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WHO'S NEWS:

World violinists to perform 3R concerts

by Bill Haxton

This Sunday, nine prodigy violinists arriving from as far away as Bulgaria and Korea will check in with Center Stage Strings and take up their housing assignments for an intensive week of study with the best violin teachers in the world. One or more of these exceptional talents may well become the next Itzhak Perlman or Anne-Sophie Mutter.

That's the hope of Danielle Belen, creator of Center Stage Strings, and Robert Lipsett, violin master at the internationally renowned Colburn School of Music.

But there's more. Danielle and Robert have arranged a series of public concerts throughout the week-long camp. Really, really good concerts featuring world-class mus



Jennie Jung, pianist

On Tuesday, June 15, at 7 p.m., the mesmerizing violinist William Hagen, 17, who has performed with major orchestras across the United States, will perform Johannes Brahms's passionate Sonata No. 3 with Julliard graduate Jennie Jung accompanying on piano, followed by J.S. Bach's soaring Sonata for solo violin in G minor.

Will is quickly emerging as one of the most talented violinists of his generation. He first soloed with orchestra when he was nine years old and has since enjoyed numerous solo engagements with ensembles across the country. The Salt Lake Tribune described Will as playing "with the heart of a poet, creating elegant, lyrical phrases and spine tingling tones." He plays a Nicolò Amati violin, handcrafted by that violin-making genius in 1665.

On Thursday, June 17, at 7 p.m., the 13-year-old phenomenon Simone Porter will astonish even the most seasoned music lover. She has already performed with the Royal Philharmonic in London, and after her performance in Three Rivers she will travel to Singapore to perform in the "Prodigies of the World" series.

For the past eight years, Simone has studied at the prestigious Margaret Pressley Violin Studio in Seattle and more recently she has been flying once a week to Los Angeles to study with Colburn's Robert Lipsett. Simone has soloed with many orchestras, has performed at Carnegie Hall, and in April 2008 opened a ceremony to honor the Dalai Lama.

On Friday, June 18, at 4 p.m., violin master teacher Robert Lipsett, regarded by many as the foremost teacher of violin on earth, will present a master class to three exceptional violinists. If you have never sat in to observe a master class, it shouldn't be missed. The insight into what it takes to become a professional musician will astound you. And the music will be wonderful.



Diego Miralles, instructor

On Saturday, June 19, at 7 p.m., the brilliant "Center Stage Strings Trio" will present Beethoven's dynamic Piano Trio in D Major, one of his most personal and revealing works, followed by Brahms Trio in B Major, a musical portrait of magnanimity and devotion so vivid men and women have been known to involuntarily fall into prayer. All members of the Trio are professional musicians. Danielle Belen has won a national violin competition. Cellist Diego Miralles has performed with Yo Yo Ma and Sting. Jennie Jung is a recorded and prizewinning collaborative pianist.

On Sunday, June 20, at 5 p.m., the Finale Concert will feature riveting solos and chamber music, followed by an Artists' Reception that is open to the public.

All performances will be presented at the Community Presbyterian Church in Three Rivers, 43410 Sierra Drive. All concerts are free except Saturday, admission \$10. Tickets are available at Chump's Videos & DVDs.

For more information, visit www.CenterStageStrings.com.