

Arts & Entertainment

Nashua Chamber Orchestra March Concerts

NASHUA – The Nashua Chamber Orchestra, conducted by David Feltner, will present a pair of concerts featuring the Concert Choir of Nashua High School South on Saturday, March 6, 8:00 PM at Nashua High School South, 36 Riverside Drive (off W. Hollis St., Route 3, exit 5W) and piano soloist Janice Weber on Sunday, March 7, 3:00 PM at Milford Town Hall on the oval. The program features works by Robert Edward Smith, Diane Wittry and

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, with the Faure Requiem on Saturday, and the Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 2 on Sunday. Your ticket entitles you to attend both concerts, a great value at \$15 adult, \$13 senior and \$8 student. Children 12 and under are free. Tickets may be purchased at the door, or in advance at Darrell’s Music Hall in Nashua and the Toadstool Bookstore in Milford’s Lorden Plaza.

The Dana Center, Saint Anselm College Presents

Pogey and Cara

A Saint Patrick’s Day Celebration

MANCHESTER – The Dana Center, regional performing arts center at Saint Anselm College upholds its tradition of bringing you the most original Irish bands on the planet to celebrate Saint Patrick’s Day. This year we bring a unique brew of Celtic music with two powerhouse bands from two surprising corners of the world. Pogey and Cara will be at the Dana Center for a one evening performance only on Friday, March 12, at 8p.m.

Pogey hails from Halifax, Nova Scotia, bringing with them an intoxicating blend of traditional and contemporary sound that combines original Celtic/Rock tunes with stellar instrumentals. A feast of fiddle, mandolin, acoustic guitar, banjo, bass, drums and four part vocal harmonies keeps this on the high octane stage show list for sure. For the last five years the band has been bringing audiences to their feet with all over Canada and the United States. The band’s five members combine their musical talents to produce their trademark Nova Scotia Sound which they have used to provide entertainment for various performances including the Kansas City, Pittsburgh and Great American Irish Festivals. This year Pogey presents new all original recording for the CD they will be releasing in April. This Dana Center performance will give you a sneak preview of the 11 tracks that the band has been feverishly preparing for their upcoming album.

Cara calls Germany home but finds its musical roots planted firmly in Irish tradition. Weaving flute, guitar, piano, fiddle, pipes and con-

certina together with brilliant vocals, the band adds the flavor of German folk influence to infuse a fresh perspective on the music. The quintet plays a well-balanced mix of songs and tunes, consisting of traditional and newly composed material, most of which is written by the band members themselves. The two female lead singers are surely a hallmark of the band, but the quality standard for instrumentals and arrangements is equally high. The band’s second CD “In Between Times” won them a nomination for the German Critics Awards as well as a nomination for CD of the year by “Folker” Magazine. They have also recently been voted one of the ten most influential bands of the decade by “Folkworld” Magazine. The success of their second album subsequently earned them three successful tours through the United States, sharing the stage with top-bands of the genre.

An informal demonstration will be held on the same day as their evening performance, Friday, March 12 at 3 pm. This residency program is free and open to the public, and provides ideal opportunity for an up close and personal glimpse of the performers as well as a snippet of the evening performance.

For more information on Pogey and Cara visit the Dana Center website at www.anselm.edu/dana. Reserved Seating: \$29.50, Senior Citizens, \$25.50, NH College/University Students \$12.50. The Dana Center serves the citizens of New Hampshire and the Saint Anselm College community. The Box Office is open Monday-Friday from 10:00

Nashua Symphony Chorus Program Of American Spirituals

NASHUA – On Saturday, March 20, the Nashua Symphony Chorus will present the Nashua premiere of John Rutter’s *Feel the Spirit* as part of its “*Feel the Spirit*” concert. The program, which also includes a selection of works from the African-American spiritual tradition, features mezzo-soprano soloist Tania Mandzy. For this concert, which begins at 8 pm in Nashua High School North’s Auditorium, Director of Choral Activities welcomes her Greater Gardner Community Choir which will join the NSC to perform Rutter’s large-scale work.

Ms. Cushing comments on the program: “We are excited to sing music that celebrates life and the affirmation of a people who faced

great adversity but never lost their dignity. Spirituals serve as an inspiration for all generations; it’s easy for people to understand how one can gain strength and comfort from this music. And for many people, this music leads to healing and restoration of body, mind, spirit, and voice.”

