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**KBPS FM AND KQHR FM COMMUNITY ASCERTAINMENT REPORT**  
**FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH 2006**

The Federal Communications Commission requires that public radio stations present a list of programs that have provided the station's most significant treatment of community issues during the preceding three-month period. This list includes a brief narrative describing the issues treated and the programming that provides it. This report is placed in our public information files.

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Programs that have provided the station's most significant treatment of community issues during the period of January, February and March 2006 include NEWSBREAKS, CULTURAL EVENTS CALENDAR ONLINE, NORTHWEST PREVIEWS, PLAYED IN OREGON, PLAYING FAVORITES AND STANDING ROOM ONLY.

### **NEWSBREAKS:**

On weekdays, FM newscasters Shaun Yu, Robert McBride, and John Pitman provide news from the Associated Press about current events in Oregon and the metropolitan Portland area. These air during morning drive time (AM and FM) at 6:30am; 7:30am; 8:30am; and 9:00am and during afternoon drive time (FM only) at 12N, 4:00pm, 5:00pm, and 6:00pm.

BBC World News Reports air on the AM (until 8:00am only) and FM stations at 6:00am, 7:00am, 8:00am, 9:00am, 12N, 4:00pm, 5:00pm, and 6:00pm.

Local news reports that best addressed issues in our community during January and February 2006 are:

### **Economic Issues**

1/25/06 Banks and credit unions in the Corvallis area are issuing hundreds of new debit cards to customers as a result of a security breach. It appears that customers at most financial institutions in the area had been affected and that debit cards had been compromised at the retail level. The breach was detected by a data security company. The debit card owners are not liable for fraudulent use of their cards unless they have been grossly negligent or they themselves have committed the fraud.

### **Health Issues**

1/10/06 The frightening disease that killed a McMinnville teenage has sickened four other people in northwest Oregon since the beginning of this year. Meningococcal disease strikes without warning and can kill an apparently healthy person in a matter of hours. It killed 18-year-old Drew Ottley of McMinnville. State health officials say there is NO indication of an abnormally large outbreak of the potentially fatal bacterial disease. The current outbreak appears to have affected only people who have close family connections.

### **Health Issues (continued)**

1/20/06 According to a new study, more than 117 thousand children in Oregon lack health insurance and the number is rising. The Oregon Health and Science University study says the percentage of uninsured children increased from about ten percent in 2002 to 12-point-three percent in 2004. The statewide survey showed that children most likely to be without health insurance are low-income, Hispanic and teenagers 14 and older whose families are just above the federal poverty level. Governor Kulongoski says the lack of children's health insurance threatens the quality of education and the economy. The statewide mail survey was based on completed forms returned by parents of more than 26 hundred children.

### **Environment Issues**

2/24/06 A panel of independent scientists concludes in a new report that it will be several years before they can say whether court-ordered spills at Columbia and Snake Rivers dams last summer benefited Snake River fall Chinook salmon. At the request of the Northwest Power and Conservation Council, the Independent Scientific Advisory Board reviewed a number of scientific studies that took place during the spill, from late June through the end of August 2005. In a report to the council this week in Portland, the scientists said the survival rate of juvenile fish was high but will take years before they can determine if that translates to high returns of adult fish. They also say other unpredictable factors are in play including ocean conditions while the fish mature at sea.

1/9/06 A high wind warning has been issued for the North Oregon Coast and is in effect until 10:00am today. Cities of Astoria, Cannon Beach and Tillamook could be affected. The strongest winds will be near headlands and beaches. A high wind warning means a hazardous high wind event is expected and can lead to property damage.

### **Education Issues**

1/10/06 Governor Kulongoski is urging business leaders to push for statewide education reform from kindergarten through college in 2006 to help the state compete in the global economy. Kulongoski says the state needs to blend secondary schools, colleges and job training into a single, unified system instead of independent programs that compete for the same tax dollars every legislative session. The governor joined senators Ron Syden and Gordon Smith to highlight education reform as the top goal for Oregon in 2-06 as part of their annual statewide economic summit.

### **Newsbreaks (continued)**

#### **Crime/Law/Government Issues**

2/13/06 A new state program lets Oregon vets who were disabled in combat apply for a

special ID card giving them free year-round camping and day-use privileges at Oregon state parks. The park access ID cards will be issued by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department and will be valid for four years.

