

NET Radio's "Nebraska Concerts" in August Offers A Variety of Classical Music

LINCOLN, Neb. (July 19, 2010) -- "Nebraska Concerts," NET Radio's weekly series of fine music performed and recorded on Nebraska's stages, offers classical music from Latin to chamber music to brass this August. Included are a recent concert from the Omaha Symphony and encore presentations from last year's Meadowlark Music Festival in Lincoln, the Nebraska Brass and the Nebraska Trumpet Ensemble, a violin/clarinet/piano concert from this season's Lincoln Friends of Chamber Music series, and a piano and violin recital by Ed Polochick and Anton Miller from Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra. "Nebraska Concerts" airs on NET Radio Sundays at 1 p.m. CT.

On Sunday, Aug. 1, the Omaha Symphony under conductor Ernest Richardson performs a program from their Casual Classics Series entitled "South of the Border." Included are George Gershwin's "Cuban Overture," Ernesto Lecuona's "Andalucia: Suite Espagnole," Otilio Portal's "Sweet and Gentle (Cha-cha)," Franz Liszt's "Concerto No. 1 in E-flat Major for Piano and Orchestra" with pianist Nicholas Susi, Ary Barroso's "Brazil," Heitor Villa-Lobos's "Bachianas brasileiras No. 5 for Soprano and Violincelli Aria (Cantilena)" with soprano Anne DeVries, Astor Piazzolla's "Three Tangos" and Jose Pablo Moncayo's "Huapango."

The next program, airing Sunday, Aug. 8, is from last year's Meadowlark Music Festival. It features the La Catrina String Quartet and the ABZ's of Organ. From Mexico, La Catrina performs music from their countrymen and others. From shows they performed at The Haymarket Theater in Lincoln, listeners will hear Javier Alvarez's "Metro Chabacano," Emmanuel Arias y Luna's "Sonoralia Op. 3, "La Zacatecana," Alberto Ginastera's "String Quartet No. 1, Op. 20," and Jose Pablo Moncayo's "Huapango" and Mozart's "String Quartet in F Major, 'Prussian.'" From Holy Trinity Church in Lincoln Adam Peithman (organ), NET Radio's Graham House (alp horn), Edwin Mukusha (bagpipes), and Joe Holmquist (xylophone) perform as the ABZ's of Organ. The group performs music of Ulrich Roeber and Michael Korb, Leopold Mozart, William Albright, J.S. Bach and John Newton like listeners have never heard it before!

On Sunday, Aug. 15, brings performances by two Lincoln-based Arts Incorporated groups -- the Nebraska Brass and the Nebraska Trumpet Ensemble. The Nebraska Brass have a "Brass Blast" with works by Gioachino Rossini, Nolan Schmit, Claude Debussy, G.W.E. Friederich, Gwyneth Walker, Isaac Albeniz, Scott Joplin, Duke Ellington and Toots Thielemans, plus a couple of traditional tunes. Then, the Nebraska Trumpet Ensemble plays the music of Paul Dukas, Johann Sebastian Bach, George Friederic Handel, Jason Basoco, W.W. York, Donald Coakley, Leroy Anderson and more traditional melodies.

A recording of the young clarinet/violin/piano ensemble named the Zodiac Trio airs on Sunday, August 22, from a concert presented by the Lincoln Friends of Chamber Music. The musicians, from Japan, Russia and France, have performed on stages throughout the world, winning awards and praise from critics for their "truly exceptional talent." On the program is Darius Milhaud's "Suite for Clarinet, Violin, Piano, Op. 157b," from "Voyage without Baggage;" Igor Stravinsky's "Suite" from "L'histoire du soldat;" Aram Khachaturian's "Adagio for Clarinet, Violin and Piano," from "Chamber Concerto for Piano and Violin with 13 Wind Instruments;" and, Bela Bartok's "Contrasts."

Lincoln's Symphony Orchestra conductor Ed Polochick and concertmaster Anton Miller partnered for a piano and violin recital in a benefit performance for the orchestra that will air on Sunday, Aug. 29. The concert features violin sonatas from Beethoven and Debussy, as well as works from Kreisler, John Williams and Henri Vieuxtemps.

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