanibel, 7:00 pm

Conducted by Michael Hall

We celebrate the genius of three prodigies and the musical treasures left behind. Featuring Mozart's last completed work, an early Beethoven Symphony, and a masterful piece by Arriaga, a short-lived young composer hailed as "The Spanish Mozart."

ARRIAGA: *Overture to Los esclavos felices*

MOZART: *Clarinet Concerto in A Major* - Michael Forte, Principal Clarinet

BEETHOVEN: *Symphony #2*

### **SYMPHONY SPECTACULAR - SEASON OPENER**

Saturday, November 22 at 8:00 pm & Sunday, November 23 at 2:30 pm

Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers

Conducted by Michael Hall

A spectacular season opener in every sense featuring the full Symphony Orchestra and two majestic works: Liszt's magnificent *Piano Concerto* and Brahms' *Symphony #1*, a masterpiece 20 years in the making.

BERLIOZ: *La Corsaire*

LISZT: *Piano Concerto* - Naomi Kudo, pianist

BRAHMS: *Symphony #1*

### **HELLO HOLLYWOOD**

Friday, December 5 and Saturday, December 6, 8:00 pm

Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers

Conducted by Erich Kunzel

Erich Kunzel 'The Prince of Pops' returns to the SWFL Symphony for a Pops opener that pays tribute to Hollywood. Featuring favorites from *Amadeus*, *Shine*, *Driving Miss Daisy*, *Somewhere in Time* and more!

### **A VERY MERRY POPS**

Saturday, December 20 at 8:00 pm and Sunday, December 21 at 7:00 pm

Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall

Conducted by Joseph Caulkins

Our heartwarming holiday concert is a family favorite - a time to relax, enjoy great music and celebrate the season with family and friends. This year we've given our celebration a Celtic flair!

**RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN SONGBOOK**

Friday, January 9 and Saturday, January 10, 8:00 pm  
Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers  
Conducted by Erich Kunzel

Our salute to Rodgers and Hammerstein features some of the most beloved music ever composed. Featuring three wonderful young soloists and favorites from *South Pacific*, *Oklahoma*, *The Sound of Music*, *Carousel* and more!

**THE GLORY OF FRANCE**

Saturday, January 24, 8:00 pm and Sunday, January 25, 2:30 pm  
Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers  
Conducted by Michael Hall

Works by two of the most prolific and versatile French composers are celebrated in this concert featuring Poulenc's gorgeous Gloria with its ethereal soprano solo and chorus, and Saint-Saens' brilliantly orchestrated *Organ Symphony*.

POULENC: *Gloria - With the Symphony Chorus and Michelle Giglio, soprano*  
SAINT-SAENS: *Symphony #3 "Organ"*

**JOHN WILLIAMS TRIBUTE**

Friday, February 6 and Saturday, February 7 at 8 pm  
Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers  
Conducted by Michael Hall  
Featuring Reiko Niiya, Concertmaster

Movies would not be the same without the music of John Williams. Our John Williams Tribute features music from *E.T.*, *Star Wars*, *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, *Schindler's List* and more!

**A JAZZY JOURNEY**

Sunday, February 8 - BIG ARTS on Sanibel, 7:00 pm  
Monday, February 9 - Faith Presbyterian Church, 7:00 pm

The feelings of jazz fill the air in this concert featuring musical favorites. Steven Mayer, hailed for his awe-inspiring artistry, commands the keys performing the original version of Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*.

FAURE: *Pelleas and Melisande*  
MILHAUD: *Creation du Monde*  
IVES: *Unanswered Question*  
GERSHWIN: *Rhapsody in Blue - Steven Mayer, pianist*

**STAR CROSSED LOVERS**

Saturday, March 7 at 8:00 pm and Sunday, March 8 at 2:30 pm  
Featuring soloist William Larsen, Principal Flute and the Symphony Chorus  
First Christian Church, Fort Myers  
Conducted by Michael Hall

The joy and angst of Tony and Maria, and Romeo and Juliet come alive in this concert featuring some of the most beloved music of all time: Bernstein's *Symphonic Dances from West Side Story* and Prokofiev's magnificent *Suite from Romeo and Juliet*.

GLINKA: *Overture to Ruslan and Ludmilla*  
BERNSTEIN: *Symphonic Dances from West Side Story*  
PROKOFIEV: *Suite from Romeo and Juliet*

***MUSICAL TRIUMPH***

Friday, March 20 - Faith Presbyterian Church, 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 21 - Sydney & Berne Davis Center for the Arts, 7:30 pm

Sunday, March 22 - BIG ARTS on Sanibel, 7:00 pm

The music explodes from the stage in this concert celebrating the triumph of battle. Featuring Handel's acclaimed Royal Fireworks Music and Haydn's dramatic Lord Nelson Mass with its majestic chorus and soaring vocals.

ELGAR: *Serenade for Strings in E minor*

HANDEL: *Royal Fireworks Music*

HAYDN: *Lord Nelson Mass - Symphony Chamber Chorus and soloists*

***MUSICAL MASTERPIECE***

Saturday, April 4 at 8:00 pm and Sunday, April 5 at 2:30 pm

Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers

Conducted by Michael Hall

Two masterfully orchestrated works are showcased in our classical season finale; Beethoven's only Violin Concerto, with celebrated young violinist Augustin Hadelich, and Tchaikovsky's Symphony #5, an epic musical expression of emotion from the depths of despair to triumph.

BEETHOVEN: *Violin Concerto - Augustin Hadelich, violinist*

TCHAIKOVSKY: *Symphony #5*