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Pianist Grisha Krivchenia in Recital
Sunday, May 8th, 4:00 pm
Seventh Day Adventist Church, Mt. Shasta

Grisha Krivchenia



Music by the Mountain is very pleased to welcome back pianist Grisha Krivchenia to Siskiyou County! Not heard in our area since June 2019, we are excited to host this powerhouse of a performer, who delights audiences with his technique, versatility and approachability. Lauded as “the coolest classical musician around” (*Santa Fe Reporter*) and “presiding over outstanding technique” (*Bergisches Zeitung*), Grisha Krivchenia is a versatile

artist whose performances and original compositions enthrall audiences throughout the northern hemisphere.

Grisha’s program in Mt. Shasta on May 8th (Mother’s Day—make it a date!) will include Liszt’s *Funerailles*, Schubert’s *Sonata in A Major, D664*, and Ginastera’s *Danzas Argentinas*. Especially considering our current world politics, Franz Listz’s *Funerailles* is a very timely choice: it is an elegy written as response to the Habsburg crushing of the Hungarian Revolution of 1848 (three of Liszt’s personal friends suffered either death or exile as a result). Schubert’s *Sonata in A Major, D664* is the shortest of his piano sonatas with a character both lyrical and buoyant, evocative of a young Schubert in love and reveling in a summery Austrian countryside. Alberto Ginastera was a leading 20th Century Latin American composer, and his *Danzas Argentinas* (Argentine Dances) are a deservedly perennial audience favorite. We look forward to seeing you there!

—Laura Dahl, Board President and Co-Founder, Music by the Mountain

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Violin Class at Mount Shasta Elementary



Violin students with Carol Taforo and Sally Johansson at MSE

On February 15th I had the pleasure of observing the dress rehearsal for the violin concert performed two days later by the latest group of aspiring young violinists at Mount Shasta Elementary school. Mrs. Carol Taforo expertly led the group as they performed all the musical pieces they had learned during the six-week course (twelve lessons in total), accompanied by Mrs. Sally Johansson. At the end of the recital each of the four violinists took a solo turn, playing their favorite tune. This is the fifth year that Mrs. Taforo has introduced groups of students to the violin, starting back in spring of 2017 (with a one-year hiatus due to Covid). Approximately

ten children per year have participated in these classes, so close to 50 elementary school children have been able to experience playing the violin!

We are so grateful for Mrs. Taforo's dedication in bringing music to these young people. It is becoming harder and harder to find music being taught in our schools, though musical education is so important for our children and youth! Music by the Mountain's mission supports music in our schools, bringing performers to Mount Shasta and broader Siskiyou County for concerts and educational outreach.

We hope to expand the number of students in the elementary school violin classes and extend learning opportunities beyond the six-week introductory course. If you would like to make a donation to help fund this project, we would be most grateful. Music by the Mountain has purchased seven violins for use in the classes, and we are always on the look-out for more instruments: if you have a violin gathering dust in the back of the closet or attic that you would like to donate, please let us know! Mrs. Taforo's next fortunate violin class will begin March 29th and culminate in a recital performance on May 5th.



Violin students at MSE

— Sally Porter Munro, Board Vice President and Co-Founder, Music by the Mountain

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Scholarship Student Thrives in East Coast Music School

Behr Marshall from Weed High School was our Carol Medrano Memorial Scholarship recipient for 2021. He just completed his first semester at the Hartt School of Music in Hartford, Connecticut. "It was intimidating at first to realize that you are one of 100 new students selected to attend this exclusive school. They have everything I need to pursue my career."

Behr has completed all of his required academic courses and is able to focus on his Bachelor of Fine Arts in Musical Theater for the remainder of his four year schedule. Next semester's courses include: Voice, Acting, Dance, Stage Craft and Leadership. He will also pursue a minor in composition. Because of Behr's piano skills, he was selected as assistant music director for the school's upcoming production of *Head Over Heels*. As well as developing his skill set, Behr is making connections with the New York City musical drama scene (some of his teachers are currently working on Broadway!). With great pride, Music by the Mountain cheers Behr Marshall on in his quest to reach for the stars. Thank you to all our supporters for helping make this scholarship possible for Behr.

—Scott Durbin, Board Member



Scott Durbin presents scholarship check to Behr Marshall at Weed High School

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Musicians Won't be Held Back by Covid-19



Siskiyou Trombone Ensemble at DES

In the face of Corona Virus restrictions, three Siskiyou County musicians found a way to practice their craft throughout the pandemic while maintaining CDC guidelines. Brian McKee, Charlie Buck and Mike Wright gathered—socially distanced—outside in an abandoned Yreka parking lot in September, 2020 just for the opportunity to enjoy a little ensemble get-together with their trombones. A few weeks later, and with the addition of Kerry Mauro, the group became a quartet "rehearsing" weekly—sometimes in Yreka, sometimes in Dunsmuir, every member vaccinated for Covid-19 and always socially distanced.

Today this quartet has actually performed at several venues, most recently at a school outreach at Dunsmuir Elementary in December—all attendees spaced at five feet and masked per Covid-19 protocol. Now, with the moniker of Siskiyou Trombone Ensemble, the group meets for a repertoire spanning pops to classics, much of it actually arranged by the members themselves—mostly just for the fun of it. These four musicians have demonstrated that Live music can be practiced, performed and greatly enjoyed in the midst of a raging pandemic. Where there's a will, there's a way. —Michael Wright, Board Member