

# Press Release

## Ludwig! SGLS Performs Music of Beethoven

Fresh from celebrating the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of Mozart, the Southern Great Lakes Symphony, Charles Greenwell Music Director, now celebrates the music of Beethoven.

A concert featuring Beethoven's Violin Concerto, the 6<sup>th</sup> Symphony (Pastoral) and the Leonore Overture #3, will take place on Sunday February 19<sup>th</sup> at the Flat Rock Community High Auditorium. This will be a concert of drama as only Beethoven could create.

To better understand the genius of this composer, University of Michigan School of Music Faculty member Steven Whiting will give a short talk about Beethoven the man and how these compositions were created. The talk begins at 2:00 in the auditorium.

Adding more excitement to the performance is the addition of guest soloist-Hai-Xin Wu, Violin. Wu made his Carnegie Hall debut in 1995 and has been with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra since that same year. Originally from China, Wu studied at the Manhattan School of Music and was a student of Ariana Bronne. He will be playing the Violin Concerto in D, op. 61.

Also featured on the program is Beethoven's Sixth Symphony in F. This work commonly known as the Pastoral Symphony, is one of the first works to try and express music-painting, in this case the description of people in the country, by a brook, a thunderstorm and the happiness after the storm. This work was made more accessible to millions of Americans in Disney's film-*Fantasia*. People who know the film should come hear it live, especially if they have children.

The SGLS, now celebrating its 51<sup>st</sup> season, is presenting 10 concerts for the 2005-2006 season: 4 Classic Concerts and 4 Casual Concerts, plus 2 special events. All concerts are open to the public with a special invitation to families with children who may attend free with parents.

The SGLS performance takes place at the beautiful and acoustically perfect Flat Rock Community Auditorium on Sunday, February 19th, at 2:00 p.m. talk/3:00 concert. Tickets range from \$15 to \$25. Tickets can be purchased by calling 734.692-6225. If not sold out, tickets will be available at the door. The auditorium is handicapped accessible.

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