Indeed, the themes that pervade these spirituals are universal, and became the foundation for this year’s cycle of the Nashua Symphony Association’s “*Ripple Effect*” project. Poetry students at NHS North were asked to consider questions like “what does ‘home’ mean to you personally” and “what might it mean to yearn for a ‘promised land’?” They visited the Milford Black Heritage

Trail, to get a sense of what it might have been like for people traveling the Underground Railroad in the 1850s. Passages from the students’ poems were set to music by distinguished New Hampshire composer, Malcolm Hawkins; the resulting new work – *The Cry for All* – will be premiered by the NSC, NHS Concert Choir, and instrumentalists from the Nashua Symphony Orchestra at this concert.

Malcolm Hawkins studied in London at the Royal Academy of Music and King’s College in the Strand. He worked for some years as a string bass player in the London area, and returned to the Academy as a faculty member. He received an award to study at the Mozarte-

um in Salzburg with composer Cesar Bresgen, and later a fellowship to study solfège and choral conducting with Peter Erdei and Ildiko Herboly at the Kodaly Institute in Hungary. He lives in Lyndeborough with his wife Charlotte (a cellist) and two daughters and a son, all of whom are string players. He directs the choir at the First Parish in Lincoln, Massachusetts.

Tickets are \$10 to \$30, and available at the Symphony Box Office, 6 Church St., can be charged to credit cards by calling 595.9156 or purchased online: www.nashuasymphony.org. Discounts for seniors and groups are available. Request a brochure online, by phone, or email: NSO@NashuaSymphony.org

Religion

St. Paul’s Open House on March 21

AMHERST – For St. Paul Lutheran Church, a three year journey became complete in December. They will celebrate their building expansion with a public open house on Sunday March 21 from 1-3. There will be refreshments, children’s games, representatives from all church groups, tours, information about St. Paul, and a presentation about St. Paul’s mission to preach the gospel. Services will be held as usual at 9:30 AM and everyone will be welcome to attend as well.

The 3,600 square foot of additional space is used for a larger fellowship hall, classrooms, and bathrooms. The classrooms give the age based Sunday school classes more space and also offer an opportunity for potentially opening a pre-school in the future.

St. Pauls also plans on utilizing the extra dimensions for events that will benefit the Amherst community. Aho Construction is responsible for the construction of the building addition. For further questions, call St. Paul’s at 821-9891.

As The Crow Flies into Seminary School Informational Open House

AMHERST - Do you feel a calling to help others practice seeing the Divine within all people of all religions? Or do you simply want to get in touch with that which is within you, to know your own Truth more deeply while accepting and encouraging others to find and follow their own Truth? If so, then you may want to travel As The Crow Flies and set out on your journey toward discovery.

Please join us on Sunday, March 14 at Tree of Life School for Sacred Living from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. and listen to an overview of the Tree of Life Interfaith Seminary’s program As the Crow Flies - Discover Your Direct Path to God. You’ll receive a full

program description, information packet, and have an opportunity to get all of your questions answered. The presentation will begin at 5:00 p.m. and will be led by the seminary’s creator and Director, Reverend Stephanie Rutt. Refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP your intention to attend by calling 546-2320 or by e-mailing Amy: amyb@treeofflifenh.com by the day prior to the information session.

All who seek to better know themselves, to know the Divine, and to encourage others’ journeys are invited to attend. Looking forward to seeing you land at our gathering.

Congregational Church of Amherst

World Day of Prayer, March 5



Women of Cameroon present, “Africa in miniature” March 5 at 11 a.m.

The women of Congregational Church of Amherst~UCC, invite you to join them on Friday, March 5 at 11 a.m. for worship, followed by a delicious lunch. Child care and luncheon will be available at no charge. World Day of Prayer (WDP) is a worldwide ecumenical movement of women of many faith traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday in March. Each year a different country serves as the writer of the WDP worship service. This year the committee of Cameroon developed the theme, “Let everything that has breath praise God.” The 2010 service will begin at the first sunrise on March 5, in the Pacific

region, and follow the Earth’s orbit, shining its light on the continent of Africa and the rest of the world. The women of Cameroon invite everyone to “Africa in miniature,” a country in which climate and culture are rich with diversity, and where people are bound together by a love for music, family and faith. Join the women of Congregational Church of Amherst as they learn a little about the lives of these wonderful women through pictures, listening to their music and singing their songs, while at the same time understanding and appreciating their culture. The women of Amherst Congregational Church hope you can join them for this special worship service.

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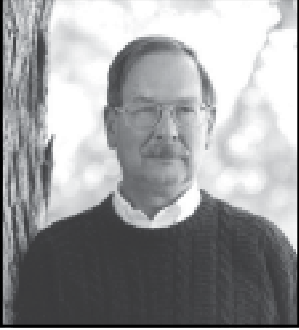
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