2/24/06 PacifiCorp wants to raise its rates by more than 13 percent. The Portland-based utility, owned by Scottish Power, filed a general rate increase request with the Oregon Public Utility Commission yesterday that would boost revenues by about 112 million dollars, beginning in December. The utility also says it has earned significantly below its allowed return for many years, adding to the need for a rate increase.

2/28/06 Governor Kulongoski seized on the welcome unemployment numbers as proof that his economic policies are working. Kulongoski said in a statement that Oregon has turned the corner. He pointed out that Oregon's economy is growing more than twice as fast as the national economy. Kulongoski is in the nation's capital attending the National Governors Association conference.

### **CULTURAL EVENTS CALENDAR ONLINE:**

Following are samples of cultural events that appeared on our website during the months of January, February and March 2006. These cultural events are either submitted via the community or sent to the station. Final decision/and editing is done in-house:

#### **Free Recital: March 29 at 12N**

Don Hermanns, double bassist, and Tim Scott, cellist, present a program of Bach cello suites and Baroque arias in transcriptions. Call (503) 494-4240 for further information. This recital is at Oregon Health & Science University, 3181 S.W. Sam Jackson Park Road in Portland

#### **The Northwest Oboe Seminar: March 29 at 6:30pm**

Oboe legend John Mack presents two evenings of master classes at All Saints' Episcopal Church, 4033 S.E. Woodstock in Portland. The general public is welcome. For further information contact Victoria Racz at 1-(888)-627-8788x3 or [info@oregonchamberplayers.org](mailto:info@oregonchamberplayers.org).

### **Cultural Events Calendar Online (continued)**

#### **Cannon Beach Chorus Performs: March 31 at 7:00pm**

The Cannon Beach Chorus and soloists Anne Corning, soprano, Paul Wallace, oboe, Collin Heade, cello, and Nicholas McPhatter, timpani, perform music by Rutter, Hundley and Purdy, Vivaldi, Schwarz, Tchaikovsky and Schumann at Cannon Beach Community Presbyterian Church, 132 Washington St, at 7:00 pm on March 31 and again on April 2 at St. Catherine's Episcopal in Manzanita (see calendar for details). Tickets, \$10 for adults

and 12 and under free, can be purchased at the door.

**Oregon Symphony Performs: March 31 at 7:30pm**

Music Director Carlos Kalmar leads the Orchestra in the performance of four retellings of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet." Compositions by Prokofiev, Tchaikovsky, Berlioz and Leonard Bernstein will be featured. For ticket information go to:  
<https://www.orsymphony.org/concerts/index.html>

**NORTHWEST PREVIEWS:**

Classical 89.9 FM is dedicated to connecting our listeners with the classical and cultural arts communities in northwest Oregon and southwest Washington. Each Northwest Previews program features information about several upcoming events, including informal discussion with the artists and highlights of the music they will perform. Following is a sample of the weekly programs that aired on Tuesdays at 6P in January, February and March 2006:

**January Programs:**

**5** John Pitman interviews Oregon Symphony Resident Conductor Gregory Vajda about his "Just Beyond the Junkyard" concert; Shanghai Quartet lead violinist Weigang Li talks about the music his group plays at PSU, presented by Friends of Chamber Music and other upcoming events to be announced.

**12** Oregon Symphony's next concert of Birtwistle, Kodaly and Beethoven, conducted by Gregory Vajda; Cappella Romana's next concert with guest conductor Ivan Moody; a preview of the Hilliard Ensemble performance, presented by Friends of Chamber Music; Portland Piano International soloist Sergey Schepkin and a preview of Oregon Symphony's "Women of Substance" concert, with conductor, Michael Stern

**19** Vancouver Symphony's next concert with conductor Salvador Brotons and percussionist Joel Bluestone; Third Angle New Music Ensemble's "Riffs" concert; Oregon Sinfonietta's concert of works by Glazunov, Weber and Krommer; East-West Continuo's concert of Debussy, Andreas and baroque works for flute and strings and other upcoming events to be announced

**January Northwest Previews Programs (continued)**

**26** Portland Chamber Orchestra's concert titled "Best Buddies," with music of Dvorak, Schumann and Brahms; Maria Choban and Kenn Willson preview their concert of music by Tomas Svoboda for two pianists; and Norma Gentile's annual Portland performance of the *Healing Chant* of Hildegard von Bingen

**February Programs:**

**2** John Pitman interviews Portland Opera conductor George Manahan on the next production, Verdi's *Macbeth*; Shaun Yu previews two upcoming concerts featuring visiting guest conductor Eri Klas, which will include music by Sibelius, Shostakovich

and Grieg; and Robert McBride talks to Fear No Music director Inez Vogler about their concert titled *Endangered Voice*.

