## **EVENTS**

# BSO concert explores American identity

BY JUDY HARRISON **BDN STAFF** 

The Bangor Symphony Orchestra captivated and awed concertgoers Sunday afternoon with a program that left them asking the question: Who, as Americans, are we?

Are we the past of Peggy Stuart Coolidge's Pioneer Dances when settlers

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pushed westward, settling a continent?

Are we the vast industrial nation, struggling to welcome all to our shores that Antonin Dvorak wrote about in his Symphony No. 9 in 1892?

Or, are we the individual reflected in the broader society — the one who searches for and finds himself in conductor Lucas Richman's Concerto for Piano and Orchestra: "In Truth.'

This is a question we Americans most often ask ourselves through books, plays and the visual arts. rather than classical music. The answer, illuminated by these pieces that music director Richman chose for the first concert of the 120th season, is that we, as Americans, are all these things at the same time — individuals wrestling to live in but not be defined by society, imbued with our past, and because of the Internet, ever aware of how people outside our boundaries see us.

The soul of Sunday's



People gather to listen to Jeffrey Biegel play the street piano in the pocket park on Central Street in downtown Bangor last week. Biegel was promoting his performance with the Bangor Symphony Orchestra, which was Sunday. The concert marked the start of the 30th season for the Collins Center for the Arts at the University of Maine in Orono.

concert was Richman's own "In Truth," written for pianist Jeffrey Beigel. The composer might not have intended the three movements — To One's Self, To One's World and To One's Spirit — to be experienced as "The Ages of Man," but concertgoers may have experienced that

The joy and tumult of the opening movement sounded like a child growing into a teenager and then an uncertain adult. The second movement,

which began with a piano cadenza, moved this individual into society and the demands of defining oneself in it, living in it and aging through it.

The final movement began with an instrumental setting of a line from Psalm 145: "The Lord is near to all who call to Him to all who call to Him in truth." The piece ended with a harmonization that balances the outer self and the inner spirit.

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It was obvious from Sunday's performance that Beigel, who last appeared with the BSO in 2005 when he memorably performed Sergei Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2, and Richman share a deep musical bond. Their work in this concert will long be

remembered as a high point in Richman's time with the symphony.

If "In Truth" was the soul of Sunday's program, "Pioneer Dances" was the heart and Dvorak's "New World" was the head. It was delightful to hear the music of an American female composer kickoff the season. Composed in 1970, the musicians embraced Coolidge's playful tunes that evoked American folk tunes and Rodeo, the ballet written by Aaron Cope land. The performance

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looked effortless. The musicians had trouble with the Dvorak. Last performed by the BSO in 2009 under the direction of concertmaster Trond Saeverud, Sunday's performance was, at times, ane-

It is not unusual for the symphony to lose its momentum in the second half of a performance, which appears to be what happened Sunday. Although the audience rose to its feet at the end of the concert, the orchestra was unable to consistently meet the challenge presented by Dvorak's demanding score after giving so much to Richman's "In Truth.

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The next concert will be performed at 3 p.m. Nov. 22 and feature the music of Haydn, Schubert and Beethoven.

## Things to Do

BANGOR - Talk by Greg Westrich, author of "Hiking Maine: A Guide to the State's Greatest Hiking Adventures," 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 120 Park St. Books will be available for purchase and signing. For information, go to amcmaine.org.

BANGOR - The city's Commission on Cultural Development offers its inaugural ARTober, a citywide celebration of arts and culture in Bangor, Oct. 1-31. More than 80 events are planned in 30 venues across the city, from galleries and museums featuring visual artists to musical performances, educational workshops, film screenings, lectures, walking tours, dance performances and more. Venues include the University of Maine Museum of Art, Bangor Opera House, Bangor International Airport, Bangor Mall, Bangor Public Library, public parks and a number of local shops, as well as restaurants, bars and other businesses. ARTober guide available at City Hall, Greater Bangor Convention and Visitors Bureau, Bangor Public Library and downtown businesses. A downloadable mobile-friendly PDF will be updated each week at bangormaine.gov/ artober. For information, visit bangormaine.gov/ artober, email culturalcommission@bangormaine.gov or call 992-4234

BANGOR - Street dance to benefit Pine Tree Camp, 7-11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, at Dysart's Broadway location. Local band Dakota will provide music. Geaghan's will release its Doug E. Graves Fall Ale, which earns money for local charity. Tickets \$10 ahead of time from Dvsart's restaurants on Cold Brook Road or Broadway; \$15 at the door.

BANGOR - Bangor Humane Society's 22nd annual Paws on Parade with the theme "Anything is Pawsible," 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, on the Bangor Waterfront. Walk, prizes, contests, vendors and more. Register online at pawsonparade. kintera.org, in person at 693 Mount Hope Ave., or at the event.

BANGOR - Bangor Public Library's biweekly author series, "Bangor in World War II: From the Homefront to the Embattled Skies" by David Bergquist, noon Wednesday, Sept. 30, on the third floor of the library. Books will be available for purchase and signing. For information, visit www.bangorpubliclibrary.org.

BLUE HILL - Words and images by Heidi Daub and Avy Claire of Blue Hill, and Susan Webster of Deer Isle will be the focus of exhibition "Messages," Oct. 2-31, at Blue Hill Public Library's Howard Room. Public reception to meet the artists, 4-6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9, at the library. For information, call the library at 374-5515.

