



Cumberland County Cultural & Heritage Commission Chronicle

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For Older Americans Month

A gift to seniors: tickets to Bay-Atlantic concert

The Cultural & Heritage Commission has a special gift for the seniors of Cumberland County—free tickets to a Bay-Atlantic symphony concert on Saturday, May 7, at the Cumberland County College Performing Arts Center.

The tickets are traditionally given as a nod to Older Americans Month, held in May, and offered through the county Office on Aging & Disabled. Residents 60 and over are invited to secure their tickets by calling the office at 856-459-3090. Only 50 tickets are available, so seniors are encouraged to get their requests in soon. Joanne Musso of the Office on Aging says tickets will be mailed if there is sufficient time but must be picked up at 99 W. Broad St. if too late for mailing.

The Program

The concert features the work of Ravel in the *Mother Goose Suite* and his *Piano Concerto* in G Major, performed by award-winning pianist Cong Fan, an adjunct music professor at Temple University. Following intermission, Beethoven's *Eroica* Symphony (No. 3, opus



Cong Fan, award-winning pianist originally from the People's Republic of China and now residing in Philadelphia, will be the guest artist at the May 7 Bay-Atlantic Symphony concert. County residents 60 and over may receive free tickets, courtesy of the Cultural & Heritage Commission.

55) will be performed. Conductor Jed Gaylin says the selections are a study in contrasts: "The sensuous elegance of the *Mother Goose Suite* and the *Piano Concerto* (contrasted with) the

irrepressible, hot-blooded *Eroica* Symphony."

Soloist's Background

Fan, a native of the People's Republic of China, has earned both a Doctor of Music Arts and Master of Music degree in piano performance from Temple University. Fan has won many prizes, awards and fellowships. She made her Carnegie Hall debut after winning first prize at the Frinna Averbuch International Piano Competition in New York.

Other awards include the Pacific International Piano Competition in Canada, the Pennsylvania Piano Competition, the Pi Kappa Lambda Piano Competition, the Kennedy Music Scholarship in Germany, and the Martha Ellen Fisher Tye Fellowship in Austria. In addition, she received the Dean Emeritus Helen Laird Tribute Award two years consecutively, the David Leibig Memorial Grant, and the William A. Singer Memorial Award. In 2004, she was listed in *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges* in

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Free concert features gifted pianist

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recognition of her accomplishments in music.

Fan's music career started at age six with the violin. Two years later her focus shifted to classical piano. "Piano was definitely my favorite instrument, so I began to focus all of my energy on my dream of playing professionally," she says, quoted in a release from Temple University.

Her middle and high school years were spent at the Shanghai Conservatory of Music in China before advancing to the Central Conservatory of Music in Beijing, where she earned her bachelor's degree in piano performance in 1997.

Her orchestra soloist experience began at age 16 with the Shanghai Symphony Orchestra. Since then, she has performed with leading orchestras in China and several orchestras in America.

In 1998, she was given full scholarships to Temple University under the guidance of Professor Harvey Weeden. Active in both solo and chamber musical scenes, Fan has performed in central Europe, Asia, and throughout the United States.

In 2008, her new CD albums "Yellow River Piano Concerto" and "Piano

Solo" were released by TianXuan Recording Company in China, and her performance was awarded "the best solo performance of the year."

Art Competition for Seniors

In addition to providing various services to seniors such as assistance with health care, transportation and prescription drugs, the Office on Aging & Disabled is sponsoring an "Older Americans Art Exhibit and Competition," open to professional and non-professional artists age 60 and over who live in Cumberland County. The exhibit will take place in the Doris Tripp Room of the Vine-land Public Library, 1058 E. Landis Ave., from June 30 to July 28.

Categories for original works are: oil, acrylic, watercolor, sculpture, print, pastel, drawing, mixed media, photography, computer imagery and craft.

Professional and non-professional first place winners may be eligible to move on to the next level, at the N.J. Senior Citizen Juried Art Contest and Exhibition.

Artists are asked to register by June 3 by calling the Office on Aging at 856-453-2220 or 453-2221.

Upper Deerfield celebrates 'Community Day'

The Upper Deerfield Township Community Day, featuring entertainment, tours, contests and food—but most of all, community pride—takes place this year on Saturday, April 30, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event will be held at the Municipal Building on Highway 47 in Seabrook. Some of the activities include tours of the Seabrook Educational and Cultural Museum, activities for youngsters, rides, crafts, business

displays and musical entertainment throughout the day. Admission is free. The rain day is Sunday, May 1.

Officials of the Upper Deerfield Historical Commission, the sponsoring agency, said one of the goals of the event is for people "to understand the historical significance of how the village of Seabrook was created and allow others to see various ethnic cultures that have shaped the community."