

Performing Arts

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Music

TODAY

USC Thornton Opera (Bing Theater, USC, [213] 740-7111). "Cool fan Tutte" (Mozart), in Italian, with English supertitles; Timothy Lindberg, conductor; Stephen Terrell, stage director. 2 p.m. \$5-\$10.

Rami Bar-Niv, piano, and the Virtuoso Chamber Musicians (Culver City Presbyterian Church, 11269 Washington Blvd., Culver City, [310] 859-4684). Culver Chamber Music: Music by Albinoni, Copland, Bar-Niv, Shostakovich. 2 p.m. Free.

Pepperdine University Collegium Musicum (Staufer Chapel, Pepperdine University, 24255 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, [310] 456-4522). Christmas program. 2 p.m. Free.

San Diego Symphony, Jung-Ho Pak, conductor; Dickran Atamian, piano (Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street, San Diego, [619] 233-0804). Excerpts from ballet, "Spartacus"; Piano Concerto (Khachaturian); "The Pines of Rome" (Respighi). 2 p.m. \$15-\$60.

Los Angeles Philharmonic, Zubin Mehta, conductor; Sheri Greenawald, soprano; Hudson Chad Quartet (Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, 135 N Grand Ave., [323] 850-2000). "The Seven Deadly Sins" (Weill); Symphony No. 9, "The Great" C-major (Schubert). 2:30 p.m. \$10-\$70.

Pasadena Classical Singers, Alexander Ruggieri, conductor; St. Anthony's Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 778 S. Rosemead Blvd., Pasadena, [626] 564-0000. "A Russian Christmas." 3 p.m. \$13-\$18.

Brentwood-Westwood Symphony, Ahn Mills, conductor; Lesento Trio; Joe Spano, master of ceremonies (Palms Revere Middle School Auditorium, 1450 Allenford Ave., Brentwood, [310] 829-3149). Music by Mozart, Glere, Gershwin. 3 p.m. Free.

David Speltz & Friends: David Speltz, cello; Margaret Batjer, Roger Wilkie and Brandon Speltz, violins; Connie Kupka, viola; Robert Thies, piano (Pacific Unitarian Church, 5621 Montemalaga Drive, Rancho Palos Verdes, [310] 372-4222). South Bay Chamber Music

Sun Best Bets 4/5

Piano Quintet for voice (Chausson).

Los Robles Choir, James Stillman, conductor (Moorpark College Performing Arts Center, 7075 Campus Road, Moorpark, [805] 497-0386). "In Dulce Jubilo" Christmas in Story and Song. 3 p.m. \$6-\$18.

Zora Mihalovich, piano (Dabney Lounge, Caltech, Pasadena, [626] 395-4652). Music by Mozart, Lauridsen, Rachmaninoff, Chopin. 3:30 p.m. Free.

Alexander String Quartet (Sunny Hills High School Auditorium, 1801 Warburton Way, Fullerton, [714] 529-7758). Fullerton Friends of Music Quartet No. 21, K. 575 (Mozart); Quartet No. 4 (Bartók); Quartet in C-sharp minor, Opus 131 (Beethoven). 3:30 p.m. Free.

Frederick Swann, organ (First Congregational Church, 540 S. Commonwealth Ave., [213] 385-1341). Music by Andrew Carter, Edward Bairstow, Buxtehude, Foote, Max Drischner, Marc Cheban, Guinaldo, Preston, Vaughan Williams and Henri Busser. 4 p.m. Offering.

Denyce Graves, mezzo-soprano; Warren Jones, piano (Royce Hall, UCLA, [310] 825-2101). Music by Handel, Elgar, Chausson, Burleigh, Montsalvaige. 4 p.m. \$30-\$50.

Duo Calabrese: John Anthony Calabrese, viola d'amore; Gabriela Oceso, violin (Schoenberg Hall, UCLA, [310] 825-2101). Music by Andre, Biber, Stamitz, Casadesu, Slavic, Massumoto and Král. 4 p.m. \$30.

Chancel Choir and Orchestra, Gina Shaw, conductor; Jeanne Contreras, Nancy Campeau, Cahen Taylor and Burman Timberlake, vocal soloists (Westwood United Methodist Church, 10497 Wilshire Blvd., Westwood, [310] 962-5291). Music by Dufay, Duranto and Schütz. 4 p.m. Free.

Claudia Humphrey, soprano; Paul Mickelson, organ (Trinity Lutheran Church, 997 E. Walnut St., Pasadena, [626] 792-1212). "Four Women" oratorio arias. 4 p.m. Offering.

Vatche Mankarian, piano (Altaidena Community Church, 943 Altaidena Drive, Altaidena, [626] 797-9116). Music by Bach-Busoni, Chopin, Debussy, Gershwin, Rachmaninoff and others. 4 p.m. Free.

