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Concert 5, May 23 & 24, 2011

Press Release

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For Immediate Release: Chamber Music Amici, the first resident company of the Richard E. Wildish Community Theater, will perform its final concert of the 2010-11 season, May 23 and 24, 2011.

Short Version

What: Final concert of the season. Chamber Music Amici performs Gabriel Faure's Piano Quartet #1 in C minor and Arthur Bliss's Quintet for oboe and strings.

When and where: Performance #1, 7:30 pm, Monday, May 23, 2011, Richard E. Wildish Community Theater, 630 Main Street, Springfield, Oregon; Performance #2, 7:00 pm, House Concert, Cottage Grove, Oregon

Who: Core Musicians: Victor Steinhardt, piano; Sharon Schuman, violin; Steven Pologe, cello; Amy Goeser Kolb, oboe, Pilar Bradshaw, violin. Guest Musicians: Holland Phillips, viola; Fritz Gearhardt, violin.

Free pre-concert performance: 3:00 pm, Saturday, May 21, Cascade Manor, 65 W 30th Ave., Eugene, Oregon.

Tickets: 541-953-9204, \$20/22 general; \$18/20 seniors; \$5 students with vouchers.

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Long Version

There will be two performances of the final concert of Chamber Music Amici's second season, the first at 7:30 pm, Monday, May 23, at the Wildish Theater in Springfield, and the second at 7:00 pm, on Tuesday, May 24, at a home in Cottage Grove. On the program will be Gabriel Faure's Piano Quartet #1 in C minor, and Arthur Bliss's Quintet for oboe and strings. All five core musicians will perform: Pilar Bradshaw, violin; Amy Goeser Kolb, oboe; Steven Pologe, cello; Sharon Schuman, violin; and Victor Steinhardt, piano. Also performing will be guest violinist Fritz Gearhardt and guest violist Holland Phillips. After the performance the audience will join the musicians on stage for desserts from Excelsior Inn and Brindiamo Catering at the Wildish Theater, and in the dining room for desserts from Fleur de Lis Patisserie & Café in Cottage Grove.

With the motto, "Creating community through great music," the mission of Chamber Music Amici is to produce excellent, affordable chamber music concerts which are fun for all ages. In collaboration with public schools in Springfield and Eugene, the ensemble also aims to promote the development of a new generation of chamber music lovers. To that end students throughout Springfield and Eugene can purchase discounted \$5 tickets. The ensemble will also perform free at Cascade Manor Saturday, May 21, at 3:00 pm.

The opening of the Wildish Community Theater in 2006, with its near-perfect acoustics and affordable prices, made Chamber Music Amici possible. Since its Inaugural Concert in 2009 it has sold out every concert, held two art contests, and performed for free for thousands of students at four public schools and hundreds of seniors at two retirement communities.

Its five core musicians are well known locally. Victor Steinhardt, a frequent concerto soloist, is also a composer and pianist with Trio Pacifica. Sharon Schuman, Assistant Concertmaster of the Eugene Opera Orchestra and former Concertmaster of Oregon Mozart Players, plays also with the Oregon Bach Festival and the Eugene Symphony. Steven Pologe, cellist for the Oregon String Quartet and Trio Pacifica, has performed as Principal Cellist of the Oregon Bach Festival. Amy Goeser Kolb, oboist for the Oregon Wind Quintet, is a member of the Eugene Opera Orchestra and performs also with the Eugene Symphony, the Oregon Mozart Players, and the Oregon Symphony. Pilar Bradshaw, Concertmaster of the Central Lutheran Chamber Orchestra, has performed twenty-one seasons with the Oregon Bach Festival. Joining these musicians for this concert will be guest violinist Fritz Gearhardt, and member of the Oregon String Quartet and Professor of violin at the UO School of Music, and Holland Phillips, principal violist of the Eugene Symphony.

Tickets for May 23 and 24 are at 541-953-9204.