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Summer Preview
May 2006

Message From the President

Ah, summer—a great time of the year in Mt. Gretna! It's a season filled with exciting entertainment and fun activities for young and not-so-young. Just check out our upcoming Summer Calendar of Events, which offers a day-by-day listing of Gretna events.

The calendar is being distributed — free of charge — to Mt. Gretna residents and other supporters of the arts in Mt. Gretna. It's also available at various stores, shops and businesses.

As always, the season kicks off with our annual "Summer Premiere" (See related item from Arts Council member and Summer Premiere co-chairs Janice Hall Balmer and Leslie Hall Buchanan).

This is the second year of our annual scholarship program, with awards going to students from various local school districts. We've been fine-tuning this program, and have been pleased to watch it grow with each passing year. If you know of an artistic or talented student, email our scholarship committee at MtGretnaLibrary@aol.com, for details on the competition.

Thank you for your continued support of the arts in Mt. Gretna

Have a great summer!

Tom Clemens
President

32nd Annual
Mt. Gretna
Outdoor Art Show
Saturday and Sunday
August 19-20, 2006

Summer at the Tabernacle

Summer 2006 will continue the Mt. Gretna tradition of presenting a mix of music and preaching programs in the Tabernacle to provide opportunities for **Christian spiritual renewal in a unique Victorian setting.** The Sunday evening programs will present a wide variety of musical styles. Our own **Andy Roberts** will open the season with his **Jazz Quartet** on Sunday evening, June 25, and on the following Sunday the **New Holland Band** will continue the celebration of their 150th anniversary with a concert that should be a very special treat.

Another very special treat will be the third appearance on Saturday, July 15, of Elisabeth von Trapp, whose special voice and gentle arrangements for guitar and cello make her program uniquely appropriate for the century old Tabernacle. This is the only Tabernacle program for which tickets are required; priced at \$15 they are a great value and will be available at the Remember When shop or by mail from the Tabernacle Association, PO Box 408, Mt Gretna.

The spiritual roots of the original Campmeeting have certainly not withered and dried, but the blooms they produce today might not be recognized by the Rev. Schuyler Enck and his peers; nevertheless, worship services are still at the heart of the season. **Bob and Lib Kettering** will have a Sunday evening service of praise in word and song. **The Sacred Orchestra** with **Dave Stahl** will return for the morning service on July 30, and that evening **Marie Barlow Martin** will present a concert of sacred songs.

There are several newcomers as well as some returning friends on this year's program. Among the newcomers are the Rev **Louis Butcher** and the **Bright Side Church Gospel Choir**, and **Erik Nelson**, a member of the **Maranatha Productions**, whose dramatic monologue *But Now I See* tells the story of John Newton and the writing of "Amazing Grace." Dr. **Dennis Hollinger**, president of the Evangelical School of Theology will preach on Sunday morning, August 6, and will join his brother, Daryl, for that evening's worship service.

Returning to the Tabernacle pulpit after too long an absence will be the Rev. Dr. **Myron Augsburg** for a Wednesday evening service. **Darrell Woomer** and **Rodney Shearer** will unite their considerable talents once again for one of

their very special hymn festivals on another Wednesday evening.

The season will close in traditional fashion: the **Massed Choir Concert** on August 13, the **Susquehanna Chorale** on the 20th and the **Lancaster Brass** on the 27th. The complete schedule of events in the **Summer at the Tabernacle** series is listed in the Summer Calendar and brochures with full details will be available throughout the area.

Tom Meredith

The Information Center

The Information Center is looking for volunteers to sit on the porch and talk to visitors about the many activities occurring this summer. The time commitment is two hours. The need is evenings during the week and Saturday and Sunday. Call 964-3481 or email mtgretnalibrary@aol.com.

Jeff and Deb Hurst

Mt. Gretna Community Library

Southeast Corner of Rt. 117 & Pinch Rd.

Summer Hours

Check the door for posted hours

Book Sale

May 27 and August 5 8 am-2 pm
Supporting the Lebanon County
Humane Society

At the Tabernacle

July 9 *If Campmeeting Cottages
Could Talk*
Irene Rollman

July 22 *Two for the Woods:
Campmeeting and Chautauqua*
A look at how the two
communities began and how
they developed
Tom Meredith

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financial information may be obtained from
the Pennsylvania Department of State by
calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-
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endorsement.

