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# SBMC MONTHLY NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2007

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## EMMA LOU DIEMER 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Concert!!!

The Santa Barbara Music Club will present a festive concert to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of Santa Barbara's preeminent composer, **Emma Lou Diemer**, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am at the Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara, 1535 Santa Barbara Street. Featured will be highlights from her extraordinarily prolific and diverse compositional output: performances will include *Scherzo*, *Ragtime for Organ Pedals But Played on the Manuals*, and *Toccata and Fugue*, with the composer at the organ; *Variations: Homage to Ravel, Schoenberg and May Aufderheide*, performed by Tachell Gerbert and Bradley Gregory, piano four-hands; *Create in Me a Clean Heart*, *Christmas Song Suite*, and *I Saw a New Heaven and a New Earth*, performed by Audrey Sharpe, soprano and Beverly Staples, piano/organ; *Three Etudes*, performed by Betty Oberacker, piano, and *Piano Quartet*, performed by Philip Ficsor, violin, Tom Turner, viola, Geoffrey Rutkowski, cello, and Betty Oberacker, piano. The concert is free to the public, and there will be a post-concert reception to which all are cordially invited.

-- Betty Oberacker

## Beethovenfest to Benefit SBMC

Don't miss world-renowned cellist **CHRISTINE WALEVSKA** and the exciting Polish pianist **WOJCIECH KOCYAN** as featured guest artists at this year's Fifth Annual Santa Barbara Beethovenfest, along with SBMC artists **Allen Bishop**, **Barbara Coventry**, **Robert Else**, and **Claude-Lise LaFranque**.

Concerts are **Friday and Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.** in the beautiful **Marjorie Luke Theatre**. The December 7<sup>th</sup> concert benefits the Santa Barbara Music Club. The December 8<sup>th</sup> concert will feature Young Pianist's Beethoven Competition Winner **Ashley Hsu**. Don't miss this chance to hear these exciting artists, and help the SBMC as well. Tickets are \$35 (12/7) and \$25 (12/8), and are available at Santa Barbara Sheet Music, corner of Santa Barbara and Figueroa Streets, Santa Barbara, 966-3113, or by mail to Santa Barbara Beethovenfest, 1100 Mesa Road, Montecito, CA 93108, or by fax at 805-565-1932. Visit [www.sbbeethovenfest.org](http://www.sbbeethovenfest.org) for a ticket order form and more information.

**Wednesday December 12<sup>th</sup> at 11am**  
Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara  
1535 Santa Barbara St. @ Arrellaga  
**FREE ADMISSION**

## EMMA LOU DIEMER 80<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION CONCERT!!!

**SCHERZO (1996)**  
**RAGTIME FOR ORGAN PEDALS BUT PLAYED ON  
THE MANUALS (2003)**  
**TOCCATA AND FUGUE (2003)**  
Emma Lou Diemer, organ

**VARIATIONS: HOMAGE TO RAVEL, SCHÖNBERG  
AND MAY AUFDERHEIDE (1987)**  
Tachell Gerbert and Bradley Gregory, piano 4-hands

**CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART (1990)**  
**CHRISTMAS SONG SUITE (1994)**  
**I SAW A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH (1991)**  
Audrey Sharpe, soprano  
Beverly Staples, piano/organ

**THREE ETUDES (1965)**  
Betty Oberacker, piano

**QUARTET (1954)**  
Philip Ficsor, violin  
Tom Turner, viola  
Geoffrey Rutkowski, cello  
Betty Oberacker, piano

**Saturday December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 PM**  
**Faulkner Gallery**  
Santa Barbara Public Library Main Branch  
40 E. Anapamu @ Santa Barbara Street  
**FREE ADMISSION**

**Berceuse, Op. 57** Frédéric Chopin  
**Barcarolle, Op. 60**  
Rosa LoGiudice, piano

**Three Slavonic Dances** Antonin Dvorák  
Alexandra Leslie and John Sonquist,  
piano four-hands

**A Medley of Holiday Songs**  
Carol Ann Manzi, soprano  
Thomas Heck, guitar

## Holiday Reception

Following the December 12 Gala Concert honoring Composer Emma Lou Diemer, join us in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate Emma Lou's 80th Birthday. If you would like to help with the reception or bring a favorite cookie or treat to share, that would be lovely and appreciated. For information, call Andriana at 685-8982.



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## Workshops

A workshop will be held Saturday December 8, 2:00 PM at Wood Glen Hall, 3010 Foothill Road. For more information contact Gail Embree at 966-9231. Please join us to perform on a beautiful Steinway concert grand for a small and appreciative audience of Wood Glen Hall residents.

## Volunteers

We are looking for enthusiastic Music Club members to assist with the mailing of the Newsletter or distribution of programs at our concerts. It's a great way to make new friends and help us out!. Contact Andriana at 685-8982.

## Member News

Long-time member and pianist **Linde Romillo** has moved to be with her family in Northern California. We wish Linde good health and much happiness in her new home. Please wish her well at 450 Old San Francisco Rd., Apt. #205, Sunnyvale, CA 94086. (408) 830-9581.

## Free Advent Organ Concerts

Don't miss the **Free Advent Organ Series** at Trinity Episcopal Church, Sundays at 3:30 pm.

- Dec. 2: Mahlon E. Balderston
- Dec. 9—Charles Talmadge
- Dec. 16—Emma Lou Diemer
- Dec. 23—David A. Gell

## Quire of Voyces

Our local beloved **Quire of Voyces** December concerts are Saturday December 15, 7:00 PM, and Sunday December 16, 3:00 PM, at St Anthony's Seminary, 2300 Garden Street. Reserve your tickets at 965-5935. This popular "Mysteries of Christmas" concert will feature works by Poulenc and a new mass by the young Los Angeles composer Ken Sato.