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HAPPY HOUR CONCERTS #11

Romantic Tango: The music of Astor Piazzolla

Wednesday, September 22, 2010 at Gethsemane Lutheran Church

Doors open for refreshments at 5:00 PM, Concert at 5:30 PM

Ástor Pantaleón Piazzolla (March 11, 1921 – July 4, 1992) was an Argentine tango composer and bandoneón player. His work revolutionized the traditional tango into a new style termed nuevo tango, which was distinct from the traditional tango in its incorporation of elements of jazz, its use of extended harmonies and dissonance, its use of counterpoint, and its ventures into extended compositional forms. Tango Nuevo made it possible to reach a new audience, which discovered tango as concert music.

Program:

- Libertango (Liberty Tango): Cello & Piano
- Ave Maria: Voice and Piano
- Milonga En Re: Violin and Piano
- Oblivion: Violin, Cello and Piano
- Tango En La: Violin and Piano
- Cuatro Estaciones Porteñas (The Four Seasons of Buenos Aires)
 - Primavera (Spring): Violin, Cello and Piano
 - Verano (Summer): Violin, Cello and Piano
 - Invierno (Winter): Violin, Cello and Piano
- Adiós Nonino (Farewell, Nonino) (1960): Cello and Piano

Tango dancers, Gabriela Condrea and Bill Juzwiak, will dance to Oblivion and Ave Maria.

Our musicians will be: Eleanor Stallcop-Horrox, Soprano ; Yuriy Mikhlin, Violin; Olga Ruvinov, Cello; and David Barela, Piano.

Musicians' Biographies:

Yuriy Mikhlin, Violin

Yuriy has been a professional violinist for more than 35 years. He graduated from the Kiev Conservatory with honors. During his 20-year career as a violinist, Yuriy performed in Asia, Russia, and Europe. He was also a faculty member of *Kiev Glier College of Music*. Since moving to Seattle in 1991, he has founded a local studio and has continued providing his pedagogy expertise. He's been a member of the *Northwest Chamber Orchestra* and a principal violinist of the *Federal Way Symphony* since 1993. He's also the principal second violin in *Seattle Chamber Orchestra* and member of *Seattle Violin Virtuosi*. Yuriy is actively involved in chamber concert arena and his performances have been highly praised.

Olga Ruvinov, Cello

Born in Perm, Russia, Olga began studying cello at the age of 7 and had her first solo performance with Perm State Opera Orchestra when she was 12. In 1989 Olga was accepted to the *Gnessin Academy of Music* in Moscow. In 1992 she attended the *Scuola Di Alto Perfezionamento*. Olga earned an Artist Diploma at the *Longy School of Music* in Boston. She focused on chamber music for post-graduate studies before moving to Seattle in 1996. An active freelance musician, she performs with *Seattle Symphony*, *Pacific Northwest Ballet* and local chamber groups.

Eleanor Stallcop-Horrox, Soprano

Eleanor Stallcop-Horrox, is a member of the Seattle Opera Regular Chorus since 1997. She has also appeared in principal roles with *Seattle Opera, Bellevue Opera, Kitsap Opera, Concert Opera of Seattle, Willamette Concert Opera* and Portland's *Bel Canto Northwest*. She maintains an active career as a soloist and has appeared with *Orchestra Seattle, Choir of the Sound, Eastside Symphony, Lake Union Civic Symphony* and *Cascadian Chorale*. Last season she sung the role of Floria Tosca in Puccini's *Tosca* with *Bellevue Opera*, the Countess in Mozart's *Le Nozze di Figaro* with *Kitsap Opera* and the Fifth Maid in the *Seattle Opera* production of Richard Strauss' *Elektra*.

David Barela, Piano

Dr. Barela is the Director of Music at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Seattle. He is an accomplished pianist with three professional recordings under his belt. His true passion is as a singer and teacher of singing. David's primary teacher was Igor Gorin at the University of Arizona. David is the creator and Artistic Director of the Saint Cecilia Oratorio Society. The society is dedicated to performing works by great composers that are out of the mainstream of concert performances. Along with Gethsemane Lutheran Church, David started a new concert series, *Happy Hour Concerts*. Early in 2010 David organized a classical music concert to benefit the victims of the Haiti earthquake.

Gabriela Condrea, Dancer

Gabriela Condrea fell in love with tango when she ended up in Buenos Aires during a seven-month trip around South America. She dove into her studies of the dance and remained in Buenos Aires to pursue intense training, dancing all day and all night. Since returning to Seattle in May 2010, Gabriela has been sharing her love of tango by teaching workshops and classes, and collaborating on tango-related events. She is heading back to Buenos Aires to continue her studies at the end of September 2010.

Bill Juzwiak, Dancer

Bill has been dancing tango since the beginning of 2008. He spent a year in Buenos Aires, where he arrived knowing only five words of Spanish. He remains, primarily, a student of tango, but Bill also helps new students learn tango at the *8th Style School of Tango*. Tango has led Bill, among many things, to explore the Spanish language, the piano, other forms of dance and the poetry of mid 20th century Argentina.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Due to the remodeling of Gethsemane Lutheran Church to build five floors of affordable housing above the church administration floors, our September Happy Hour Concert will be the last Happy Hour Concert at Gethsemane for awhile.

The mission of the Gethsemane Lutheran Happy Hour Concerts is to provide an opportunity for the downtown workforce to experience beautiful music in a relaxing environment rather than sit in traffic during rush hour. The concerts are free so that they will be accessible to all.

Located in the heart of downtown Seattle, **Gethsemane Lutheran Church** is a faith community ***In Christ, In the City***. The mission of Gethsemane is to serve the local downtown community through its ministries which range from serving the homeless a warm meal and movie every Saturday to welcoming the downtown employee to Wednesday Communion at noon. Gethsemane is a ***Reconciling in Christ*** congregation and is part of the Northwest Washington Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

Gethsemane Lutheran Church is located at 911 Stewart Street (9th and Stewart), Seattle WA 98101. Call 206-682-3620 for directions.

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