

Santa Barbara Chamber Orchestra

Exquisite Strings

KEEPING CLASSICAL MUSIC ALIVE IN THE HEARTS AND MINDS OF THE PUBLIC is more important

today than ever before, according to Gail Eichenthal, Executive Producer for Los Angeles-based classical music radio KUSC, who will serve as guest host for the



Gail Eichenthal

next Santa Barbara Chamber Orchestra concert at the Lobero Theatre on Tuesday, December 8th at 7:30pm. The concert, a program of music by the 14 year-old Felix Mendelssohn (*Symphony for Strings No. 9, Swiss*) and

Antonin Dvořák (*Serenade for Strings, Op. 22*) composed in just two weeks in 1875 and one of the composer's most popular works, will highlight conductor Heiichiro Ohyama's famous expertise at producing a lush, vibrant string sound from his orchestra. Eichenthal will contribute historical narrative and memorable anecdotes about the two masterpieces, giving the audience insight into the mechanisms of genius.

"I believe if they're accomplished in an engaging, sincere, conversational way, it can only enhance one's experience of the concert," Eichenthal shared, during an email conversation about pre-concert talks. "The key is to avoid a lecture, a

condescending tone in any way. It's all about trying to help perk up the ears, relax the nervous system, enhancing the listening experience. I try to share some of my own lifelong passion for this music."

Eichenthal has enjoyed a wonderful working relationship with maestro Ohyama over many years, which will bring lively camaraderie and pleasant sparring to the evening. "I love working with Heiichiro Ohyama," Eichenthal confided. "We worked together for years in the 1980's and 90's when he was principal violist of the LA Philharmonic and conductor of an astounding youth orchestra, the Crossroads School Orchestra in Santa Monica. We did concerts together (I was usually the narrator or pre-concert host) at La Jolla Summerfest when Heiichiro was director there, and at the South Bay Chamber Music Society. He is a consummate musician, with a wry sense of humor."

DANIEL KEPL MUSIC INTERVIEW

The concert will open with a work by the teenage Mendelssohn, one of twelve symphonies for strings he composed between the age of twelve and 14 as a project in orchestration.

"This is a work of startling freshness and invention," Eichenthal enthused. "I agree with a recent commentator who remarked that if there were winds and brass instruments in the score it might be Mendelssohn's most popular symphony. Maybe it wouldn't eclipse the *Symphony No. 4, Italian* or the *Symphony No. 3, Scottish*, but it's far more than a precocious



The Santa Barbara Chamber Orchestra led by Maestro Heiichiro Ohyama

exercise. It's a full-fledged tour-de-force by the 14 year-old composer; Mendelssohn was probably the greatest teenage composer in musical history." On Dvořák's *Serenade for Strings* Eichenthal was equally enthusiastic. "What miraculous melodic invention! This is perhaps Dvořák's most instantly lovable work for orchestra, a positively Mozartean piece, reportedly written within two weeks!"

As an added holiday treat, The Cold Spring School Choir will serenade arriving concertgoers with holiday favorites on the theatre's front terrace at 7pm before the 7:30 Chamber Orchestra curtain.

For those who like to combine dinner and a concert, Tuesday's Santa Barbara Chamber Orchestra performance will be preceded by the Supper Club, served under the tent on the Lobero Theatre's

Comenzando con el Club de Cena a las 5:30pm (reservaciones: 966-2441) y un espectáculo de las favoritas canciones de los días festivos por el Coro de Niños de la Escuela Cold Spring en la terraza delantera antes del concierto, la Orquesta de Cámara de Santa Bárbara traerá una velada de música de Mendelssohn y Dvorák exquisita al Teatro Lobero el martes, 8 de diciembre a las 7:30pm.

back patio beginning at 5:30pm. It is \$50 inclusive. For reservations, call 966-2441.

For concert tickets (\$54/\$64) call the Lobero Theatre box office at 963-0761 or visit www.lobero.com.

Daniel Kepl has been writing music, theatre, and dance reviews for Santa Barbara publications since he was a teenager. His professional expertise is as an orchestra conductor.

TUESDAY 12/8

CHILDREN & TEENS

READ WITH A DOG - ARF!

Children read with a trained therapy dog • Central Library • Free • By appt: 564-5603 • 3:30-5pm Tu.

PAWS TO READ

Children read to a trained therapy dog • Goleta Library, 500 N Fairview • Free • By appt: 964-7878 • Tu & Th.

HOMEWORK HELP FOR STUDENTS

Trained volunteers assist students • Central Library • Free • 564-5603 • 3:30-6:30pm Mo, Tu, Th & 3:30-6:30pm We.

