ENCHANTING EVENINGS AT EBENEZER

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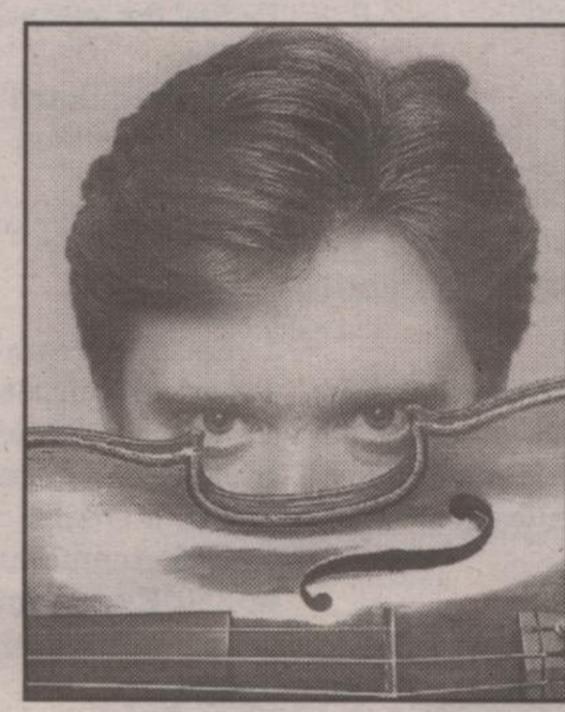
Simon Wynberg, guitarist and artistic director of The Speedside Festival, has announced artists and programs for this year's 8th season. The event takes place October 19th to 22nd at Ebenezer United Church, an intimate venue located nine kilometres north of Highway 401 on Guelph Line. Concerts start at 7:30 p.m.

This year's roster of artists includes three stellar Canadian string players: Martin Beaver, violin; David Harding, viola; and Bryan Epperson, cello. They are joined by the distinguished American violinist Rosenthal, mezzo-soprano Linda Maguire and three fine pianists: Phillip Bush, a longtime favourite of Speedside audiences, Dianne Werner, who makes her Speedside debut this season, and German pianist Thomas Schubert, a descendent of the famous composer's family.

Wynberg believes that The Speedside Festival has always offered a more intimate musical experience through the intention to present chamber music to its best advantage: in a small space with a warm acoustic, and performed by musicians who are both devoted chamber players and excellent communicators.

The 2000 programs will present some of the standard repertoire, with works such as Mozart's E flat Divertimento, Schubert lieder and bon-bons by Kreisler and Sarasate. There will also be a chance to explore some unjustly neglected pieces – works such as the Quintets for piano and strings by Enrigue Granados and Sergei Taneyev, Fritz Kreisler's one and only String Quartet, folk song arrangements by Beethoven and songs by Joaquin Rodrigo and Roberto Gerhard.

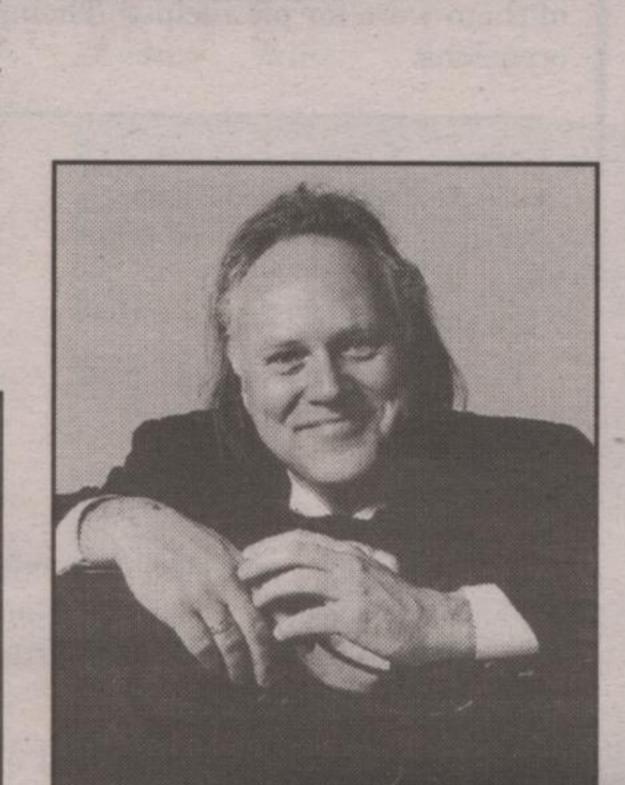
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THE SPEEDSIDE FESTIVAL:

Taking Chamber Music to Schools

Musicians of The Speedside Festival are to perform in three local schools as part of Speedside's new educational initiative. The highly successful Speedside Festival, which presents a fall series of concerts, features eminent Canadian and foreign musicians in four chamber music programs. But the festival's long term prosperity and the survival of chamber music in general are under serious threat according to Speedside Festival's founder and artistic director Simon Wynberg.

"School music programs are either non-existent or woefully inadequate, and children seldom have the opportunity to hear great musicians in a familiar and comfortable environment, such as their own schools. If we are to have a musical public in the future, we as musicians have an obligation and responsibility to go out and enthuse a new audience, and to help them learn how to listen."

Students at Brookville, Aberfoyle and Rockwood schools will enjoy a short concert and discussion with artists of the calibre of Martin Beaver and Paul Rosenthal (violins), Bryan Epperson (cello), David Harding (viola) and Wynberg (guitar). It is hoped that this outreach element will become a regular feature of all future Speedside Festivals.

FASM PRESENTS THE MILTON AREA STUDIO TOUR

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The consensus of artisans who participated in last year's Milton Area Studio tour was that of great success, and the Fine Art Society of Milton (FASM) has scheduled their 3rd annual arts and crafts tour.

This year, the self-guided tour takes place Saturday October 14 and Sunday October 15 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Over 20 artisans at 13 locations throughout the Milton area will delight viewers, taking them through some of the most scenic byways.

Work on display and for sale by these multi-talented artists includes painting, pottery, sculpture, First Nations art from fur and hide, Victorian screen doors and West Coast wood carving. The tour can be started from any of the locations, all marked with blue, yellow and white balloons at their driveways. Tour brochures with maps are available at a variety of convenient public and retail locations such as the Milton Library, Tourist Information Centre, Leisure Centre, The Seniors' Centre, Town Hall, Artistic Frame, The Gold Connection, Unique Frame and Art, The Aberfoyle Mill or The Brookville Gallery.

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