HERITAGE FESTIVAL

This summer will be the 10th year for
the Campmeeting's Heritage Festival. The
series begins on June 17 with Pastimes,
the doo-wop group that has opened our
festival every year since we began. This
event follows the Fire Company's classic
car show and brings in a good crowd every
year.

We are also planning two informative
programs. The first on July 1st is
sponsored by the Mt. Gretna Area
Historical Society and is titled, "How we
lived-American Interiors from 1880-1920."
The other program is sponsored by the Mt.
Gretna Library and is "Two for the
Woods-Campmeeting and Chautauqua,"
set for July 22nd.

The popular bluegrass band, The
Shuey Brothers, will be here on July 8th,
and the season concludes on July 29th
with The Lebanon Big Swing Band.

All programs are in the Tabernacle
and begin at 7 p.m. A free will offering is
taken at each show.

Mary Blackburn

PLAYHOUSE

The last part of May always has a
special significance to the community of
Mt. Gretna. It was the 26th of May in 1995
that the new Playhouse was dedicated and
there is always the Arts Council's annual
fund-raising event, the Summer Premiere,
on the Saturday of Memorial weekend. It's
a time when many cottages are opened for
the season and the Premiere' is a special
place to get together after the winter is
gone.

This year, the Playhouse will feature
a type of performance that has not been
done before. The Center Stage Opera
Company of Harrisburg will present
scenes from Verdi's Othello. This
performance will involve soloist, chorus
in costume supported by a small orchestra.
The event is set for Saturday, June 8, at 8
p.m., with a modest special introductory
ticket price of \$15.

Again this year, Gretna music has
accepted the operation of the concession
stand during all of the summer
performances, and Tom Mayer has
indicated that there may be some special
improvements to the service and menu.
The concession is operated with all
volunteers and, if you would like to be one
of the many who will be the clerks at the
stand, you can sign up on Saturday
mornings at the Post Office or contact Tom
at 964-1987. One of the fringe benefits for
being a volunteer is being allowed to catch
most of the show when not on duty.

It appears that this may be the first
springtime that the Operating Committee
is unable to provide another improvement
to the building. We had hope to complete
another portion of construction that could
not be accomplished during the initial
construction. Although a bid was awarded
for completing the concrete wall around
the outer edges of the seating area to match
the bead board of a part of that wall, it
looks like the contractor will not get to the
work with completion in time for the
beginning of performances.

All of the organizations leasing the
Playhouse have listed their performances
for the summer and the schedule looks like
it should be a wonderful time of excellent
theater and musical events. We hope to see
all of you there enjoying and supporting
Mt. Gretna's performing arts.

Dale Grundon
Playhouse Operating Committee

SUMMER PREMIERE 2006

Typically, cold and icy winter weather
makes most of us Mt. Gretna residents
eager for the summer season. Although
this winter wasn't as snowy as usual, we
are all anxious to get back outside and
gather with family and friends. To kick
off the summer, we invite all to attend the
annual Summer Premiere wine-and-
cheese party and auction. Held the
Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, the
Premiere is an event where you can
participate in a lively art auction and learn
about the summer season of arts programs.

One of the main attractions at each
year's Premiere is the original artwork that
is featured on the Mt. Gretna Summer
Calendar. This year, the Arts Council was
fortunate enough to have local artist
Shelby Applegate create a one-of-a-kind
3-D painting featuring hand-made paper.
The magnificent piece titled "Mt. Gretna
Has It All!" is sure to appeal to all of us
who have enjoyed Gretna through the
years.

Janice Hall Balmer and Leslie Hall
Buchanan are again serving as Premiere
co-planners. As always, the Premiere will
feature both a silent and live auction.
Delicious appetizers will be provided by
local Becky Briody of Chef-on-the-Go. A
brief overview of the theatre, music and
other arts programs planned for the
summer season will be presented during
the event.

