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MEIRAVI QUARTET SUMMER NEWSLETTER

WHAT'S NEW AFTER THE MEIRAVI DEBUT!

Since our April 9th Debut concert at UPENN's Hall of Flags, the **MEIRAVI QUARTET** recently recorded the Nocella **Quartet No.1 in Blue**, (based on a three note motive from Schoenberg's **Pierrot Lunaire**). It fit nicely into April's concert's theme, Paris 1910-20, in conjunction with the PIFA theme this year. Along with Peter's technically challenging piece, this ambitious concert also included works by Stravinsky, Debussy, Ravel, Satie, Gershwin, Anton Rubenstein, as well as a Piazzolla tango. Thanks to all of your positive responses to Peter's commentary throughout the concert, providing a musical, historical, and biographical perspective to the music being performed will be a continued feature of future concerts.

MEIRAVI QUARTET CD GOING 'TO PRESS' AS WE WRITE!

The new recently recorded CD, **MEIRAVI QUARTET PERFORMS NOCELLA QUARTET NO. 1 in BLUE**, from April's concert premier, will be available for sale on line at www.peternocella.com in early Fall. There will four options for purchasing the CD.

1) DISC purchase, 2) DISC plus ticket purchase,(save \$\$) 3) Download to your computer purchase, and 4) Download + ticket purchase. (save\$\$). Continue to check the [www. meiraviquartet.com](http://www.meiraviquartet.com) website in September for "hot off the press" copies.

OTHER AVAILABLE NOCELLA CD'S

For children and adult listening:

Eight Candles in the Darkness: Nils' Musical Guide to our Swedish Heritage:

A musical tribute to eight Swedes/Swedish Americans who have dramatically changed world history and culture. Presented as a children's story, not unlike Prokofiev's **Peter and the Wolf**, **Eight Candles** uses characters from Swedish Nobel Laureate Selma Lagerlof's classic, **The Wonderful Adventure of Nils**, to instruct children and adults alike about the cultural and scientific contributions Swedes and Swedish Americans, (including Carl Sandburg, Raoul Wallenberg, and Alfred Nobel) have made to our modern world. Commissioned by the American Swedish Historical Museum of Philadelphia in honor of their 75th anniversary, **Eight Candles in the Darkness**, along with **Peter and the Wolf** and Saint Saens' **Carnival of the Animals**, is a must in children's musical literature! **Eight Candles** features nationally known, lovely soprano Christina Nassif. (www.cristinanassif.com/press.asp).

Missa Brevis:

Also a commissioned work, **Missa Brevis** was first performed in 2000 at a beatification ceremony celebrated at the Vatican in Rome by Pope John Paul II. In a moving choral narrative within the traditional liturgical format, **Missa Brevis** relates the uplifting true story of eleven courageous Polish nuns and their order, and founder, Francis Seidliska, all who sacrificed their lives during WWII to save an entire town in Poland from a Nazis massacre. The music, while based on distinctly religiously melodic themes, is innovative and modern in its approach. Haunting melodies and choral echoes make this poignant work memorable.

SAVE THE DATES!

Concert #1: The MEIRAVI QUARTET has resumed its rehearsal schedule for next season's first concert, **Sunday, November 6th, 3 p.m. at Houston Hall's Bodek Hall at UPenn (3417 Spruce)**. In addition to the World Premier of Peter's **String Quartet No. 2 in Red**, the November afternoon program will also include the Debussy **Quartet in g minor**, and Bartok **Rumanian Dances**.

Concert #2: Also mark your calendars for a **Sunday concert, March 25, 3 p.m. at the Amado Recital Hall at UPENN (34th and Spruce)**. Music of the Holocaust is being considered for this concert. More later as research re music rights unfold!

[Both concert venues are handicapped accessible](#)

Don't forget to mark the dates on your calendar!

SUMMER SIMMERS, BUT MUSICIANS MAKE MUSIC:

Our Doin's Over the Summer--To Mention a Few:

IGOR: Plays for A Prince!!
VIVIAN: Attends Marlboro Festival Reunion
GREG: Covers the Broadway and Pops Scene
PETER: Takes on String Quartet No. 3 in Green!

