

Quartet Gives Wesleyan Composers An Outlet

What a treat it must be for a young composer to have his or her work performed by the best young quartets in the area. That's what's going on tonight at 8 p.m. in the **Well Concert** in Middletown when the **Quartet** presents "Plays by Wesleyan Composers." The quartet — founder Tom Chiu (piano), Conrad Harris (violin), David Mandel (viola) and Dave (cello) — has become a mainstay of new music. Much like the Kronos Quartet, their repertoire blends new works by young composers with pieces by established and contemporary writers. In the past several years, the quartet has come to Middletown to perform works



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the discussion about South African writer J.M. Coetzee's book "Disgrace." For more information, call 860-347-2528, ext. 135.

■ **The Buttonwood Tree**, 605 Main St. in Middletown, presents vocalist-guitarist **Dave Downs** at 7 p.m.

■ **Gary Segal** plays acoustic rock at 9:30 p.m. in **La Boca Restaurant**, 520 Main St., Middletown. For more information, call 860-347-4777.

■ **The Educational Center for the Arts** presents "Fall Forward into New Dances for the ECA Dancers" at 7:30 p.m. in the **ECA Arts Hall**, at the corner of Orange and Audubon Streets in New Haven. All the choreography classes are involved with new works from faculty members **Christian Bambara, Elizabeth Glover** and **Freddie Moore**.

Hunting Hill Avenue, presents "The Waiting Room," a play by Lisa Loomer, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium. The play tells the stories of several women from different centuries and what they do to their bodies to become beautiful and appealing to men. Tickets are on sale at the door on the night of the performance.

■ **The Oddfellows Playhouse Teen Repertory Company's** production of Eric Coble's "Gold in the Bones" has two more performances this week, Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m. **Jeffrey Allen**, interim artistic director of the playhouse, directs the cast of 25 in this adaptation of three stories by Washington Irving. The playhouse is at 128 Washington St. in Middletown. For ticket information, call 860-347-6143.

■ Belgian pianist **Genevieve**

Saturday, the sounds get "bluesy" when **Route 2** is featured. For more information, call 860-267-1276.

■ **Margie Warner** celebrates the release of her CD, "Singin' 'Round the Campfire with Margie," with a mini-concert at 4 p.m. in **Henry Carter Hull Library**, 10 Killingworth Turnpike, in Clinton. The disk is a delightful collection of sing-along melodies for children of all ages. Warner spends much of her time working with children in area schools and day care centers. For more information about the **Hull Library** concert, call 860-669-2342.

■ **The Bach's Lunch** noontime concert series at the **Neighborhood Music School**, 100 Audubon St. in New Haven, continues this week with a jazz trio featuring NMS faculty member **Jesse Hameen II** and

guests. The percussionist will concentrate on the music of saxophonist **Benny Golson**. The free concert starts at 12:10 p.m. For more information, call 203-624-5189.

■ Singer-songwriter **Erin McKeown** is the featured artist at **The Space**, 295 Treadwell Ave. in Hamden. Only 27, she's released four CDs and has toured incessantly over the past four years. She blends folk and rock elements with her tart, clipped vocals, making an intense audio stew. The show opens at 8 p.m. with another young singer-songwriter, **Jenny Owen Youngs**. For more information, call 203-288-6400.

■ It's the weekend of "The Game" in New Haven, the Yale-Harvard football game that is. Another tradition of the weekend is that the **Yale Glee Club** joins forces with its

counterparts from Cambridge for a joint concert on the eve of the game. The event takes place at 8 p.m. in **Woolsey Hall** (corner of College and Grove streets) and will feature the usual school "fight" songs as well as pieces by Palestrina, Mendelssohn, Brahms, Hindemith and Gorecki. Also on the bill will be three world premieres, including James MacMillan's "Nemo te Condemnavit," along with folk songs and spirituals. For more information, call 203-432-4136.

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