Cantor Domino and Orchestra, Maurita Phillips-Thornburgh, conductor (St. Augustine Episcopal Church, 1227 Fourth St., Sanbra Monica, [310] 798-3615). Vespers of 1610 (Monteverdi). 4 p.m. \$15.

Westchester Lutheran Church Chorus, Marshall Ramirez, conductor; Linda Williams Pearce, Sarah Bloxham, Joe Mathieu and Paul Berkolds, vocal soloists (Westchester Lutheran Church, 7831 S. Sepulveda Blvd.,

Van Nuys, [818] 790-7171). Christmas musical "That's the Good News" 4 p.m. Offering.

Towne Singers, Sean Boulware, conductor (Lanternman Auditorium, 4490 Cornish Blvd., La Cañada, [818] 790-7171). 4:30 p.m. \$10.

Stephanie Jutt, flute; Gerard Reuter, oboe; Jeffrey Sykes, piano (Zipper Hall, Colburn School, 200 S. Grand Ave., [323] 467-6337).

Pro Musicus: Sonata in C minor (Telemann); "Souvenirs" (Paul Schoenfeld); Oboe Sonata (Poulenc); Five Songs without Words (Prokofiev); Six Metamorphoses after Ovid (Britten); Trio (Madeline Dring). 5:30 p.m. \$15-\$20.

Linda Wang, violin; Sebastian Koch, piano (Leo S. Bing Theater, L.A. County Museum of Art, 5905 Wilshire Blvd., [323] 857-6010).

Sundays Live, Music by Schubert, Saint-Saens, Janacek 6 p.m. Free.

Adult Choir and Instrumental Ensemble, Linda Mays, conductor (Church of our Saviour, 535 West Roses Road, San Gabriel, [626] 282-5147, Ext. 26). "Messiah" (Handel). 7 p.m. Offering.

Chancel Choir, Stephen Gothold, conductor (Pasadena First United Methodist Church, 500 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena, [626] 796-0157). "Gloria" (Poulenc); "Praeludium Noel" (Randolf Alan Bass). 7 p.m. Offering.

Burbank Choral, Milsha Shtangrud, conductor (Hall of Liberty, 2266 Logest Lawn Drive, Hollywood Hills, [818] 758-9177). Varied holiday program. 7 p.m. Free.

Los Angeles Jewish Symphony, Noreen Green, conductor; Kathleen Roland, Evan Kent, Joel Pressman, vocal soloists; Mark Kashper, violin; Barry Gold, cello (University Synagogue, 11960 Sunset Blvd., Brentwood, [818] 793-6881). "Mitzvah" Music for the Theater; selections from "American Songs" (Copland); excerpts from "The Eternal Road" (Weill). 7:30 p.m. \$25-\$45.

Santa Monica College Concert Chorus and United Methodist Church Chancel Choir, James Smith, conductor; Barbara Smith, soprano; others (First United Methodist Church, 1008 Eleventh Street, Santa Monica, [310] 434-3000). "Gloria" (Poulenc); "Company at the Creche" (Pinkham). 7:30 p.m. \$5-\$10.

Chamber Orchestra of the South Bay, Hector Salazar, conductor; Nadine Aain, flute; Norris Esteves, [310] 544-0403. Six-Part Recitativo from "Musical Offering" (Bach); Suite in A minor for flute and strings (Telemann); Flute Concerto (Jolivet); "Simple Symphony" (Britten). 8 p.m. \$29.

MONDAY

Film: "Art of the Violin," by Bruno Monsiegnon (Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts, 12700 Center Court Drive, Cerritos, [562] 916-8500). North American premiere of Monsiegnon's latest film. 7 p.m. \$12.

Pasadena Youth Symphony Orchestra and Prelude Strings, Richard Meyer and Pat van der Veer, conductors (Wilson Middle School, 300 Madre, Pasadena, [626] 793-7172, Ext. 10). Music by Dvorak, Dilmer, Handel, others. 7:30 p.m. Free.

L.A. Philharmonic New Music Group, Steven Stucky, conductor; Gloria Cheng, piano (Zipper Hall, Colburn School, 200 S. Grand Ave., [323] 850-2000). Green Umbrella series: Made in California: Piano Sonata (Salonen); "Song Offerings" (Jonathan Harvey); Grand Duo (Harrison); "Barstov" (Parch). 8 p.m. \$25.

Alexander String Quartet (New Performing Arts Center, Cal State Northridge, 18111 Nordhoff St., Northridge, [310] 552-3030). Music Guild: Quartet in C, Opus 56, No. 3 (Haydn); Quartet No. 4 (Bartók); Quartet in A minor, Opus 132 (Beethoven). 8 p.m. \$5-\$22. Also, Tuesday at Cal State Long Beach at 8 p.m., and Wednesday at 8 p.m., at the Wilshire-Ebell Theatre, 4401 W. Eighth St.

