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Chagrin Foundation for Arts & Culture Presents 2009 "Chagrin Arts" Series

The Chagrin Foundation for Arts & Culture announces the continuation of its 2009 *Chagrin Arts* winter season, a series that will bring some of Northeast Ohio's finest artists to Chagrin Falls for unique performances of baroque music, chamber repertoire and dance. Featured performers include Apollo's Fire, Verb Ballets, faculty artists from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, and GroundWorks Dancetheater.

The Chagrin Foundation for Arts & Culture was created to enrich lives and promote economic well-being in the Chagrin Valley through arts and culture. It presents programs that encourage artistic collaborations and add to the region's cultural enrichment, while also working with area cultural organizations and helping to create an Arts & Entertainment District in Chagrin Falls. Its most visible programs are its summer *Chautauqua-in-Chagrin* evenings and the winter *Chagrin Arts* series.

"Chagrin Arts" Winter Series

Following the success of its sold-out Apollo's Fire concert in November, the *Chagrin Arts* winter series resumes with the Chagrin Falls debut of Verb Ballets in the Performing Arts Center at Chagrin Falls High School on Saturday, February 7. On Tuesday, February 17, faculty Artists from Oberlin, under the direction of violinist David Bowlin, will perform at the United Methodist Church of Chagrin Falls. Saturday, March 28, will see the return of GroundWorks Dancetheater for a performance at the Philomethian Auditorium in the Chagrin Falls Intermediate School. The series will close with a concert by Apollo's Fire with violinist David Greenberg and baroque dancers on Friday, April 24, at the Performing Arts Center at Chagrin Falls High School.

The complete schedule for the 2009 *Chagrin Arts* series is as follows:

Verb Ballets

Saturday, February 7, 2009, 7:30 p.m.

Performing Arts Center, Chagrin Falls High School, 400 East Washington Street

\$20/adults; \$5/students

Verb Ballets makes its Chagrin Falls debut with a program featuring its new production of the family-friendly classic, *Peter and the Wolf*, choreographed by Pamela Pribisco; the memorable *Vespers* by the distinguished African-American choreographer, Ulysses Dove; and two works by Ohio Ballet Founder Heinz Poll: *Duet*, a romantic pas de deux, and the propulsive, captivating *Bolero*.

Artists from Oberlin: David Bowlin and Friends

Tuesday, February 17, 2009, 7:30 p.m.

United Methodist Church of Chagrin Falls, 20 South Franklin Street

\$18/adults; \$5/students

Violinist David Bowlin and his faculty colleagues at the renowned Oberlin Conservatory of Music return for an intimate evening of chamber music. The program includes Sonata for violin and piano in g minor by Maurice Ravel; Beethoven's masterful Sonata No. 9 in A major, Op. 47, the "Kreutzer;" and Piano Quartet in g minor, Op. 25, by Johannes Brahms.

GroundWorks Dancetheater

Saturday, March 28, 2009, 7:30 p.m.

Philomethian Auditorium, Chagrin Falls Intermediate School, 77 East Washington Street

\$20/adults; \$5/students

Following its triumphant New York debut in early March, GroundWorks Dancetheater returns to Chagrin Falls to perform *Unpublished Diaries*, its luminous new work based on the life of Virginia Woolf by the acclaimed choreographer Lynne Taylor-Corbett. Also on the program is *Major to Minor*, Artistic Director David Shimotakahara's bittersweet yet humorous work set to the music of legendary female jazz vocalists Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday, Anita O'Day and others.

Apollo's Fire: Earth, Wind & Fire: Vivaldi & Rameau Do Battle With Nature

Friday, April 24, 2009, 7:30 p.m.

Performing Arts Center, Chagrin Falls High School, 400 East Washington Street

\$45/Gold; \$35/A; \$25/B; \$20/B (Seniors/under 30); \$20/C; FREE/students

Earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and the struggles of nature come to the stage in this extraordinary program by the virtuoso Apollo's Fire, violinist David Greenberg and baroque dancers Catherine Turocy and Carlos Fittante. The program includes tempestuous concertos by Vivaldi, scenes from Rameau's *Les Indes galantes*, and Rebel's *Les Eléments*.

To Purchase Tickets

Tickets for *Chagrin Arts* may be purchased through the Chagrin Valley Little Theatre box office (40 River Street/440-247-8955) during box office hours (Monday – Saturday, 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.), or online at www.chagrinfoundation.org. Subscription packages are available: purchase one or more ticket(s) to each performance and save 15%.

For More Information

To request a brochure or for more information regarding program details, event locations, and pricing for the *Chagrin Arts* series, or to schedule an interview with the performers, call the Chagrin Foundation for Arts & Culture at 440-247-9700.

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Photos:

Verb Ballets, dancers in silhouette
(Photo Credit: George Remington)

GroundWorks Dancetheater performs *Major to Minor* with dancer Sarah Perrett
(Photo Credit: Dale Dong)

Apollo's Fire with Jeannette Sorrell, Artistic Director
(Photo Credit: The Chautauquan Daily)