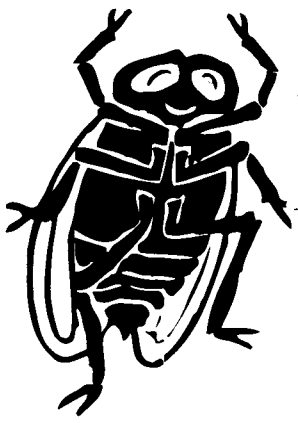
Proceeds from the event go to the Mt.
Gretna Arts Council, and are used to fund
the printing costs associated with the
Summer Calendar given - free of charge
- to residents and supporters of the arts
in Mt. Gretna. In fact, the Calendar should
be available prior to the actual Premiere.

The fun begins at 4pm on Saturday,
May 27. Tickets are \$15 each, and will be
available on the day of the Premiere at the
door.

While we've got a core team of
volunteers helping to organize the event,
we can always use more! And if you are
willing to donate food (desserts, please),
please contact Janice Hall Balmer at 964-
3142 or janicehallbalmer@msn.com.

Janice Hall Balmer
Leslie Hall Buchanan





CICADA FESTIVAL

This year the 2006 Cicada Festival is having a great year of affordable music to everyone with tickets only costing you \$8 per person, and all seats are reserved. We have excellent entertainment, with some of the musical groups right here in our back yard, as well as one from Pittsburgh, PA and one from Ohio. Cicada offers live music that's affordable and attracts all ages. With the high quality and variety of music, the Cicada committee feels all shows will sell out! If you want more information about the music groups most have web sites. Cicada has made special arrangements and this will be the first time that the Hershey Symphony Orchestra has played in Mount Gretna. So get your tickets early by sending a check for \$8 per ticket to Cicada Festival P.O. Box 637 Mount Gretna, PA 17064 or call the box office after June 1st at (717) 964-2046

Cicada Festival 2006 programs to be held at the Mount Gretna Playhouse

All shows start time 8PM

ENTERTAINMENT FOR ALL AGES!

Mark your calendars now!

TICKETS \$8

Opening night Tuesday August 8th

PHIL DIRT AND THE DOZERS, presents "SURFS UP" a tribute to the Beach Boys
It's time for some FUN FUN FUN with PHIL DIRT AND THE DOZERS presenting "SURFS UP," a tribute to the famous Beach Boys. The Dozers are the HOTTEST BEACH PARTY BAND, giving you "Good Vibrations" playing vintage rock 'n roll for over 20 years. They're coming from Columbus, Ohio to Mount Gretna for this one night performance.

Wednesday August 9th

HERSHEY ORCHESTRA. Presents Broadway and Pops concert, first time to play in Mount Gretna
This will be a very special night featuring a performance by The Hershey Symphony Orchestra. The concert will include familiar music ranging from Broadway show tunes to pops. This is a rare opportunity to be able to hear the Hershey Symphony Orchestra in the beautiful outdoor setting of the Mount Gretna Playhouse.

Thursday August 10th

The PAT GARRETT BAND

The festival will host one of Central Pennsylvania's favorites...The Pat Garrett Band, famous for their country music. Pat sang and performed in the Mount Gretna Theater last summer in the Tammy Wynett story.

Monday August 14

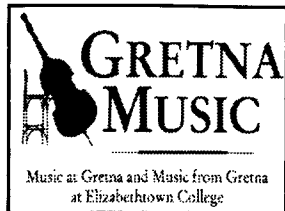
"Bo" Wagner presents "Lets be Frank" a Frank Sinatra tribute. Coming to Mount Gretna from Pittsburgh, Bo Wagner with the Joe Argiro Orchestra presents "Let's be Frank." This is a first class tribute to one of music's most popular entertainers and performers, Frank Sinatra. See Bo capture the style and mannerisms of old blue eyes...Sinatra, The Man, The Legend.

Tuesday August 15th "THE MUDFLAPS" vintage rock n roll

Back by poplar demand, Pennsylvania's premier vintage rock 'n roll band, "The Mudflaps" will be performing in Gretna. You won't be able to sit still in your seat as The Mudflaps perform authentic renditions of oldies music from the 50's, 60's and the 70's! This was a SOLD out show last year!

