



AQUINAS WELCOMES CLASSICAL DUO, HANDBELL CHOIR

Piano and cello group MacRaven to perform with handbell ensemble Embellish

Aquinas College will host the classical duo **MacRaven** and professional handbell ensemble **Embellish** on **Sunday, November 4** in a pair of guest artist's concerts at the Kretschmer Recital Hall in the Aquinas Art and Music Center (AMC). The concerts will begin at **3:00 and 7:00 p.m.** respectively, and are open to the public. Advance ticket prices are \$10 for adults, \$7 for students, and \$7 each for groups of 10 or more. For ticket information, call (616) 632-2413 or e-mail zimmekat@aquinas.edu.

MacRaven features symphonist Steven VanRavenswaay on cello and acclaimed composer and performer Roger MacNaughton on piano. MacNaughton, who serves as an adjunct assistant professor of music at Aquinas, was recently honored with both second and third place in the 2007 Great Lakes Songwriting Contest for his pieces "Samba for a Rainy Afternoon" and "Charlevoix Keepsake." Three other compositions by MacNaughton were awarded with finalist and honorable mention distinction. Steven VanRavenswaay has played with the Grand Rapids Symphony since 1975, and has performed with such notables as Natalie Cole, the Moody Blues, John Tesh, Linda Ronstadt, and The Trans-Siberian Orchestra. VanRavenswaay's cello was made in Nuremberg, Germany in 1755 by Leopold Widhalm.

VanRavenswaay and MacNaughton together, the music of MacRaven has been hailed by critics as "mesmerizing" and that of "two tremendously emotive voices." Released in 2006, the duo's latest CD – "Winter Canvas" – brought tremendous praise for MacRaven. In an

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online forum, one listener posted: "The cello pulls at my heart and the piano lifts my spirits!"

Joining MacRaven will be Embellish, a community handbell ensemble representing the greater Grand Rapids area. Founded in 1995, the fourteen-member group functions as a non-profit charitable organization seeking to "promote the art of handbell ringing by providing a high quality musical experience for diverse audiences." The group uses two sets of English handbells manufactured in Pennsylvania, ranging in weight from just a few ounces to over twelve pounds. Directed by Stephanie Wiltse, Embellish holds open auditions in May of each year. All returning members are required to re-audition.

For more information on MacRaven and Embellish, their upcoming concerts or to order tickets, please call (616) 632-2413 or e-mail zimmekat@aquinas.edu.

2007-08 AQUINAS LECTURE SERIES

Tuesday, October 30

12:30-1:30 p.m.: Aquinas College Lecture Series. ***"An Unexpected Conversation: AQ as a Living Organism"*** Speaker: **Deborah Steketee, Ph.D, Ass't Professor, Sustainable Business** and **Rob Bajema, Ph.D., Assoc. Professor, Biology**. Wege Center Ballroom, Free.

Tuesday, November 13

12:30 p.m.: Aquinas College Lecture Series. ***Belarus and the Fulbright Experience***. Speaker: **Lisa Morgan, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Education**. Wege Center Ballroom. Free.

FACULTY NOTES

Dr. Brent Chesley won second place in an essay contest run by the Muskegon Community College Writers' Center in conjunction with an appearance by humorist David Sedaris on October 20 in Muskegon. Dr. Chesley's essay, "Ferraris North of the 43rd Parallel," will appear in MCC's Literature and Arts magazine in December.

MUSIC NOTES

Wednesday, November 7

7:30 p.m.: Aquinas College Fall **Jazz Night** featuring the Aquinas Big Band directed by Dr. Paul Brewer, Improv Class and Vocalists. Kretschmer Recital Hall, Free.

Wednesday, November 14

9:30 p.m.: Aquinas College **Jazz Jam** at the Moose Café, Cook Carriage House, Free.

ART NEWS

Sunday, October 7–Friday, November 9

2:00-4:00 p.m.: Aquinas College Art Exhibit **Opening Reception Sunday October 7. *Simultaneity*, Photographer Steve Nelson.** Monday-Thursday, 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.; Friday, 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 2:00-6:00 p.m. Aquinas Art and Music Center Gallery. Free.

AQUINAS COLLEGE CONTEMPORARY WRITES SERIES

The Aquinas College Contemporary Writers Series welcomes Michigan poet, essayist, commentator and undertaker to the Series on Thursday, November 1, 2007. The event, which is underwritten by The Lafayette Fund, is at 7:30 p.m. in the Wege Center Ballroom. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Thomas Lynch is a poet, essayist, commentator and funeral director of Lynch & Sons Funeral Home in Milford, Michigan. Described by Richard Berstein of *The New York Times* as "a cross between Garrison Keillor and William Butler Yeats," Lynch has published six books of essays and poetry and is a regular contributor to the op-ed pages of *The New York Times*, *The Boston Globe*, and *The Times of London*. He has additionally contributed to *Harper's* magazine as well as numerous nationally-televised programs. Lynch, who inherited the family undertaking business upon

his father's death, is recognized for his moving reflections on both life and death. His 1997 book "The Undertaking: Life Studies from the Dismal Trade" won an American Book Award and was a finalist for the National Book Award. That book, along with Lynch's "Bodies in Motion and at Rest: On Metaphor and Mortality," is cited by Alan Ball as a prime influence in his creation of HBO's award-winning "Six Feet Under" series on life in a funeral home.

The Aquinas College Contemporary Writers Series was founded by a grant from Tony Foster, M.D. '73 and Linda Nemece Foster '72. The series kicked off in 1997 by bringing well-known authors to Aquinas College for public readings and workshops with students. For information on the Series, call (616)632-2127 or visit www.aquinas.edu/library.

