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Music Notes: Brazzel, UIS Chorus, keyboard recital

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Brazzel to play with Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra

Springfield-based classical guitarist Russel Brazzel will join the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra for a performance at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

The program, titled "Melodies on Strings," also features 10-year-old violinist Fiona Shea, who won the orchestra's Talent Among Us competition this year.

Brazzel will perform Mauro Giuliani's Concerto No. 1 in A major for Guitar and Orchestra, Op. 30, written in 1808. Brazzel is a classical guitar instructor at both Lincoln Land Community College and Illinois College in Jacksonville.

Shea will perform the first movement of Felix Mendelssohn's Concerto in D minor for Violin and String Orchestra, written when the composer was 13. Shea hails from Lubbock, Texas, but her grandparents, Robert and Rosemary Jokisch, reside in Virginia, Ill.

Also on the program is Beethoven's Symphony No. 6 in F major, Op. 68, "Pastoral."

The concert will take place in Rammelkamp Chapel on the campus of Illinois College. Tickets cost \$15 (students and children get in free), and will be available at the door or in advance at Festival Foods in Jacksonville.

UIS Chorus will be bold with its songs

The University of Illinois Springfield Chorus will perform at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Vachel Lindsay Home State Historic Site, 603 S. Fifth St.

Part of the "Let Us Be Bold With Our Songs" series, the array of pieces includes "Ahe Lau Makani (There is a Breath)" by Queen Liliuokalani, the last reigning monarch of Hawaii; "Fire, Fire," a polyphonic English madrigal by Thomas Morley; "The Erie Canal," an American folk song accompanied by piano and fiddle; "Oleana," an American folk song accompanied by violin; and "Blackbird," by the Beatles.

Director Sharon Graf will lead a brief discussion of the songs.

The program is free, but seating is limited. Refreshments and tours of the home follow the program. For more information about the UIS Chorus, visit www.uis.edu/music.

Keyboard takes center stage at recital

The Lincoln Land Community College Recital Series will present "An Afternoon of Keyboard Solo and Chamber Music: Maria Horvath and Friends" at 4 p.m. Sunday in the Trutter Center on the school's main campus, 5250 Shepherd Road.

The free concert features Maria Horvath on harpsichord, fortepiano and piano; Maryna Meshcherska on piano; and Kamen Petkov on violin. The program will include solo harpsichord music by Rameau, a sonata for fortepiano and violin by Mozart and Schubert's "Fantasy" for piano four-hand.

Horvath, a music instructor at LLCC, is the principal pianist with the Illinois Symphony Orchestra.

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