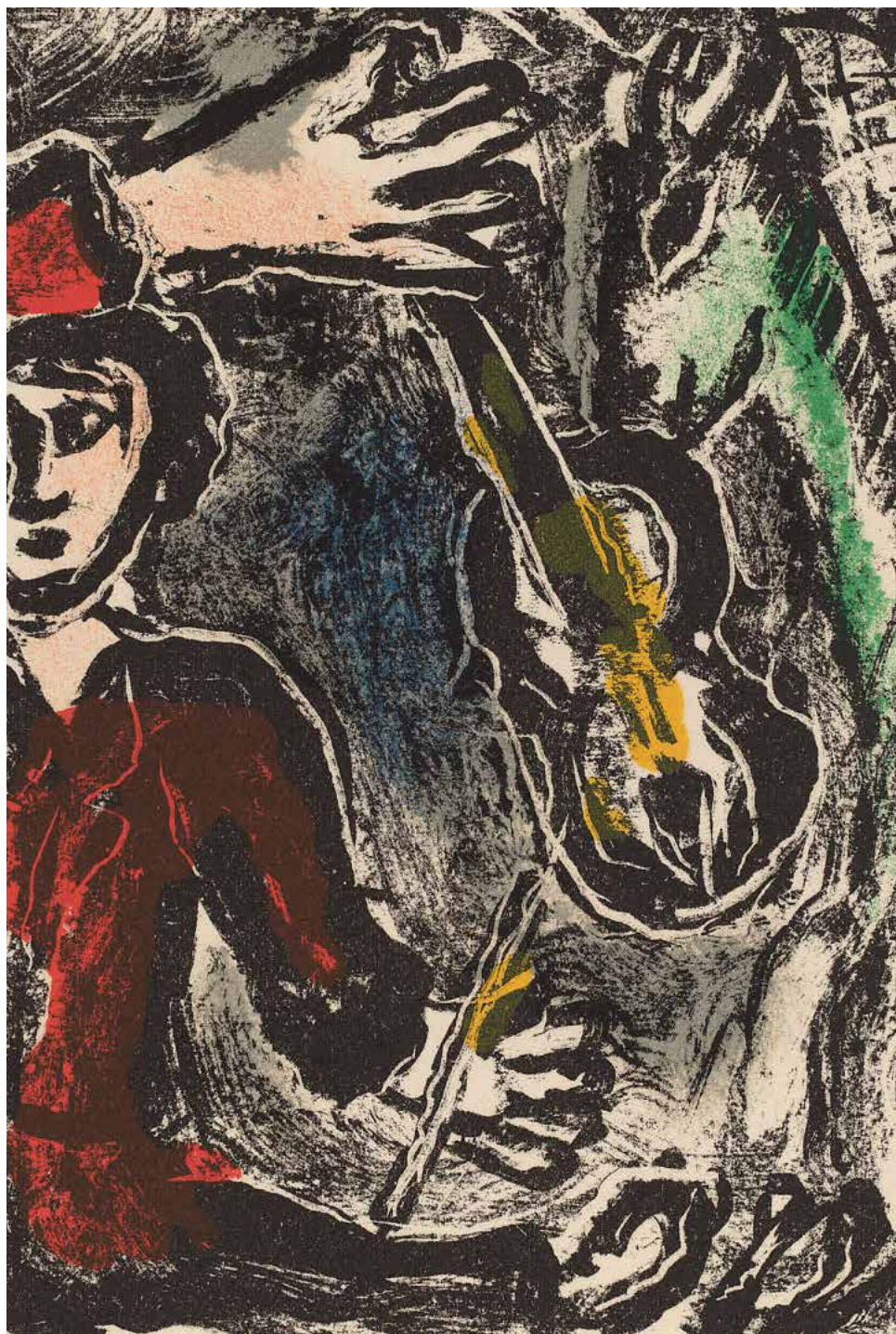


74TH SEASON OF CONCERTS

DECEMBER 20, 2015 • NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART



PROGRAM

3:30 • West Building, West Garden Court

Eric Mintel Quartet

Eric Mintel, piano

Nelson Hill, sax and flute

Dave Mohn, drums

Jack Hegyi, bass

Featuring Central Bucks High School-West Chamber Choir

Dr. Joseph Ohrt, director of the Central Bucks High School-West Chamber Choir

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of *A Charlie Brown Christmas*

The program will be announced from the stage.

The Musicians

Eric Mintel Quartet

Pianist and composer Eric Mintel has brought his own energetic and lyrical style of jazz to audiences of all ages for more than twenty years. His piano style and his quartet have been compared to the great Dave Brubeck. Mintel's goals of bringing an understanding of jazz to the masses has connected on many levels both nationally and internationally.

In 1998, President Bill Clinton invited Mintel to perform at the White House, and in 2011, a second invitation came from President Obama. Mintel was a featured guest on Marian McPartland's *Piano Jazz* on NPR and has been reviewed in *Down Beat* and *Jazziz* magazines. In 2010, he and the quartet performed a special UNESCO concert, and from 1999 to 2005, the group played several concerts at the Kennedy Center. The ensemble also has performed and recorded live at Washington, DC's XM/Sirius. Mintel and his dynamic quartet continue to tour, perform, and communicate with audiences throughout the world.

Central Bucks High School-West Chamber Choir

The choral program at Central Bucks High School-West, from Doylestown, Pennsylvania, which includes a Symphonic Chorale, Madrigal Singers, and a men's and a women's choir, in addition to several other auditioned groups, is one of the most respected choral programs in the nation. Having presented close to four hundred world premieres in the last eighteen years, the various groups have served as a pioneer of and advocate for contemporary choral composition. Their unparalleled accomplishments and unique programming have inspired other choirs, conductors, and composers throughout the country. West Choirs continuously enjoy collaborations with some of the world's most important composers and conductors.

The Central Bucks High School-West Choirs have performed for US Presidents Obama and Clinton, President Havel of the Czech Republic, President Nelson Mandela of South Africa, and Prime Minister Shimon Perez of Israel. The choirs have performed over twenty times at Carnegie Hall and eight times at the White House. Their performances have aired to millions of viewers in annual television programs.

The Seventy-Fourth Season of The William Nelson Cromwell and F. Lammot Belin Upcoming Concerts

New York Opera Society
Viennese New Year Concert
January 3, Sunday, 3:30
West Building, West Garden Court

Yael Weiss
Music by Auerbach, Beethoven,
and Schubert
January 10, Sunday, 3:30
West Building, West Garden Court

Fisk Jubilee Singers
Spirituals
January 17, Saturday, 3:30
West Building, West Garden Court

Aspen String Trio
J. S. Bach, *Goldberg Variations*
January 24, Sunday, 3:30
West Building, West Garden Court

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