JANE HIBBARD IDEMA WOMEN'S STUDIES CENTER EVENT

Thursday, November 1

12:30-1:30 p.m.: Aquinas College Jane Hibbard Idema Women's Studies Center Event ***Does Depression Really Hurt...Facing It Head On.*** Speakers: **Christy Buck, RSW Executive Director and Susan Meekhof, Education Coordinator, Mental Health Foundation of West Michigan.** Wege Center, Loutit Room, Free.

AQUINAS HOSTS RADIO ACTIVIST ROXANNE WALKER

Aquinas College will host former radio personality and activist **Roxanne Walker** for a presentation entitled "**Rock the Boat, but Don't be Surprised if You Get Wet**" at **12:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 15 in the Wege Center Loutit Room.** The event, sponsored by the Aquinas College Women's Studies Center, is free and open to the public. The presentation "summarizes my story opposing the Iraq war and basically losing my radio career because of it," said Walker, a Michigan native who now resides in South Carolina. Walker was forced off her show on South Carolina station WMYI in April of 2003 for speaking out against the Iraq war. The radio host, who in 2002 won the South Carolina Broadcasters Association's Radio Personality of the Year award, sued Clear Channel in July of 2003 for "unlawful termination" based on political views. The case was settled by mediation in the spring of 2005.

Walker, a prominent member of both her church and the Democratic Party in South Carolina, views “the war in Iraq and the lack of a cohesive movement for change” as the most critical issues facing younger Americans today. “There is no third wave,” she said. “There is nothing, and I’m very concerned about it.” Walker is also an outspoken advocate for greater regulation of the media. “Conservative talk dominates the radio because of media consolidation. De-regulation has killed the media,” she said, arguing that many Americans today believe practically anything they see on TV.

“We’re a fear-based culture,” said Walker, whose close friend and Aquinas Dean of the School of Education Nanette Clatterbuck urged her to come speak at the College. Ultimately, her message is simple: “You do good because it’s the right thing to do and not to get something out of it for yourself.”

GENERAL INFORMATION

Friday, November 2

8:30 a.m.: AQ Day for high school juniors, seniors and their families. For information, visit our Web site: aquinas.edu/admissions.

Friday, November 9

8:30 a.m.: Science/Nursing/Math AQ Day. High school juniors, seniors and their families. For information, visit our Web site: aquinas.edu/admissions.

Friday, November 9

Aquinas College Annual Hammel Music Piano Sale – Steinway Fundraiser
Art and Music Center, Lower Level. For an appointment, call (616) 632-2413, zimmekat@aquinas.edu

Friday November 16

8:30 a.m.: AQ Day High school juniors, seniors and their families. For information, visit our Web site: aquinas.edu/admissions.

THIS WEEK AT AQUINAS

Monday 29

Noon-3:00 p.m.-St. Joseph Hall-Weight Room
 3:00 p.m.-Shrine of Mary, Bukowski Chapel
 6:00-9:00 p.m.-St. Joseph Hall-Weight Room
 9:00-11:00 p.m.-Field House-Open Gym
 TBD-Men's Soccer @ WHAC Tournament

Tuesday 30

Noon-3:00 p.m.-St. Joseph Hall-Weight Room
 3:00 p.m.-Shrine of Mary, Bukowski Chapel
 6:00-9:00 p.m.-St. Joseph Hall-Weight Room
 7:00 p.m.-VOLLEYBALL vs CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY
 9:00-11:00 p.m.-Field House-Open Gym

Wednesday 31

Noon-3:00 p.m.-St. Joseph Hall-Weight Room
 3:00 p.m.-Shrine of Mary, Bukowski Chapel
 4:30 p.m.-All Souls Mass, Bukowski Chapel
 6:00-9:00 p.m.-St. Joseph Hall-Weight Room
 9:00-11:00 p.m.-Field House-Open Gym

Thursday 1

Noon-1:00 p.m.-Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament,
 Bukowski Chapel
 Noon-3:00 p.m.-St. Joseph Hall-Weight Room
 3:00 p.m.-Shrine of Mary, Bukowski Chapel
 4:30 p.m.-All Saints Mass, Bukowski Chapel
 6:00-9:00 p.m.-St. Joseph Hall-Weight Room
 9:00-11:00 p.m.-Field House-Open Gym

Friday 2

Noon-3:00 p.m.-St. Joseph Hall-Weight Room
 3:00 p.m.-Shrine of Mary, Bukowski Chapel
 7:00 p.m.-Volleyball @ Calumet College of St. Joseph

Saturday 3

11:00 a.m.-Cross Country – NAIA Regional Championship
 @ Grand Rapids, MI

3:00 p.m.-Men's Basketball @ Judson College
 TBA-Men's Soccer @ NAIA Regionals

Sunday 4

2:00 p.m.-Women's Basketball @ Central Michigan
 7:00-9:00 p.m.-St. Joseph Hall-Weight Room
 7:00-11:00 p.m.-Field House-Open Gym
 8:00 p.m.-Evening Mass, Bukowski Chapel
 TBA-Men's Soccer @ NAIA Regionals

Monday 5

Noon-3:00 p.m.-St. Joseph Hall-Weight Room
 3:00 p.m.-Shrine of Mary, Bukowski Chapel
 4:30 p.m.-Weekday Mass, Bukowski Chapel
 6:00-9:00 p.m.-St. Joseph Hall-Weight Room
 9:00-11:00 p.m.-Field House-Open Gym
 TBA-Men's Soccer @ NAIA Regionals

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