DANCE

FLAMENCO DANCE CLASSES

Experienced adult beginners • Montecito Ballet, 527 E Gutierrez St • \$15/\$20 • (917) 254-9808 • 5:30-6:30pm Tu.

COUNTRY DANCES OF ENGLAND

Dances from an earlier time to music of the Baroque • First Presbyterian Church, 21 E Constance Av • \$5 • www.sbcds.org • 7:30-9:30pm Tu.

HEALTH

CAPOEIRA CLASS

Afro-Brazilian martial art • Rec Ctr, 100 E Carrillo St, Studio 2 • \$20 • 280-9742 • 6-7pm Tu.

CENTERING PRAYER @ LA CASA DE MARIA

800 El Bosque Rd • Donation • 969-5031 • 10:30-11:30am Tu.

LUNCHTIME MEDITATION

Guided breathing • Mahakankala Buddhist Ctr • \$5 • 563-6000 • 12:30-1pm Tu, We, Th.

LECTURES & WORKSHOPS

LISTEN. QUESTION. REPORT.

A discussion group to help educate the public about elder identity theft • Solvang Bank of Montecito, 591 Alamo Pintado Rd • Free • RSVP: 564-0218 • 9-10:30am Tu, 12/8.

HOW TO CREATE A SUCCESSFUL ART CAREER

With Sky Bergman, artist, photographer, & Cal Poly Professor • Community Partners Center, Union Bank, 11 East Carrillo St • Free • Register: www.awolsb.org

• 5-7pm Tu, 12/8.

FIVE WISHES WORKSHOP

Complete your Advance Health Care Directive • Visiting Nurse & Hospice Care, 602 E Montecito St • Free • 845-5314 • 4-6pm Tu, 12/8.

CENTERING PRAYER W/ SUZANNE DUNN

La Casa de Maria, 800 El Bosque Rd • Donation • 969-5031 • 10:30-11:30am Tu.

ASSISTANCE WITH EBOOK & AUDIOBOOKS

Drop-in • Central Library • Free • 564-5604 • 4-6pm Tu.

MUSIC

SANTA BARBARA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

A program of Mendelssohn & Dvořák with guest speaker Gail Eichenthal • Lobero Theatre • \$54/\$64 • 963-0761 • 7:30pm Tu, 12/8.

35TH ANNUAL MESSIAH SING ALONG

Bring your music & sing to benefit Unity Shoppe • First Presbyterian Church, 21 E Constance Av • \$10 • 7:30pm Tu, 12/8.

MARGO REY

Singer/songwriter • SOHO • \$10/\$12 • 962-7776 • 7:30pm Tu, 12/8.

SOCIAL

SCHMOOZE ROOM CAFE FOR SENIORS

Food, entertainers, speakers • Bronfman Family Comm Ctr, 524 Chapala St • 957-1115 • 12-1:15pm Tu.

SPECIAL EVENTS

BUSINESS-2-BUSINESS BREAKFAST

Breakfast mixer, bring canned or boxed goods to donate to The Foodbank of SB • Earl Warren Showgrounds • \$20/\$30 • 7:30am Tu, 12/8.

CANDY CANE TRAIN

Festively-decorated miniature-train rides • South Coast Railroad Museum, 300 N Los Carneros Rd • \$4/\$2 • 964-3540 • 2-4pm Tu, 12/8.

OLD TOWN FARMER'S MARKET

Old Town State Street • Free • 3-6:30pm Tu.

SANTA YNEZ VALLEY ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

4004 Foxen Cyn Rd • Free • 688-3555 • 8:30am-4pm Tu-Sa.

WEDNESDAY 12/9

CHILDREN & TEENS

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Intro to books & listening for Children 2-5 • Goleta Library, 500 N Fairview • Free • 964-7878 • 10:30am We.

DANCE

BELLY DANCE CLASS

Montecito School of Ballet, 527 E Gutierrez St • \$20 • www.BethAmine.com • 6-7pm We.

LABLAST DANCE

SB Dance Ctr, 127A W Canon Perdido St • \$15 • 899-2901 • 5:30-6:30pm We.

HEALTH

DIABETES CONSULTATION

Cost covered by most insurance companies • SB Cottage Hosp • 569-8240 • 1-4pm We, Th.

ARCHETYPE/PATTERN ANALYSIS

Alice Keck Park Mem. Garden, on the island • Free • 564-1939 • 4-5pm We.

BUDDHIST MEDITATION CLASS

Teachings & meditations for all levels • Mahakankala Buddhist Ctr • \$10 • 563-6000 • 6:30-7:30pm We.