BLUE HILL — The Friends of Blue Hill Public Library's first-Saturdayof-the-month book sale, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, in the library's basement "book nook." "Mini collections" of books on birds, knitting and antiques by Maine authors, "Democracy University" DVDs, and the first 15 seasons of the TV program "ER" on DVD. Most books will cost a dollar or two. Children may choose one children's book for free. Proceeds benefit library programs and equipment. To donate books in good condition or for information, call the library at 374-5515.

BREWER - Bangor Singles Club dancing and music, Buffalo Creek, Oct. 2; Rick Carter, Oct. 9; Mainely Country, Oct. 16; New Society, Oct. 23; Country Mist for the Halloween dance, Oct. 30. Doors open at 7 p.m. and bands begin at 8 p.m. upstairs at Brewer Eagles Club. Cash bar. Cover charge \$8 for Bangor Singles Club members; \$9 for guests.

BRUNSWICK - Kathy Kelly, co-founder of Voices for Creative Non-Violence and recipient of the 2015 Peace Prize by the U.S. Peace Memorial Foundation, will share stories of her 20 years working as a member of international peace teams in Sarajevo, Lebanon, the West

Bank, Iraq and Afghanistan: "Break Every Chain: Unshackling Ourselves from War and Prison," celebrating the 100th anniversary of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, Curtis Library, 23 Pleasant St. Light refreshments. Free and open to the public. A basket will be passed for collecting financial support for Kelly's work and travel expenses. For information, call 725-7686.

CALAIS — Calais Downtown Revitalization Coalition's "Create Your Scarecrow" competition, Oct. 3-Nov. 2. There is no fee. To receive guidelines, register and be assigned a lamppost, call Meredith at the Boston Shoe Store, 454–2844, or Carole at the Calais Bookshop. 454-1110. Participants will secure a scarecrow frame to the assigned lamppost with zip ties provided by scarecrow committee. Winners will be selected by popular vote and announced on Saturday, Oct. 24.

ORONO - University of Maine history department's 24th annual Howard B. Schonberger Peace and Social Justice Lecture, by social commentator and political activist Jim Hightower, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, in 100 D.P. Corbett Business Building. Hightower's topic will be "Twenty-First Century Populist Movements are Flourishing at AmericaAs Grassroots." Free and open to the public, reception will follow. For information about Hightower's talks or to request a visitor parking permit or disability accommodation, email the history department office at UMhist@ maine.edu or call 581-1918.

PORTLAND - Kathy Kelly, co-founder of Voices for Creative Non-Violence and recipient of the 2015 Peace Prize by the U.S. Peace Memorial Foundation, will share stories of her 20 years working as a member of international peace teams in Sarajevo, Lebanon, the West Bank, Iraq and Afghanistan: "Break Every Chain: Unshackling Ourselves from War and Prison," 6-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 5, Talbot Hall,

University of Southern Maine. Free and open to the public Hosted by Maine Code Pink and USM Women and Gender Studies. For information, call 934-1911. A basket will be passed for collecting financial support for Kelly's work and travel expenses.

For a complete listing of calendar items or to submit your event, visit www.bangordailynews.com.

### Glass-blowing demonstration

MONTVILLE — A glassblowing demonstration will take place 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 3-4, at Jacobson Glass Studio, 210 Choate Road. Glassblower David Jacobson will explain the equipment, tools and process while demonstrating the challenges of creating from molten glass.

For information, go

## Church to host bean supper

PROSPECT HARBOR — A baked bean supper, including vegetarian options, will be served 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, at the Prospect Harbor United Methodist Church, 57 Main St. The cost is \$8, \$4 children 5 to 12, free to children under 5. For information, call 963-5865 or email phumchurch@yahoo.

davidjacobsonglass.com. **Tuesday prime time** MOVIES 7 PM 7:30 9 PM 2 NBC 207 The Voice The blind auditions continue. (N) (HD) FG Best Time Ever With NPH News Inside Ed. CBC Rick Mercer 22 Minutes 4 Standing The National (N) CBC Coronation NCIS: New Orleans (N) Limitless (N) (HD) CBS Big Bang NCIS (N) (HD) **Broke Girl** The iHeartradio Music Festival - Night 1 (N) Seinfeld 62 CW King of Hill Cleveland News Cougar 6 NBC 207 Inside Ed. The Voice The blind auditions continue. (N) (HD) Best Time Ever With NPH 7 ABC Wheel Quantico (HD) Jeopardy! Muppets Fresh-Boat Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. WARM FOX The Insider Ent Big Bang Grand The Grinder | Scream Queens (N) News Big Bang 8 ABC Wheel Jeopardy! Muppets Fresh-Boat Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. Quantico (HD) Gorongosa Park -- Rebirth of Paradise (N) (HD) MPBN PBS PBS NewsHour (N) (HD) Frontline (N) C. 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Lloyd and Ferrell Takes the Field (6:15) ★★ X-Men: The Last Million Ways **HBO** Harry set out to find the child Harry neve Stand (2006) (PG-13) \*\*\* Jackie Brown (1997, Crime Drama) (ESP) Pam Grier. ® (5:55) \*\*\* Enemy of the State (1998) (ESP) (R) (:10) \* Wild Wild West (1999) (ESP) Will Smith. Secret MAX

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erine Heigl, Patrick Wilson, Jordana Brewster.

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