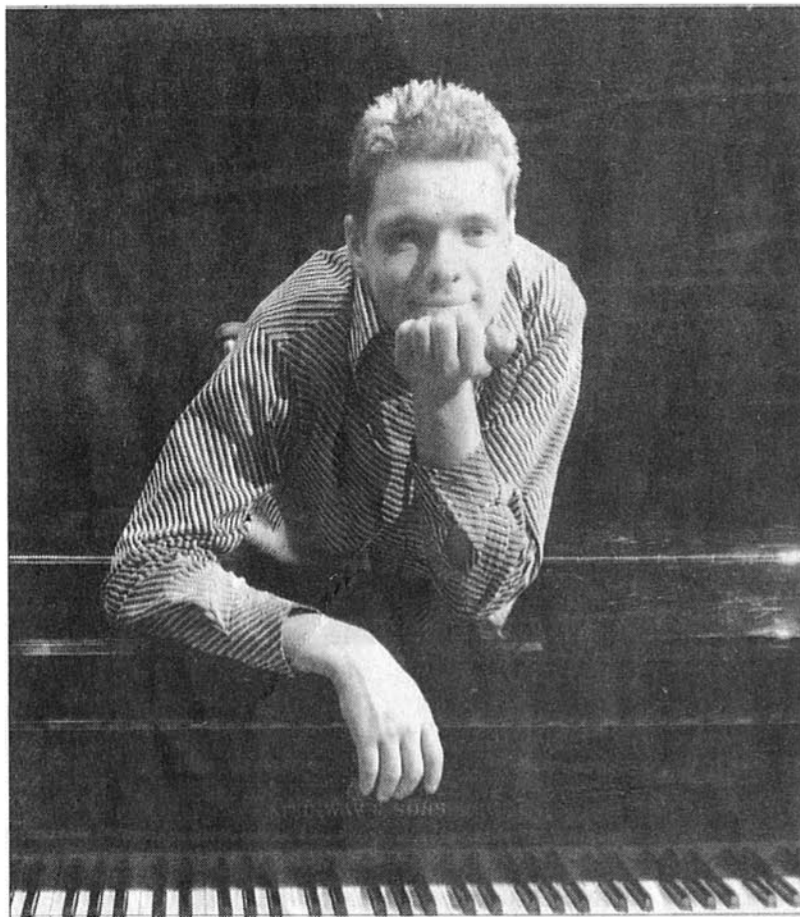


Botes's piano wizardry to spice up music feast



└ Johan Botes

Today

■ The University of Pretoria Symphony Orchestra 2008 season under the baton of Eric Rycroft, in the new programme "Romantic Russia Revisited" promises a feast of music enjoyment. The programme opens with Kabalevsky's Galop from his Comedians Suite. Johan Botes's fingers fly over the keys of the piano in Rachmaninov's Second Piano Concerto tonight at 7 in the Musicaion, University of Pretoria. Tickets available at the door at R40 per person.

■ Dozi at The Carousel Casino today and tomorrow at 9pm. Tickets cost R50 and are available at Computicket. Doors open at 7pm.

Tomorrow

■ Eden performs at 5pm at Boerefort Primary School, corner De Beer Street and 5th Avenue, Wonderboom South, to raise funds for Alma Skool and SAPD Wonderboompoort. Tickets are R60 for adults and R40 for pri-

mary school children. Bring your own chairs or blankets. Food stalls and cool drinks on sale. R20 cool box fee if you take your own refreshments. Call Ilzé or Andria 012 335 0252 or Insp Wanda Olivier on 012 335 2811/084 508 2053.

■ Vassily Primakov (piano) performs at the Linder Auditorium in Parktown, Johannesburg at 8pm. Programme includes JS Bach's Prelude & Fugue in C (Book 1); Chopin's 24 Preludes, Op 25; Prokofiev's Romeo and Juliet and Ravel's La Valse. Tickets available at Computicket. Call 011 728 5492 or e-mail info@jms.org.za.

■ Nina Schurmann will be performing Bach's Busoni Chorals; Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659 and Nun freut euch, lieben Christen, BWV 734; Schurmann's Kreisleriana, Ausserst bewegt, Sehr aufgeregt, Schnell und spielend; Mendelssohn's Variations Serieuses in D minor, Op 54; Rachmaninoff's 5 Preludes, Op 32 no 1 in C major and others. The concert is at Da Capo Concert Chamber, 182 Kent Avenue,

corner Cross Street, Ferndale, Randburg at 6.30 for 7pm. Call Petro Reyneke 011 787 7015 or Hannie Hefer 011 793 2334.

■ Gauteng Choristers. This concert features backing by Karen Zoid and Sibongile Mngoma as part of the Old Mutual Summer Sunset Concert Series at Johannesburg Botanic Gardens, Emmarentia Dam, Johannesburg. Tickets R80, available at the gate.

Sunday

■ Handel's Messiah concert will be performed at 7.30pm at Unisa's ZK Matthews Great Hall, Unisa Muckleneuk Campus. The Potchefstroom University Choir; soloists Veramarie Meyer (alto), Dewald van Solms (baritone), Dantle Verster (bass), Bambie Heiberg (soprano) and a professional orchestra conducted by Graham Scott, will feature. Proceeds will go to People Upliftment Programme (POPOP). Visit their website www.popup.co.za. Tickets available at Computicket.

To diarise

■ Ensemble Heritage from St Petersburg, Wednesday, March 12. The four-man a capella group performs choral music with roots in the Russian Orthodox Church, dating back to the 18th century. The group, comprising Pavel Kravchenko (bass), Igor Voznyy (2nd tenor), Vladimir Matyugin (1st tenor) and Dmitry Taneev (baritone), will be performing with guest Michelle Veenemans (soprano) at the St Columba's Presbyterian Church at 45 Lurgan Avenue, Parkview, Johannesburg. Tickets cost R70 at the church office or make reservations at 011 793 2334 (Hannie Hefer).

■ Billiard Room Concert, Helena Hettema, March 16, 6 for 6.30pm. R100pp wine and light evening meal included. Book at Sammy Marks Museum 012 802 1150.

■ Sunday Afternoon Opera Concert: The Black Tie Ensemble (BTE), in collaboration with the Unisa Music Foundation, Sunday

afternoon concerts featuring the top BTE soloists in concert, supported by three BTE friends. The soloist in the first concert in the series for 2008, Monde Masimini, has performed in the BTE opera productions. Also taking part will be baritones Dikgang Mantoro, Itumeleng Tladi and Thabang Senekal. The singers will be accompanied on piano by BTE répétiteur and coach Susan Steenkamp-Swanepoel. The one-hour programme includes: Tu sul labbro - Preghiera from Giuseppe Verdi's Nabucc, Suoni la tromba (duet) from Vincenzo Bellini's I Puritani, Riez allez from Jules Massenet's Don Quichotte, Schtulle, diamante from Jacques Offenbach's Les Contes D'Hoffman (The Tales of Hoffman). Unisa Conference Hall Sunnyside Campus, corner Mears and Walker streets Sunnyside, on March 16 at 4pm. No pre-bookings. R60 for adults, R45 for pensioners and scholars at the door. Call The BTE 012 322 7044 or e-mail publicity@blackties.co.za.