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In touch

Mon., Oct. 22, 9:07-9:30 AM

WICR 88.7 FM: Doug Housemeyer's interview program brings IVCI Dir. of PR Cathy Strauss to the studio with Ronen Chamber Ensemble members David Bellman and Rebecca Arrensen. They'll talk about their concert coming to the Circle Theatre on Oct. 26. We'll also hear from Al Mendelsohn and Glen Kwok about WFYI TV-20's upcoming broadcast of the IVCI documentary *Pure Gold*.

Tues., Oct. 26, 7:30 PM

Hilbert Circle Theatre Wood Room: The Ronen Chamber Ensemble presents their season opening concert, *20th Century Chamber Music for Winds*. Tickets- (317) 637-4574.

Wed., Oct. 27, 8:00 PM

WFYI TV-20: Broadcast of *Pure Gold—the 2002 International Violin Competition of Indianapolis* documentary.

Mon., Nov. 15, 9:07 AM

WICR 88.7 FM: Interview with Zeyda Ruga Suzuki and Cathy Strauss on Indy Arts and Entertainment.

Fri., Nov. 19, 8:00 PM

Hungarian Embassy, 3900 Spring of Freedom St. NW, Washington, DC: Barnabás Kelemen will perform a recital for unaccompanied violin on the Embassy Series. Repertoire includes the Bach Partita No. 3, Bartók Solo Sonata, Ysaÿe Sonata No. 2, and Paganini Caprices 1, 7, 11, and 24. Tickets- (202)625-2361.

Sun., Nov. 21, 3:00 PM

Indiana History Center: Suzuki & Friends and guest tenor Alan Bennett performing Schumann, Beethoven and MacDowell. Tickets- (317) 637-4574.

'Tis the season for Tchaikovsky...

Barnabás Kelemen:

Nov. 12-14- performing the Tchaikovsky Concerto with the Greenwich Symphony, Greenwich, CT. Tickets- (203) 869-2664.

Judith Ingolfsson: upcoming concerts performing the Tchaikovsky Concerto-
Oct. 23, 24- Loudoun Symphony Orchestra, Leesburg and Purcellville, VA. Tickets- (703) 771-8287.

Nov. 6- Roswell Symphony Orchestra, Roswell, NM. Tickets- (505) 623-5882 or (800) 300-9822.

Nov. 13- Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra, Bakersfield, CA. Tickets- (661) 323-7928.

Nov. 20- Santa Maria Philharmonic, Santa Maria, CA. Tickets- (805) 925-0412.

Jan. 18, 19- Budapest Philharmonic Orchestra, Budapest, Hungary. Tickets- (36-1) 332-7914.

Chamber Music

The **2004-2005 IVCI Chamber Music Series** continues with the opening of the **Ronen Chamber Ensemble** series on October 26th at 7:30 PM in the Hilbert Circle Theatre Wood Room. The program, entitled *20th Century Chamber Music for Winds*, features Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra (ISO) flutist Rebecca Arrensen in the popular Bolling Suite for Flute and Jazz Trio. Ronen founder and clarinetist David Bellman will play Libby Larsen's unique *Corker* with percussionist Craig Hetrick. Hindemith's Septet, written in 1948 for winds and brass, will also be performed by several members of the ISO. For tickets and information call the IVCI at (317) 637-4574 or visit www.violin.org.

The **25th Anniversary Season of Suzuki & Friends** continues on Sunday, November 21 at 3:00 PM at the Indiana History Center Theater. They have invited tenor Alan Bennett to perform the great achievement in German lieder, Schumann's *Dichterliebe*. This will be the first performance of the entire song cycle on Suzuki & Friends, a concert event that pianist Zeyda Ruga Suzuki has dreamed about playing for years. Mr. Bennett is an acclaimed vocalist on the faculty of Indiana University's School of Music. Mrs. Suzuki will also play MacDowell's *Woodland Sketches for Piano* and will partner with her husband Hidetaro in Beethoven's *Violin Sonata No. 10*. For tickets call the IVCI at (317) 637-4574 or visit www.violin.org.

The 2004-2005 string quartet series at The Hartt School in Connecticut features the Miami String Quartet (1990 IVCI Bronze medalist **Ivan Chan**, 1st violinist) on five Thursdays. The next concert will be on November 18 at the University of Hartford's Lincoln Theater beginning at 8 p.m. For tickets call their box office at (860) 768-4228 or (800) 274-8587.

The Tokyo String Quartet (with 1990 Laureate **Martin Beaver**, 1st violinist) is in residence for their second season at the 92nd Street Y in Manhattan. Their series featuring "Immigrant Composers" begins October 23 at 8:00 PM with works by Eisler, Haydn and Schoenberg. For tickets call (212) 415-5500.

Violin tales

Svetlin Roussev's (1998 Laureate) recent CD release on the *Ambroisie* label, entitled *Vladiguerov: Works for Violin and Piano*, has been praised by the French press for a triple combination of the fantastic discovery of the featured Bulgarian composer's music, the stellar performances by Svetlin and his pianist Elena Rozanova, and the outstanding quality of his modern American violin made by Gregg T. Alf. The recording received France's Diapason D'Or award in September 2004. A reviewer for *Classica* magazine (France) wrote, "*Svetlin Roussev has all the required instrumental qualities (phrasing, intonation, virtuosity, rich and ample sound) to play such a repertoire; but more importantly, he possesses all the emotional sensibility allowing him to give these works their popular and authentic color.*" Look for this collection of beautiful, accessible works written in a late-Romantic style. It's worth the search!

Florence is beautiful any time of year. Plan a trip to the Amici della Musica Firenze- a very prestigious chamber music concert series in Florence, Italy. They are presenting **Marco Rizzi** (1990 IVCI Silver Medalist) in recital on Nov. 20 with pianist Alessandro Maffei. The program includes sonatas by Grieg, Roussel and Beethoven. Then, on Nov. 27 the Tokyo String Quartet (1990 IVCI laureate **Martin Beaver**, 1st violinist) will perform quartets by Mozart, Wolf and Beethoven. Tickets- +39 055 607440.

Insider news

WFYI TV-20 will broadcast the documentary ***Pure Gold – the 2002 International Violin Competition of Indianapolis*** on Wednesday, October 27 at 8:00 PM, with a re-broadcast for you night owls on Sunday, October 31 at 2:00 AM. Filmed by Alan Mendelsohn and Ben Yonker of Horsehair Productions, this project was funded in part by Lilly Endowment, Inc. and the Indianapolis Foundation, an affiliate of the Central Indiana Community Foundation. It traces the Competition from the colorful Opening Ceremonies through closing at the majestic Scottish Rite Cathedral. Soovin Kim, 2002 Bronze Medalist, narrates the 17-day journey.

The Philadelphia Orchestra's season-opening concert for Carnegie Hall was taped for television by PBS and will be aired on Oct. 27 with host Peter Jennings. WFYI TV-20 will carry the broadcast of this concert immediately following the IVCI's documentary ***Pure Gold***. David Patrick Stearns of the Philadelphia Inquirer wrote that the orchestra, "delivered a big-guns performance of a fail-safe all-Richard Strauss program - Don Juan, the Four Last Songs [with Renee Fleming], and Don Quixote [with its three soloists - Yo-Yo Ma, principal violist Roberto Diaz, and concertmaster **David Kim** (1990 IVCI Laureate).]"

Leonidas Kavakos (1986 IVCI Silver Medalist) is the featured artist in the cover article of the November *Strings Magazine*.