TUESDAY

Los Angeles Opera (Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, 135 N. Grand Ave., [213] 365-3500). "La

Bolshoi" (Puccini), in Italian, with English supertitles, with Leontina Vaduva, Inva Mula, Aquiles Machado, Earle Patriaro, Eric Owens, others; Plácido Domingo, conductor (Wed. and Saturday thereafter, William Vendice). Christopher Harlan, stage director. 7:30 p.m. \$28-\$148. Also, Friday and next Sunday and Dec. 13, 19 and 21 at 7:30 p.m., and Dec. 16 at 1 p.m.

Robert Glasgow, organ (Royce Hall, UCLA, [310] 824-2101). Music by Handel, Bach, Dandrieu, Scarlatti, Franck, Schumann and Widor. 7:30 p.m. \$10.

Pappardine University Concert Choir and University Chorus, Milton Pullen, conductor (Smother's Theatre, Pepperdine University, 2555 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, [310] 456-4522). Music by Bach, Sweelinck, seasonal music. 7:30 p.m. \$10.

Thornton Contemporary Music Ensemble, Donald Crockett, conductor (Newman Recital Hall, USC, [213] 740-7111). Music by Elena Kats-Chernin, Naomi Sekiya, Gerald Levinson. 8 p.m. \$4-\$7.

WEDNESDAY

Santa Barbara Grand Opera (Lobero Theatre, 33 E. Canon Perdido, Santa Barbara, [805] 963-0781). "La Traviata" (Verdi), in Italian, with Carol Ann Manz, Kristin Noelle Anderson, Gabriel Reyoy Pazos, Brad Keating, others. Valery Ryzkin, conductor; Stephanie Sundine, stage director. 7:30 p.m. \$28-\$56. Also Friday at 7:30 p.m., and next Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Pinchas Zukerman, violin; Marc Neikrug, piano (Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, 135 N. Grand Ave., [323] 850-2000). Celebrity Recitals: Sonata in A. Opus 30, No. 1 (Beethoven); Sonata No. 2 (Bartók); Sonata in A (Franck). 8 p.m. \$10-\$45.

Musica Pacifica (Leo S. Bing Theater, L.A. County Museum of Art, 5905 Wilshire Blvd., [323] 857-6010). "Bach and His Models" Music by Bach, Vivaldi, Frescobaldi, Legrenzi, Albinoni, Buxtehude, Telemann. 8 p.m. \$5-\$15.

Pacific Symphony, Carl St. Clair, conductor; Cécile Ousset, piano (Orange County Performing Arts Center, 600 Town Center Drive, Costa Mesa, [714] 740-7878). "Blue Shades" (Britten); Piano Concerto in G (Ravel); "Symphonie Fantastique" (Berlioz). 8 p.m. \$19-\$52. Also, Thursday at 8 p.m.

CalArts Faculty and Students (Roy O. Disney Music Hall, CalArts 24700 McBean Parkway, Valencia, [661] 253-7832). Chamber Music Wednesdays: Percussion music led by John Bergamo and David Johnson. 8 p.m. Free.

THURSDAY

Los Angeles Philharmonic, Christoph Eschenbach, conductor; Peter Serkin, piano (Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, 135 N. Grand Ave., [323] 850-2000). "Red Garuda." Piano Concerto No. 2 (Peter Liebertson); Piano Concerto No. 19 (Mozart); Symphony No. 2 (Brahms). 8 p.m. \$10-\$70. Also, Saturday at 8 p.m., next Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Camera Pacifica (Music Academy of the West, 1070 Fairway Road, Santa Barbara, [800] 557-BACH). Sonata for Viola and Harpsichord (W.F. Bach); "Italian" Concerto (J.S. Bach); Piano Trio (Pärt); Phantasy Trio (Bridge). 8 p.m. \$25-\$35. Also, Friday at Santa Barbara City College, Saturday at 8 p.m., at the Alex Theatre, 216 N. Brand Blvd., Glendale. All performances at 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

L.A. Chamber Orchestra and L.A. Master Chorus; Jeffrey Kahane, conductor; Janice Chandler, Susan Platts, Alan Bennett and Jaco Venter, soloists (Royce Hall, UCLA, [213] 822-7001, Ext. 215). Mass in B minor (Bach). 8 p.m. \$13-\$53. Also, Saturday at 8 p.m., at the Alex Theatre, 216 N. Brand Blvd., Glendale.

Anonymous 4 (Marsee Auditorium, El Camino Center for the Arts, 16007 Crenshaw Blvd., Torrance, [310] 329-5345). "Legends of St. Nicholas." 8 p.m. \$19-\$22.

Torrance Civic Chorus and Christmas Chamber Orchestra, David Burks, conductor (James R. Armstrong Theatre, 3330 Civic Center Drive, Torrance, [310] 781-7171). 8 p.m. \$10. Also, Saturday at 8 p.m.

