

Program

Sinfonia Concertante in Eb, K. 364 Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
(1756-1791)

Allegro maestoso
Andante
Presto

Intermission

Intermezzo from *Háry János* Zoltán Kodály (1882-1967)
Joseph Szigeti, *arr.*

Selections from 44 Duets for Two Violins Béla Bartók
(1882-1945)

Katonanóta (Soldier's Song)
Párnás Tánc (Pillow Dance)
Burleszk (Burlesque)
Mese (A Fairy Tale)
Szunyogtánc (Mosquito Dance)
Menyasszonybúcsúztató (Bride's Farewell)
Bánkódás (Sorrow)
Máramarosi Tánc (Dance from Máramaros)
Rutén Kolomejka (Ruthenian Kolomeika)
Forgató (Rumanian Whirling Dance)
Pizzicato
Arab Dal (Arabian Song)

Suite in G minor, Op. 71 Maurice Moszkowski
(1854-1925)

Allegro energico
Allegro moderato
Lento assai
Molto Vivace

Traditional Hungarian desserts prepared by Sandy Rawson

Diós és Vaniliás Kifli

(dee-ohsh ehsh va-nee-lee-ash kiff-lee / Walnut and Vanilla Crescents)

Csokoládés Máktorta

(choe-koe-lah-daysh mahk-tor-tah / Chocolate Poppy Seed Cake)

Körözött (kurh-ruz-utt / Cheese Spread)

Diós és mákos beigli

(dee-ohsh ehsh mahk-ohsh by-gee / Walnut and Poppy Seed Rolls)

Diótorta (dee-oh-tor-ta / Walnut Gateau)



Hungarian violinist, **Michael Barta** graduated at the top of his class from the Franz Liszt Academy of Music in Budapest. Winner of numerous international prizes, he was first violinist of the Kodaly String Quartet for a number of years, was finalist in the Tchaikowsky International Violin Competition in 1974, and is currently professor of violin at Southern Illinois University. Highlights of over 1000 concerts include performances given at Carnegie Hall, Alice Tully Hall at Lincoln Center, Detroit Art Institute in the USA, along with major concert venues in 23 European countries and Japan. He has done recording work in the USA for PBS and Serenus, for Westdeutsche Rundfunk, Sender Freies Berlin, Südwestfunk, Saarländische Rundfunk, and Radio Bremen in Germany, the Scottish BBC in Great Britain, Radio France, and in Hungary for Hungaroton and Hungarian Radio. He maintains an active professional schedule giving concerts, workshops and masterclasses in Europe and the Mid-West. www.siu.edu/~music/faculty/Barta.html

The Rawson Duo, specializing in Romantic and early twentieth-century works, has given numerous recitals on college campuses and community performing arts series across the United States and Canada. The Rawsons now reside in Chiacum where they have founded Olympic Youth Strings, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting string orchestral and chamber music in the Port Townsend area.

Violinist **Alan Rawson** has served on the music faculties of Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota and the University of Idaho in Moscow, and has recently taken an extended leave from Minnesota State University Moorhead where he directed the University Orchestra and taught upper strings, and served as concertmaster of the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony for twenty years.

A native of Fargo, North Dakota, pianist **Sandy Rawson** has been an active professional accompanist throughout her life, performing with numerous soloists and ensembles. Completing her Bachelor of Music degree in piano performance at the University of Minnesota, she continued her studies at the Musik Akademie in Vienna.

More information about Rawson Studios can be found on their web site, www.mnstate.edu/rawson/rawsonstudios



9/13/06 Press Release:

Hungarian concert violinist to perform with PT musicians

World-class Hungarian violinist Michael Barta will be the featured performer with the Olympic Youth Strings Festival Chamber Orchestra for a single concert at 7:30 p.m. Sunday (Sept. 24) at the Chimacum High School Auditorium. Barta, professor of violin at Southern Illinois University, has given more than 1,000 concerts around the globe, including 23 European countries and Japan, and has recorded in Europe and the US.

He was invited to play with the nonprofit Olympic Youth Strings ("OYStrs") by founder and director Dr. Alan Rawson of Chimacum, who will also perform with Barta and the orchestra in Mozart's *Sinfonia Concertante*, a double concerto for violin and viola.

Now in its third season, OYStrs is dedicated to promoting string orchestral and chamber music in the Port Townsend area. 28 musicians will be on stage for this event including advanced students, amateurs, and string teachers, young and old from throughout the Quimper Peninsula along with several others from Port Angeles, Sequim, Diamond Point, and Silverdale.

Rawson, a violinist and former music professor at Minnesota State University in Moorhead, moved to Chimacum two years ago along with his wife and piano accompanist Sandy Rawson. Barta lived under communism for the first half of his life and defected to the United States in 1981 with his wife Irene. He was educated at the Franz Liszt Academy of Music in Budapest and is the winner of many international prizes including finalist in the Tchaikowsky International Violin Competition in 1974. For many years, he was first violinist with the Kodaly String Quartet.

The centerpiece of Sunday's program will be Edward Elgar's *Introduction and Allegro* for solo string quartet and string orchestra. Local featured performers, including PA Symphony concertmaster Kate Dean and principal cellist Fred Thompson along with PT teacher and performer Kristin Smith, will play with Barta in the quartet solo of the Elgar selection. "A challenging and breath-taking piece," Rawson said, "full of romantic nostalgia, reflecting the glory and pride of Edwardian England. This is string orchestra music at its finest." Other English works to be performed include Holst's *Brook Green Suite* and Purcell's *Chaconne* in G Minor.

Last year's festival concert, featuring former Seattle Symphony associate concertmaster Walter Schwede, nearly filled the Chimacum auditorium. This year's concert is open to the public and a \$10 donation is suggested. More information can be found about OYStrs on their web site: www.mnstate.edu/rawson/oysters

Olympic Youth Strings

a non-profit organization for all ages, dedicated
to promoting string orchestral and chamber music
in the Port Townsend area

Dr. Alan Rawson, director

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OYStrs String Festival Benefit Recital

*featuring guest violinist, Michael Barta
with the Rawson Duo*



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