‘tis a gift to be simple
2020 Season

Inspired by reading Laura Deming’s memory of playing *Appalachian Spring* in a thirteen member ensemble, and in collaboration with the newly created Dance major at Northern Michigan University, The Pine Mountain Music Festival will present original choreography by Maisie Zahn of this historic ballet created by Aaron Copland for Martha Graham 75 years ago.

Our hybrid ensemble, anchored by the founding members of The Bergonzi Trio, Scott Flavin and Ross Harbaugh, will include Giovanni Perez and Angela Santiago on flute and bassoon and an ensemble of U.P. professionals with Susie Byykkonen on piano. We will open on Father’s Day, June 21st in the Rozsa Center for the Arts, travel to The Crystal Theatre in Crystal Falls and culminate during ArtWeek, Marquette, in the Kaufman Auditorium on June 23rd.

All three performances will start with the UPStarts, 2020 Tour at 5 PM in the same venues, break for a light dinner provided by PMMF for the entire cast and audience and reconvene at 7:30 PM for *Appalachian Spring*. Act II will be the world premier of a new piece by Michigan Tech composer, Libby Meyer, built for percussion and our thirteen-player ensemble.

The UPStarts tour, joining our main cast, promises to carry on the classical music variety show format so successful on all stages in 2019 with new UPStarts and Giovanni Perez acting as bandleader. The Bergonzi Trio including Lindsay Garritson will perform a few days earlier on the same stages, opening in The Kaufman Auditorium on June 16th, stop at The Crystal Theatre on June 17th and finish at The Rozsa Center for the Arts on June 18th.

All will be ready for *Appalachian Spring* on Father’s Day, Sunday, June 21st. Quite an achievement! We need your help to give us the final financial push to enable us to present our 30th Anniversary Season.

I look forward to seeing you at all the shows. Please consider, in addition to your annual gift, buying a Family Pass for your neighbors and encouraging them to do the same. And be sure to invite everyone to join us for the early performances at 5 PM and stay for dinner! One big party of professionals and UPStarts! And the king of all, Sir Duke.

*And with a voice like Ella’s ringing out There’s no way the band can lose.* — Stevie Wonder

All best,
Douglas Day, Director, PMMF
PRESIDENT’S NOTES

>>> The fun has started! As you have read our 30th season is well on its way to being a great celebration of the milestone we have reached. Thirty years of producing high caliber classical music in three cities in the Upper Peninsula is a remarkable accomplishment. The Pine Mountain Music Festival has enriched our communities and become an integral part of our cultural enrichment.

This spring appeal needs to raise the remaining $15 thousand of the $80 thousand dollar budget. The entire festival, office expenses, marketing and travel, not to mention paying musicians, dancers, hiring halls and printing costs, are being done at half our previous budget, following our requirement that we produce only what we can afford, debt-free. Our presentation of Appalachian Spring by Aaron Copland, allows us to partner with the newly created dance major at Northern Michigan University and to commission a new piece by Michigan Tech composer, Libby Meyer. This show, including our friends from The Bergonzi Trio, also acting as mentors to the UPstarts, indicates that we mean business in our ongoing effort to build a bridge to the next generation of classical music enthusiasts in the U.P.

As president of the board, I thank you for your support. If you have given recently, please consider another gift to help us reach our goal. Choose the easiest method of giving by sending a check or using a card through our PMMF.org website.

Looking forward to seeing you in June.
— Diane Eshbach, Board President

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2020 FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

Marquette
June 16 – Bergonzi Trio
• 2:00 pm, Peter White Library, Free Public Concert/Discussion
• 7:30 pm, Concert Kaufman Auditorium

June 23 – UPstarts Appalachian Spring Tour 2020
• 5:00 pm, Kaufman Auditorium, UPstarts Performance
• With a light dinner between UPstarts show and ballet
• 7:30 pm, Kaufman Auditorium, Appalachian Spring by Aaron Copland*

Keweenaw
June 18 – Bergonzi Trio
• 7:30 pm, The Rozsa Center for the Arts, Houghton

June 21 – UPstarts Appalachian Spring Tour 2020
• 5:00 pm, Rozsa Center for the Arts, UPstarts Performance
• With a light dinner between UPstarts show and ballet
• 7:30 pm, Rozsa Center for the Arts, Appalachian Spring by Aaron Copland*

Iron Mountain
June 17 – Bergonzi Trio
• 7:30 pm, The Crystal Theater, Crystal Falls

June 22 – UPstarts Appalachian Spring Tour 2020
• 5:00 pm, The Crystal Theater, UPstarts Performance
• With a light dinner between UPstarts show and ballet
• 7:30 pm, The Crystal Theater, Appalachian Spring by Aaron Copland*

*original Choreography by Maisie Zahn, NMU School of Dance.
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