**9** Shaun Yu interviews Oregon Symphony conductor Carlos Kalmar on the upcoming concert which features concertmaster Amy Schwarz Moretti in Berg's *Concerto*; Edmund previews Portland Baroque Orchestra's *Music for a Prince* concert; and Robert McBride talks to soprano Angela Niederloh about her new opera company, Opera Theatre of Oregon.

**16** Edmund Stone covers the Vancouver Symphony's concert of music of American composer George Whitefield Chadwick; Robert McBride previews Oregon Chamber Players' *Children's Concert*; John Pitman looks at the next concert by the Lake Oswego Millennium Band; and Shaun Yu previews the next Oregon Symphony concert and their performance of *Music in Context*, featuring Amy Schwartz Moretti and other OSO players.

**23** Columbia Symphony's next concert of music by Butterworth, Mozart and Copland; Choral Arts Ensemble's concert of music by contemporary Northwest composers; Columbia Chorale of Oregon's performance of great choruses from opera; and John previews the next concert by Salem Chamber Orchestra, which will include *Peter and the Wolf*.

### ***March Programs:***

**2** A preview of the Clark College Orchestra concert (Wed. March 8th at the Royal Durst Theatre in Vancouver) features conductor Donald Appert talking about music by Czech composers Josef Suk, Franz Krommer and Antonin Dvorak.

**9** Dr. Donald Appert previews a free concert by Oregon Sinfonietta which includes the Wieniawski *Violin Concerto*, performed by 15-year-old Portland violinist, Andy Liang. Music by Parry and Schumann also scheduled.

**16** Preview of Portland Piano International's next recital, with soloist, Mihaela Ursuleasa playing Beethoven, Shostakovich, Rachmaninov; Pacific Crest Wind Symphony, joined by 3 Leg Torso, the eclectic, east-European-style music group here in Portland; Oregon Pro Arte Chamber Orchestra concert, featuring Mozart's Flute and Harp Concerto; and Classical Millennium and Broderick Gallery present "The Art of Song" with soprano Angela Niederloh.

### **March Northwest Previews Programs (continued)**

**23** Portland Opera preview of John Adam's "Nixon in China"; guitarist Ana Vidovic, who will perform a recital presented by William Jenks; the PSU faculty (Hamilton Cheifetz) and cello students in a master class with the great Janos Starker; looking ahead to the Skampa Quartet recital at PSU, presented by Friends of Chamber Music; and the Vancouver Symphony Young Artists Concert in April, with oboist Quinn Middleman.

**30** The first two of our winners in our collaboration with Metro Arts, Inc.: Portland soprano Ali King, age 16, and Beaverton violinist Natalie Wu, age 12; previews of Oregon Symphony concerts, including "Romeo and Juliet" by Berlioz, Prokofiev, Tchaikovsky and Bernstein; and Cindy Petty and the Jewish Community Orchestra perform Hovhaness, Bloch and Mozart in their next concert.

## **PLAYED IN OREGON:**

The flourishing music scene available to classical music lovers in the Pacific Northwest is more exciting than ever. Since our busy schedules don't permit us to attend every concert we wish to, Classical 89.9FM and 90.1FM in Hood River has premiered Played in Oregon. This locally-hosted series, produced by Robert McBride, gives listeners a second chance to hear live concerts they might have missed. The one-hour program showcases local groups only. Along with the music, listeners can count on short interviews with individual artists, including brief insights about the music. The following is a sampling of weekly programs that aired at 7PM on Wednesdays (repeats at 12 N on Sundays) in January, February and March 2006:

### **January Programs:**

**4** Mozart's "Great" *Mass in c minor* is performed in Salem by the Willamette Master Chorus and Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Paul Klemme. The Agnus Dei from William Byrd's *Mass for Four Voices* is performed as well.

**11** Friends of Chamber Music in Portland present the Daedalus Quartet, along with pianist Joyce Yang, Silver Medalist from the 2005 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. The quartet plays the *String Quartet in b minor, Op. 33, No. 1* by Joseph Haydn. Ms. Yang joins them for Antonin Dvorak's *Piano Quintet in A, Op. 81*.