Fiesta Navidad Ensemble (Walt Disney Theatre, 478 W. Sixth St., San Pedro, [310] 548-7460). "Fiesta Navidad." 8 p.m. \$1 \$27-\$50.

Chanticleer (Irvine Barclay Theatre, 42 Campus Drive, Irvine, [949] 854-4646). "St. We Christmas." 8 p.m. \$30-\$35.

Santa Clarita Master Chorus, Peter Pocco, conductor (Valencia United Methodist Church, 25718 McBean Parkway, Valencia, [661] 254-8886). Seasonal music. 8 p.m. \$10 & 17. Also, Saturday at 8 p.m.

New West Symphony, Los Robles Chamber Singers, Mastersingers of Ventura Master Chorus, Boris Brott, conductor; Camille Kir Adelaide Sinclair, Robert MacNeil and De Aizing, vocal soloists (Fred Kavli Theatre, Civic Arts Plaza, 2100 E. Thousand Oaks Blvd., Thousand Oaks, [800] NEW-WEST "Messiah" (Handel). 8 p.m. \$8-\$25.

SATURDAY

Mixed Chorus, Anglican Choir Quartet, Luke's Parish Chamber Orchestra, Patricia Hawkins and Mike Kelly, conductors (Luke's Episcopal Church, 122 S. California Ave., Monrovia, [626] 357-7071). "Messiah Christmas portion (Handel). 7 p.m. \$6-\$12.

West Coast Singers, Anthony Thornton, conductor (L.A. Theater Center, 514 S. Spri St., [213] 485-1811). "The Most Glorious Time of the Year." 8 p.m. \$20. Also, on Sunday at 3 p.m.

Claremont Concert Orchestra and Cono Choir, Michael Deane Lamkin, conductor (Garrison Theatre, Tenth and Dartmouth Claremont, [909] 607-3266). "The Creation (Haydn). 8 p.m. Free. Also, next Sunday 3 p.m.

Dance

TODAY

Gumboots Company (Wilshire Theatre, 84 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, [213] 365-3500). "Gumboots." 2 and 7:30 p.m. \$27-\$52. Also Tuesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m., through Dec. 17.

Praxis Project (Palace Theatre, 630 S. Brea way, [323] 692-2095). 2 p.m. \$10-\$15.

Folklorico de SMC (Main Stage, San Monica College, 1900 Pico Blvd., San Monica, [310] 434-3000). 2 p.m. \$8-\$10.

Festival Ballet Theatre (Carpenter Centu Cal State Long Beach, 6200 Alhertson S Long Beach, [562] 965-7000). "The Nutcracker" (choreography: Sabina Bizakalae, conductor: Richard Rintoul). 2 p.m. \$12-\$22. Also Friday.

Michelle Langley Ballet (Ivar Theatre, 1605 Ivar, Hollywood, [323] 467-1031). "The Nutcracker." 3 p.m. \$10-\$12.

WEDNESDAY

Pilobouts (Irvine Barclay Theatre, 4242 Campus Drive, Irvine, [949] 854-4646). 8 p.m. \$35-\$40. Also, Thursday at 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

CalArts Dance Ensemble and the Erica T (Walt Disney Modular Theatre, Cal Ar 24700 McBean Parkway, Valencia, [661] 253-7800). "Going for Baroque" Choreography by Ruth Barnes, Sean Greene, Tina Yui Crislyne Lawson, Robin Ziemer. 8 p.m. \$15. Also, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Festival Ballet Theatre (Robert B. Moe Theatre, Orange Coast College, 2701 Fairview Road, Costa Mesa, [714] 432-5881). "The Nutcracker" (choreography: Salva Rikalla; conductor: Richard Rintoul). 7 p.m. \$16-\$19. Also, Saturday at 2 and 7 p.m., next Sunday at 2 p.m.

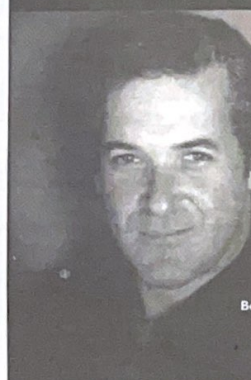
SATURDAY

Pasadena Dance Theatre (Civic Auditorium, 320 S. Mission Drive, San Gabriel, [626] 578-1940). "The Nutcracker." 2 and 7:2 p.m. \$12-\$35. Also, next Sunday and Dec. 1 at 2 p.m., and Dec. 16 at 2 and 7:30 p.m.

Santa Barbara Festival Ballet and Santa Barbara Ballet Center (Arlington Theatre, 1317 State St., Santa Barbara, [805] 963-4408). "The Nutcracker." 2:30 and 7 p.m. \$8-\$32. Also, next Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

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