HEART SMART LECTURE SERIES

SB Cottage Hosp • Free • 569-7201 • 10-11am We.

APHASIA RECOVERY GROUP

Cottage Rehab Hosp • \$15 • 569-8999x82330 • 10-11am We.

GENTLE HATHA YOGA

Bronfman Family Jewish Ctr, 524 Chapala St • Donation • 957-1115 • 10:30-Noon We.

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE

Support group for those grieving a loved one • Hospice of SB • Free • 563-8820x110 • 5:30-7pm 1st & 3rd We.

LECTURES & WORKSHOPS

KNITTING & CROCHETING GROUP

Goleta Library • Free • 964-7878 • 2-4pm We.

ASSISTANCE WITH EBOOK & AUDIOBOOKS

Drop-in • Central Library • Free • 564-5604 • 10am-noon We, Fr, Sa.

PODER COALITION MEETING

For the defense & equal rights for SB youth • Casa de La Raza, 601 E Montecito St • Free • Info: podersb805@gmail.com • 6-8pm 3rd We.

MUSIC

THE TIERNEY SUTTON BAND

Five-time Grammy nominee presents *A Century of Sinatra* • Jazz at the Lobero Theatre • \$39-\$105 • 963-0761 • 8pm We, 12/9.

GLEN PHILLIPS

Singer/songwriter • SOHO • \$12 • 962-7776 • 8pm We, 12/9.

STRAIGHT UP JAZZ

John Schnackenberg & Cougar Estrada sax & keyboard • Lovejoy's Pickle Rm, 126 E Canon Perdido • Free • 965-1015 • 7-11pm 3rd We.

KARAOKE THE BAND

Dargan's Irish Pub, 18 E Ortega St • Free • 8:30pm We.

OUTDOORS

CACHUMA LAKE EAGLE/WILDLIFE CRUISE

Two Hr. lake cruise aboard the Osprey • \$7/\$15 • 686-5050 • 10am & 2pm We, Fr, Sa, Su & 3pm Fr, Sa, Su.

DOCENT TOUR OF CASA DEL HERRERO

Montecito's only National Historic Landmark • \$20 • RSVP Required: 565-5653 • 10am & 2pm We & Sa.

SOCIAL

FRENCH CONVERSATION GROUP

Practice your French • www.sbfrenchgroup.yolasite.com • The Riviera, 129 E. Anapamu St • Free • 569-1659 • 5:30-7pm, We.

SPECIAL EVENTS

MISSION TREASURES TOUR

View some of the most precious treasures in areas not normally open to the public • Mission Santa Barbara • \$20 • RSVP: 682-4713x166 • 10:30am-noon We, 12/9.

COCKTAILS FOR A CAUSE

Mandy Chinn will demonstrate the art of the classic cocktail to benefit Carpinteria Arts Center • 1059 Vallecito Rd • \$20 • 684-7789 • 7pm We, 12/9.

NORTHSIDE OPTIMIST CLUB BREAKFAST

Mulligans at the Muni Golf Course, 3500 McCaw Av • \$10 • 2nd & 4th We.

FARMERS MARKET

SB Cottage Hosp Courtyard • Free • Noon-5pm We.

THURSDAY 12/10

CHILDREN & TEENS

SING SANTA BARBARA!

Year-round comprehensive choral training program for kids grades 1-8 • First Presbyterian Church, 21 E Constance Av • Free first session • 319-2445 • 4-5:15pm Th.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Ages 3-5 • Montecito Library, 1469 E Valley Rd (969-5063) & Goleta Library, 500 N Turnpike Av (964-7878) • Free • 10:30-11am Th.

TAIL WAGGIN' TUTORS

Children read to a therapy dog • Solvang Lib, 1745 Mission Dr • Free • By appt: 688-4214 • 3:30-5:30pm Th.

DANCE

LABLAST DANCE

SB Dance Ctr, 127-A W Canon Perdido St • \$15 • 899-2901 • 6-7pm Th.

BELLY DANCE WITH JATILA

Learn the traditional moves • SB Dance Ctr, 127 W Canon Perdido, Studio B • \$20 • 403-7935 • 7-8pm Th.

ZUMBA CLASS

Brasil Arts Cafe, 1230 State • \$10 • 259-4633 • Noon, Th.

FLAMENCO DANCE CLASSES

For adult beginners • Montecito Ballet, 527 E Gutierrez St • \$15/\$20 • 917-254-9808 • 5-6pm Th.

HEALTH

SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS

With teens & young adults aged 16-26 experiencing mental health problems • Mental Wellness Ctr, 617 Garden, 2nd Fl