**18** Three aspects of music-making at the University of Oregon: The *Violin Concerto No. 1*, "On the Nature of Love," by Robert Kyr, Chair of the U of O School of Music Composition program, is performed by the Third Angle new Music Ensemble, with soloist Denise Huizenga; faculty bassoon professor Steve Vacchi is featured in Peter Hope's *Concertino for Bassoon, Strings, Harp and Percussion*, with the University Symphony; and the Chamber Orchestra Kremlin, visiting from Russia, plays the *Concerto in D for String Orchestra* by Igor Stravinsky.

### **January Played in Oregon Programs (continued)**

**25** In celebration of Mozart's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday (on January 27), an all-Mozart program by the Portland Baroque Orchestra, from concert performances and from the orchestra's first recording, devoted entirely to Mozart's music. Soloists include violinist Monica Huggett, clarinetist Eric Heprich and pianist Robert Levin.

### **February Programs:**

**1** Russian pianist Alexander Kobrin, winner of the Gold Medal at last year's Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, performs at PSU, presented by Portland Piano International. His program includes *Sonata in F* by Haydn, Schumann's *Scenes from Childhood* and Rachmaninoff's *Variations on a Theme by Corelli*.

**8** An all-Beethoven program from Beall Hall at the University of Oregon School of Music features the Vienna Trio performing *Fourteen Variations on an Original Theme* and the ensemble Concertante playing the *Septet in E Flat*, one of Beethoven's most popular works during his lifetime.

**15** The Portland Youth Philharmonic performs in Jordan Hall at the New England

Conservatory in Boston, led by their music director Mei-Ann Chen, who graduated from there. She leads America's oldest youth orchestra in two classic 20<sup>th</sup>-century ballet scores, Ravel's *Daphnis et Chloe* and Stravinsky's *Rite of Spring*.

22 The Florestan Trio, Artists-in-Residence at Portland State University, play their signature piece, Mendelssohn's *Piano Trio No. 2 in c minor*, and Paul Schoenfield's *Café Music*, which the composer describes as "high-class dinner music."

### **March Programs:**

1 Monica Huggett's first ten years with the Portland Baroque Orchestra, including music from their two CDs together and concert performances from 1995 to 2005

8 Canadian pianist Louis Lortie waltzes through a concert at PSU, exploring how different composers have written in three-four time.

15 David Schiff, composer, writer and Reed College professor, tells us how he grew up immersed in music, how he ended up in Portland and what he would really like for his 60th birthday.

22 From the Faculty Artist Series concerts at the U of O, Beethoven's "Spring" *Sonata for Violin and Piano* and Livingston Gearhart's *London Bridge Variations*

29 Our first program from the 2005 summer season of Chamber Music Northwest features some of Bach's *Brandenburg Concertos*, including the high trumpet part in the *Concerto No. 2*, played by David Shifrin on a piccolo clarinet.

## **PLAYING FAVORITES**

When you live in a city where so many fascinating classical musicians converge, a Program highlighting these well-known local guests is a natural. Host Shaun Yu not only talks with guests about the impact classical music has had on their lives but also plays his guests' favorite music. A sample of weekly programs that aired at 7P in January, February and March 2006 is as follows:

### **January Programs:**

All this month, Shaun Yu talks with pianist Andre Watts and plays some of Watt's favorite music.

### **February Programs:**

7 Robert McDuffie, Part II, and Dvorak's *Romance in f minor* and Stravinsky's *Le Sacred u Printemps*

14 Robert McDuffie, Part III, and Adams' *Violin Concerto*, Chopin's Nocturne No. 13 in c minor and Scherzo No. 3 in c# minor, along with Elgar's "Nimrod" from *Enigma Variations*

21 Linda Magee, Executive Director, Chamber Music Northwest, Part I

28 Linda Magee, Part II

**March Programs:**

- 7 Part III with Linda Magee
- 14 Pianist Freddy Kempf
- 21 Freddy Kempf, Part II
- 28 Freddy Kempf, Part III

***STANDING ROOM ONLY***

On the first Saturday of each month, Portland Opera General Director Christopher Mattaliano makes opera come alive for thousands of listeners. This monthly 30-minute program, hosted by Mattaliano and produced in the 89.9 FM studios, focuses on a lively mixture of talk and music that educates the listener, promotes the opera art form, demystifies stereotypes and entertains. Topics range from general overviews of operative voice types to programs on specific composers. The following programs aired in January, February and March 2006:

- 1/7/06 Opera Masters: Mozart
- 2/4/06 Christopher Mattaliano discusses various aspects of the tenor voice, demonstrating with music he selects.
- 3/4/06 Christopher Mattaliano's Opera Favorites LIVE in the 89.9 FM studios