

Program Notes

El Paso Pro-Musica Chamber Music Festival — El Paso Pro-Musica presents its annual festival continues **through Jan 28**. Information: 747-8163 or eppm.org.

Chiara String Quartet performs at 7:30 p.m. Friday, **Jan. 26**, and 2 p.m. Sunday, **Jan. 28**, at UTEP's Fox Fine Art Recital Hall, and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, **Jan. 27**, at NMSU's Atkinson Recital Hall. Tickets are \$25; \$20 seniors, military; \$5 youth.

Free Bach's Lunch is noon Thursday, **Jan. 25**, with Chiara String Quartet with Zuill Bailey at the El Paso Museum of Art.

UTEP Department of Music — Performances are at Fox Fine Arts Recital Hall. Tickets prices vary; most performances are \$5 (\$3 students/military; free for UTEP faculty, students and staff). Information: 747-5606 or music.utep.edu.

- The Music Unwound Cabaret is 7:30 p.m. Saturday, **Jan. 27**, with lyric soprano Lisa Vroman, baritone William Sharp and pianist Shane Schag.
- Jazz Concert is 5 p.m. Thursday, **Feb. 8**.
- Horn Choir performance is 7:30 p.m. Saturday, **Feb. 10**.
- UTEP Percussion and Pandemonium Steel Band performs at 5 p.m. Sunday, **Feb. 11**.
- UTEP Wind Symphony is 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, **Feb. 13**.
- UTEP Symphony performs 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, **Feb. 27**.
- UTEP Symphony Band performs Thursday, **March 1**.

EPSYOs Winter Concert — El Paso Symphony Youth Orchestras, directed by James O. Welsh, performs at 3 p.m. Sunday, **Jan. 28**, at the Plaza Theatre. Tickets: \$15 (\$10 students, seniors, active duty military). All seats general admission. Information: 525-8978 or epsyos.org.

NMSU Department of Music — Most performances are at the Atkinson Music Recital Hall. Information: (575) 646-2304 or music.nmsu.edu.

"Fantasies, Legends, Rituals" featuring the Clarion Duo (Lisa Van Winkle, flute and Esequiel Meza, piano) performing the music of Gaubert, Reinecke, Mahler and Pucihar is 3 p.m. Sunday, **Jan. 28**. Admission is free.

The 36th annual Southwest International Honor Band and Orchestra festival runs **Feb. 9-11**, featuring the best of Las Cruces area high schools and NMSU students.

Young People's Concerts — The El Paso Symphony Orchestra presents its 77th season of free programs for area fifth-graders at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, **Jan. 31-Feb. 2**, at the Abraham Chavez Theatre. The program is presented in collaboration with Carnegie Hall's Link Up Program. The public is invited on a space-available basis; call for availability. Information: 532-3776 or epso.org.

More than 15,000 fifth-grade students from the El Paso area are treated to the free concerts each year.

El Paso Society for Musicians of the Future - Classical musicians ages 8 to 19 are invited to apply **through Jan. 31** for this year's competition, open to instruments and voice. First, 2nd and 3rd Place cash awards offered, as well as recognition for achievement. Information: 449-0619. Applications: epsmf.org.

The 2018 New Instruments Award Program is also open for classical musicians age 8-19, based on musical excellence, academic achievement and unmet financial need.

The Original Music/New Ideas Young Composer Competition call for original scores for solo piano is open to ages 9-16 (Junior Division) and ages 17-25 (Emerging Division). Cash awards. Application deadline is **March 15**. Call 449-0619 or email sjackson@epsmf.org.

El Paso Wind Symphony — The wind Symphony performs at 7:30 p.m. Friday, **Feb. 2**, at UTEP's Fox Fine Arts Recital Hall. Tickets: \$10 (\$5 students, military, seniors). Information: elpasowindsymphony.com.

'Amor' — El Paso Community Foundation's Jewel Box Series presents a Valentine's Day-theme program from El Paso Society for Musicians of the Future at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, **Feb. 11**, at the Philanthropy Theatre (next to the Plaza Theatre). Mezzo-soprano Cherry Duke, guitarist George Salas and violinist Sandra Rivera perform songs and music about love and romance. Tickets: \$16 (Ticketmaster). Information: 533-4020 or epcf.org.

The thematic program includes the Beatles' Let It Be, Cole Porter's I Love You, Nat "King" Cole's version of Nature Boy, Astor Piazzolla's Libertango, the Mexican standard Besame Mucho and the popular aria Habanera from Bizet's Carmen.

Mesilla Valley Jazz and Blues Society — The society presents the Chris Reyman Trio 7 p.m. Sunday, **Feb. 18**, at First Christian Church, 1809 El Paseo in Las Cruces. The music begins after a short business meeting. Admission: \$10 (\$5 members; \$1 students with ID). Coffee and dessert reception at 6:30 p.m. in the foyer. Information: Larry Brooks, (575) 640-8752 or mvjazzblues.net.

The band consists of Chris Ryman, keyboards and Eric Unsworth, bass (both UTEP professors); and Andy Smith, percussion.

Danielle Talamantes — El Paso Pro-Musica presents the Metropolitan Opera Star 5 p.m. Tuesday, **Feb. 20**, at UTEP's Fox Fine Arts Recital Hall and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, **Feb.**

21, at NMSU's Atkinson Recital Hall. Tickets: \$25; \$20 seniors, military; \$5 students. Information: 747-8163 or eppm.org.

EPSO 'A Night of Requiems' — El Paso Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Bohuslav Rattay, performs Beethoven's Symphony No. 7, at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, **Feb. 23-24**, in the Plaza Theatre, with the UTEP Concert Chorale. Selections include the Best of Requiems and Beethoven's Symphony No. 7, op. 92. A major Tickets: \$16-\$45. Information: 532-3776 or epso.org.

Opening notes at 6:30 p.m. each night in the Philanthropy Theatre next to the Plaza.

An "Artful Preludes" program will link the "Requiems" theme with the El Paso Museum of Art's "Ethics, Excess, Extinction" exhibit at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, **Feb. 22**, at the El Paso Museum of Art.

The Quebe Sisters — Grant County Community Concert Association presents the "triple threat fiddle champs" at 7 p.m. Friday, **Feb. 23**, at WNMU Fine Arts Auditorium in Silver City. Tickets: \$20 (\$5 students 17 and younger). Information: (575) 538-5862 or gccconcerts.org.

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