



Music at Noon Notes

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Monday September 21	The Cavani Quartet
Thursday October 8	Bassoon in the Wild
Wednesday November 18	Ethos Percussion Group
Tuesday January 26	Imani Winds
Thursday February 18	eighth blackbird
Tuesday March 23	Musica Pacifica



Director's Note

In September 1990, the sunny Wintergarden of the Reed Union Building was transformed into a casual concert space for the first in a series of six lunchtime performances by highly acclaimed chamber ensembles. Each performance was uniquely paired with educational outreach programs for college and elementary students. Six became twelve, twelve became eighteen, and more than one hundred performances later, Music at Noon: The Logan Series is celebrating its 20th season.

Joining us on that first autumn afternoon was the Cavani String Quartet, so it is with great pleasure that we invite them to open this milestone season. This year's slate of performers offers but a small sampling of the hundreds of musicians who have brought The Logan Series to life for not only Penn State Behrend students and the Erie community audiences, but also for thousands of young people through our ongoing relationship with the School District of the City of Erie and Diehl Elementary School. It is with great pride that we welcome you to this, our 20th season of Music at Noon performances. Thank you for being a part of our year-long celebration.

Spotlight on Cavani

ERIE, Pa. – August 1, 2009 – In September 1989, The Cavani String Quartet gave the debut performance for the newly created Music at Noon: The Logan Series. On Monday, September 21, Cavani returns to Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, to kick off a year-long celebration of twenty seasons of music, magic, and arts education.

“We are thrilled to open this milestone season with Music at Noon’s most frequent guest artist,” Dr. Gary Viebranz, series director, said. “The Cavanis bring energy and vitality to our stage and, as always, it’s exciting to share that vigor with hundreds of children at Diehl Elementary.”

Cavani’s free public performance celebrating the series’ 20th season will begin at noon in the McGarvey Commons of the college’s Reed Union Building. The concert is open to the public and will last approximately one hour.

An irresistible presence on stage and winner of the prestigious Naumburg Chamber Music Award, the Cavani String Quartet has been described by the *Washington Post* as “completely engrossing, powerful and elegant.” Cavani also has been a top prizewinner in numerous competitions, including the Coleman, Fischhoff, Banff International and Cleveland Quartet Competition. In 2005, Cavani was the first recipient of the Guarneri String Quartet Residency Award from Chamber Music America.

The quartet has been featured on National Public Radio’s “Performance Today” and on NBC, CBS, ABC and PBS television. Its collaborations with distinguished artists include Itzhak Perlman, Michela Petri, Anton Nel, Benita Valente, Alisa Weilerstein, Charles Neidich and members of the Juilliard, Cleveland, Ying, St. Lawrence and Emerson string quartets.

Cavani is quartet-in-residence at the world-renowned Cleveland Institute of Music, where it developed the Apprentice Quartet Program, Intensive Quartet Seminar and

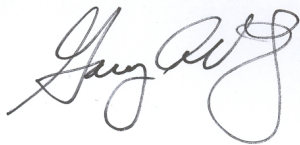
New Quartet Project for students devoted to the serious study of chamber music. Additionally, Cavani has pioneered arts-in-education outreach programs across the nation that add poetry, painting, theatre and dance to the medium of string quartet. As part of its Logan Series engagement, the members will perform for children in the City of Erie's Diehl Elementary School.

Music at Noon: The Logan Series was founded at Penn State Behrend in 1989 by Kay Logan, who for 20 years was principal flutist with the Columbus Symphony. Her desire to present world-class chamber music in an informal, non-intimidating setting honors her late husband, Harry A. Logan Jr., who was an ardent advocate for bring arts and other cultural enrichments to northwestern Pennsylvania when the couple resided in Warren, where Harry was CEO of United Refining Co. Kay Logan is affiliated with several national arts education projects and is a former Trustee of Chautauqua Institution.

The Logan Series' unique musical outreach has been honored with an Adventurous Programming Award by Chamber Music America and the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers. The series receives major support from the Kay Logan Trust and additional funding from the Penn State Behrend Student Activity Fee, Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts and the Erie Arts Endowment of ArtsErie.

Please join us Monday, September 21 for the opening of our 20th season of Music at Noon performances.

Cordially,



Gary

The Logan Series presents diverse, world-class chamber music in approachable, informal settings, while cultivating new audiences for the arts. Artists on our series engage in educational residency activities at Penn State Erie and Diehl Elementary School, which are equal in importance to their noon performances, and are integrated into the curricula at both schools.

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