

# Program Notes

**'A World of Guitar'** — Guitarist Nathan Cornelius is this year's featured artist for El Paso Pro-Musica's Young Artist Development Series in collaboration with the Peabody Conservatory and John Hopkins University, **Nov. 30-Dec. 2**. The residency features appearances at schools, senior centers, and pop-up performances at various locations. Information: 747-8163 or eppm.org.

• "Twilight Tour Concert" is 6 p.m. Thursday, **Nov. 30**, at the Double Eagle restaurant, 2355 Calle de Guadalupe on the Mesilla (NM) Plaza. Tickets: \$25.

• Main performance, is 7:30 p.m. Friday, **Dec. 1**, at UTEP's Fox Fine Arts Recital Hall. Tickets: \$25; \$20 seniors, military; \$5 youth.

• El Paso Pro Musica Guild's 3rd annual Holiday Progressive Dinner benefiting Pro-Musica's education programs begins at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, **Dec. 2**, at Ardovino's Desert Crossing in Sunland Park, for wine and hors d'oeuvres. Dinner entree, and champagne and desserts follow at private homes. The public is invited; reservations required. Cost: \$100. Tickets and reservations: 747-8163 or eppm.org.

Special guests include Cornelius and Zuill Bailey, Grammy-winning international cellist and artistic director of Pro-Musica.

**'String Passages'** — The UTEP Virtuosi Concert 7:30 p.m. Thursday, **Nov. 30**, at Fox Fine Arts Recital Hall, featuring string music by Vivaldi, Mozart, Hovhaness, Telemann and Bridge. Featured soloists are Johanny Barbosa and Amy Miller with guest conductor Dr. Stephen Nordstrom. Tickets are \$5 (\$3 students/military; free with UTEP ID). Information: 747-5606 or music.utep.edu.

**'O, Come to Us Messiah'** — NMSU Department of Music presents the University Choirs and Masterworks Chorus in a concert of classics and contemporary carols at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, **Nov. 30**, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 225 W. Griggs in Las Cruces. Admission is free. Information: (575) 646-2067 or music.nmsu.edu.

**First Armored Division Band Holiday Concert** — The First Armored Division Band at Fort Bliss presents its free annual holiday show, "An American Holiday Festival" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, **Dec. 2**, at the Plaza Theatre. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. No tickets required. Information: 568-2263, 568-7001, or on Facebook at 1stArmoredDivisionBand.

The concert features holiday "pops" music with different genres, including blues, jazz, country, Latin and rock.

**LCSSO with Kirstin Chavez** — Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra, directed by Lonnie Klein, presents the guest soprano vocalist **Dec. 2-3** at NMSU's Atkinson Recital Hall. Chavez will perform Georges Bizet Carmen Suite. Also featured is Johann Strauss's "Roses from the South" and Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky's "Capriccio Italien." Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Tickets: \$35, \$40 and \$45. Information: (575) 646-3709 or lascrucessymphony.com.

**El Paso Brass** — KRWG presents one of the longest continually performing brass quintets in America, composed of key members of the El Paso Symphony Orchestra and other distinguished artists from across the Southwest, at 7

p.m. Thursday, **Dec. 7**, at Rio Grande Theatre, 211 N. Main in the Las Cruces Downtown Mall. Tickets: \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door. Information: (575) 646-2222 or RioGrandeTheatre.com.

The El Paso Brass was founded more than 40 years ago. Their three CDs are "Happy Holidays," "Effervescent Brass" and "Let It Snow!"

**Holiday Concert** — El Paso Wind Symphony, directed by Ron Hufstader, opens its 22nd season at 7:30 p.m. Friday, **Dec. 8**, at UTEP's Fox Fine Arts Recital Hall, with its holiday performance. Tickets: \$10 (\$5 students, military, seniors). Information: elpasowindsymphony.com.

El Paso Wind Symphony is a professional concert band made primarily of residents of the Greater El Paso Area, most of whom are band directors in public and private schools.

**Winter Ball on the Border** — El Paso Choral Society hosts its gala event 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday, **Dec. 9**, at Summit Hall, 120 N. Festival, with dinner, drinks, and dancing to Azucar with the highlight of arias performed by professional opera singers.

Cost: \$100. Information: 433-7897 or epcchoralsociety.org.

**Piano Recital** — The students of Alfredo Poblano will perform classic and modern pieces at 6 p.m. Saturday, **Dec. 16**, at the Chamizal National Memorial, 800 S. San Marcial. Admission is free. Information: 532-7273.

**New Year's Music Festival** — El Paso Choral Society and Orchestra hosts two nights of performances at 7:30 p.m. **Dec. 30-31**, at the Abraham Chavez Theatre. Information: 259-4999. Tickets: \$20-\$60; available through Ticketmaster.

• Saturday, **Dec. 30**: The family opera "Amahl and the Night Visitors," a family-friendly, fully-staged opera performed by a 100-voice choir, professional orchestra, and professional soloists. Amahl, a shepherd boy, attempts to tell his mother about an unusual star that he has seen outside. Through his generosity and selflessness, all become witness to a miracle. El Paso Brass will also perform festive holiday music.

• Sunday, **Dec. 31**: The orchestra, singers and chorus will perform a Viennese New Year's Eve Concert, with famous waltzes, favorite operatic arias, and an exciting chorus performed by a 100-voice choir, professional orchestra, and professional soloists. Directed by Prentice Loftin.

**El Paso Society for Musicians of the Future** - Classical musicians ages 8 to 19 are invited to apply **through Jan. 31, 2018** 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.

**El Paso Pro-Musica Chamber Music Festival** — El Paso Pro-Musica presents its annual festival **Jan 4-28**. Information: 747-8163 or eppm.org.

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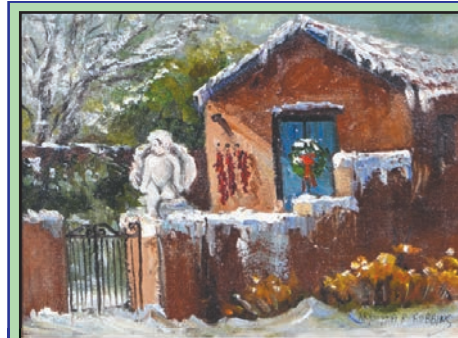
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