New Music Concerts 2006 Events

35th Anniversary Season • Robert Aitken, Artistic Director

Sunday February 26, 2006 • New at New Music with Robert Aitken and pianist James Avery. Premieres by Palmer, Ristic, Dion & Wuorinen. Glenn Gould Studio | 715 Intro • 800 Concert





Sunday April 30, 2006 • Baltic Currents Guest composer Raminta Serksnyte curates a concert of works by Ciurlionis, Martinaitis, Tulve, Dzenitis & Serksnyte. Glenn Gould Studio | 715 Intro • 800 Concert

Saturday + Sunday May 27/28, 2006 • Elliott Carter at 97 Two concerts of recent works and a biographical film. The Music Gallery (27th) | 715 Film • 845 Concert Glenn Gould Studio (28th) | 800 Concert





Friday June 9, 2006 • Music of Iannis Xenakis One of the most important composers of the 20th century. Glenn Gould Studio | 715 Intro • 800 Concert soundaXis

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New Music Concerts and the Royal Conservatory of Music Community School present

Robert Aitken & James Avery in Recital



fter completing his studies in flute with Nicolas Fiore in Toronto (1955-59), Robert Aitken was appointed principal flute of the Vancouver Symphony. He later served as second flute player for the CBC Radio Orchestra (1960-64) and co-principal with the Toronto Symphony (1965-70). Aitken studied with Marcel Moyse intermittently over a period of nine years in Vermont and Europe, and considers Moyse's teachings as having had the most profound influence on his development as a musician. He also worked with Jean-Pierre Rampal (Paris, Nice), Severino Gazzeloni (Rome), André Jaunet (Zurich), and Hubert Barwähser (Amsterdam). Aitken received prizes from the Concours international de flûte de Paris (1971) as well as the Concours international de flûte pour la musique contemporaine in Royan, France (1972). He has given masterclasses in a number of countries, including Cuba, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Mexico, Norway, Poland, Sweden, and the USA. Aitken has more than 40 recordings to his credit and such notables as John Cage, George Crumb, Elliott Carter, Toru Takemitsu, Gilles Tremblay and Bruce Mather have dedicated works to him. Among his many awards as both a composer and flutist are the Canada Music Citation, the Canadian Music Council Medal, the Jean A. Chalmers National Music Award, the Order of Canada, and the William Harold Moon Award. In addition, he holds the title of Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres from the government of France and was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the National Flute Association (USA) in 2003. In 2004 he retired as Professor of Flute at the Hochschule für Musik in Freiburg, a post he had held for sixteen years. In 1971 he founded New Music Concerts in Toronto with Norma Beecrott and 35 years later continues to serve as NMC's Artistic Director.

ianist James Avery studied piano and conducting with Roy Hamlin Johnson and Robert Baustian at the University of Kansas, and with Walter Robert and Tibor Kozma at Indiana University. As a Fulbright scholar he continued his studies in piano with Carl Seemann at the Hochschule für Musik in Freiburg, Germany. A prizewinner in the International Gaudeamus Competition for Interpreters of Contemporary Music in Holland, Avery has performed as pianist and conductor in major festivals of new music throughout Europe, in the festival for chamber music in Lockenhaus (Austria), and with the Chamber Orchestra of Europe. In 1979 he was visiting artist at the American Academy in Rome. He has taught on the piano faculty of The University of Iowa (1967-1980), at the Hochschule für Musik, Freiburg (1980-2004), and at the Eastman School of Music (1986-1988, concurrently with his position at Freiburg). From 1989 to 1992 he was pianist and conductor with ensemble recherche, and in 1992 became artistic director of ensemble SurPlus, an ensemble for new music based in Freiburg.

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- Programme -

Honeyreves (1961)

Bruno Maderna (1920-1973)

Rhapsodies (1973) for solo piano

Curtis Curtis-Smith (b.1941)

I. ...a swift pure cry...

II. But Wait! Low in dark middle earth. Embedded Ore.

III. Listen! The spiked and winding cold seahorn.

Plainsong (1977) for solo flute

Robert Aitken (b.1939)

Two Lieder

Franz Schubert (1797-1828, arr. Boehm)

-I. Gute Nacht

II. Die Taubenpost

Fantasy on "Du Bist die Ruh" (2003)

Daniel Linton-France (b.1973)

Fantasie-Sonate

Max Meyer-Olbersleben (1850-1927)