IGOR: When not rehearsing, rehearsing, rehearsing (a la Madeline at the Plaza!) with the Meiravi Quartet, in May and June, **Igor** was busy with the Pennsylvania Ballet Company. He was also honored in June, along with selected members of the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia to be asked to give a **Royal Command Performance for Crown Prince Philippe** and Princess Mathilde of Belgium at the New York Times Building in NYC, celebrating transatlantic friendship. Giving Royal Command Performances is not new to Quartet members: Peter also was asked to give a Royal Command Performance with a trio at the Academy of Music for England's Prince Charles and Camilla on their visit to Philadelphia in 2009, and even had an opportunity to chat with Prince Charles following the performance **Igor** took some time off June 12 to perform with other Chamber Orchestra violin colleagues at **Rob Martin** and MuNa's wedding. Congrats to the newly weds! At the wedding, Igor performed quartets with Ellen Trainer (viola), Donna Grantham (violin), and James Cooper III (cello). Rob and MuNa plan to move to Washington D.C., where Rob will be performing for the next four years in the Army Music Ensembles---Expect to hear some interesting Embassy and White House stories! Igor also enjoyed performing Stravinsky's "The Rake's Progress" at the Princeton Festival, where he has been the concertmaster since the festival's inception seven years ago.

VIVIAN: Our silky toned cellist, **Vivian**, again performed this June with the Pennsylvania Ballet Company. She also performed (on **baroque cello**) with the baroque ensemble, **Fuma Sacra**, Bach's **St. John Passion**. She spent a nostalgic, relaxing, fun filled 60th Reunion Weekend at the **Marlboro Music Festival** in Vermont July 9-11--where she had first played in her early performance days. A fun-catching-up weekend visiting with Marlboro alumni! Besides the quartet rehearsals, **Vivian** plans to get some much needed rest and spend time with her family as the Fall schedule already looks quite hectic.

GREG: Always on the go, **Greg** has been performing as a concertmaster this summer in the '**Broadway at the Academy**' series, most recently in the musical, "Next to Normal, " which was awarded the 2010 Pulitzer Prize and two Tony awards. **Greg** also performed in the **Philly Pops** July 4th concert at Independence Hall and has participated in several concerts with the Ocean City Pops over the summer. On July 10, he performed with the legendary Johnny Mathis. Chances Are, along with Meiravi Quartet rehearsals and recording, Greg too is having a busy summer!

PETER: Over these heat filled months, in addition to doing an NFL recording for upcoming TV film, **The Vince Lombardi Story**, **Peter** continues his quartet series,

composing the burgeoning notes of **String Quartet No.3 in Green**, currently in its research stages and scheduled to be premiered in 2012. All he will say is that it will be poetically inspired--the poetic muses, Erata, Calliope, and Polyhymnia may hold some sway!--with issues of the environment as the quartet's underlying theme.

Should you know of any modern poetry, or other contemporary literature regarding the environment and ecology that you think would be inspirational in this regard, give Peter a toot! (petersmusic@comcast.net). Your suggestion could wind up translated musically into his new **Quartet in Green!**

N.B.: Look for article on Peter in this Fall's Temple U Alumni Magazine, TEMPLE REVIEW!

MUSIC UPGRADE ON Peter's WEBSITE COMING SOON!!

The sound quality of Peter's website scores is about to dramatically improve because of the latest cutting edge music program upgrade just out from Sibelius! We invite you to listen in **September** to the **BIG CHANGE!** Tune in to the new and improved sounds at the www.peternocella.com website! A substantive improvement in sound quality!

PETER'S MUSIC BLOG:

Peter continues his **Blog** at his website, www.peternocella.com (where one may catch such blog topics as "The Meltdown of Melody in late 20th and 21st Century Music," and the "Payola Theory of Music"!! Your comments are always welcome. Also stay tuned to hear more about a lecture Peter will be giving next season on Holocaust composers.

Visit the Meiravi Quartet website, www.meiraviquartet.com and Peter's Facebook page along with Facebook pages of Igor and Greg for updates on upcoming events.

ADD-A-NAME: Enjoy the remaining days of Summer, and Stay COOL! Do you have a name to add to our mailing list? Be kind enough to let us know of anyone who wishes to be added to our Email, snailmail, and/or Facebook mailing lists.



Before the Rehearsal there is always a Koffee Klatch/Business Meeting in the Kitchen!

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