Thank you, Ceylon Leitzel





Winter is gone, and spring is flying by. That may be bad news to skiers and college seniors, but to local lovers of classical music and jazz, it means the best time of year is just around the corner, with Music at Gretna 2006, (the 31st season!) at the Mt. Gretna Playhouse set to start in a matter of days. Concerts will be presented from June 9 through September 3, including 7 jazz and 12 classical music, plus a healthy dose of truly special events you'll want to keep an eye out for. Here's the roundup:

The festival kicks off with the Mt. Gretna Old Time Jazz Festival. Living legend **Leon Redbone** opens things on Friday, June 9, with his inimitable, wholly unclassifiable mix of conversation, comedy, and Dixie classics. A hard act to follow, but if anyone can do it, the **New Black Eagle Jazz Band** can, Saturday evening, June 10. Back for their 30th year on the bounce, the Boston-based band draws from a songbook of over 600 New Orleans-style tunes, so even after three decades, they don't need to play retreats – "When the Saints Go Marching In" excepted. Warming things up for the Black Eagles will be two fine local Dixie bands in the afternoon, the **Dixieland Express** (free at the Jigger Shop) and the **Tarnished Six** (\$6.00 at the Playhouse). The Black Eagles wrap things up with the traditional jazz worship service on Sunday morning, June 11, led by the Jazz Reverend himself D. Darrell Woome, in to give his 12th jazz sermon from the Playhouse pulpit.

Later in summer, Music at Gretna explores jazz from the swing era and beyond with three great concerts. On July 22, smoky-voiced singer-writer-pianist **Patricia Barber** takes the stage. Then on August 12, Latin jazz giant, **Eddie Palmieri**, teams with trumpeter **Brian Lynch** for an evening ranging from ballads and bop to samba and salsa. Music at Gretna's jazz series concludes when a man hailed as the greatest living jazz accompanist, **Bill Charlap**, does a rare stint in the solo spotlight. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DATES FOR EDDIE PALMIERI/BRIAN LYNCH, AND BILL CHARLAP HAVE BEEN SWITCHED SINCE THE PRINTING OF OUR BROCHURE, WHICH LISTS THEM IN THE REVERSE (INCORRECT) ORDER.

Music at Gretna's classical offerings center on two birthday boys, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, who hits 250 this year, and Dmitri Shostakovich, who turns a sprightly 100. The Mozart celebration features a complete cycle of the composers string quintets in three concerts: June 11, with the **American String Quartet**; July 16, with the **Wister String Quartet**; and September 3, with the **Audubon String Quartet**. Shostakovich, and his generation with him, will be honored June 25 in a concert featuring members of the **Philadelphia Orchestra**. Mozart and Shostakovich specialist, and Gretna favorite, pianist **Anna Polonsky** also plays works of both composers July 9.

Baroque supergroup **Tempesta di Mare** takes the Mt. Gretna Playhouse by storm June 18 with highlights from Bach's monumental "A Musical Offering". Before the concert, the Swiss Film Award-winning motion picture, "Jagged Harmonies", chronicling the rocky relationship that led to the composition of Bach's landmark work, will be screened at Annville's Allen Theatre. The musicians of Tempesta di Mare will be on hand to give a taste of Bach's genius before the film.

Classical-bluegrass crossover group **Time for Three** appears July 2, just in time for a summer holiday jamboree. Members of the **Philadelphia Orchestra Brass** play rarely heard, dazzlingly virtuoso sonatas for trumpet, trombone, and horn July 23; and on July 30 the strains of flute, guitar, and soprano make a **Midsummer Serenade**. Then Canada's hottest chamber group, the **Gryphon Trio** (August 6); Australian maverick and pianist for the movie "Shine", **Simon Tedeschi** (August 13); and the **St. Petersburg String Quartet** (August 27) give late summer a downright international flavor. That's right, things are warming up quite nicely at Mt. Gretna, and it won't be long till summer's here and the music starts. And with apologies to those of you still hankering for some downhill, and recent grads still looking for a job, it just can't get here soon enough!

Tickets for all Music at Gretna concerts are \$25 and \$18. Half-price tickets for ages 19-26, \$1 admission for ages 18 and under, and discount subscriptions are also available. Information, brochure and tickets can be ordered by calling 717-361-1508.

Michael Murray, executive director

Gretna Music