

Best Bets Friday, June 18, 2004

### **Voce Viaggio**

**The Children's Chorus of Carroll County presents Voce Viaggio premiering its all-American program at 3 and 7 p.m. Saturday at the Carroll Arts Center at 91 W. Main St. in Westminster.**

**A select group of 24 singers from the Children's Chorus and Voce Viaggio will represent Westminster as musical ambassadors to Estonia, Finland and Sweden on an upcoming tour. The tour is an extension of the Sister City Partnership Program between Westminster and Paide, Estonia.**

**Voce Viaggio and the Children's Chorus of Carroll County are under the direction of Diane Jones. Holly Kennedy will travel as an accompanist. The members of Voce Viaggio are Rhiannon Aliff, Tim Bangerd, Amy DeLoria, Laura Eller, Jennifer Gilbert, Lauren Goodwin, Rebecca Mary Haines, Kayla Hawkesworth, Emma Hiner, Sara Holmes, Lindsay Inge, Kelsey Jezierski, Kaitlyn Johnson, Michael McGuire, Allyson Moody, Lauren Peck, Beth Schroeder, Karl Shuey, Amber Slater, Moira Thompson, Ariel Wickham, Elena Wickham, Chad Will and Laura Woodruff.**

**Tickets to the concert are \$5 and are available in advance at the Carroll County Arts Council or at the door. For more information, call the arts council at 410-848-7272.**

### **Dance, dance, dance**

There's no end to the dance this weekend as three local dance groups present their recitals.

The North Carroll Recreation Council Dance program will present its spring recital at 7:30 p.m. today and at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday at North Carroll High School, 1400 Panther Drive, Hampstead.

Doors will open a half hour before the show.

Tickets are \$7 for general admission for adults, \$5 for children ages 7-11 and free for children 6 and younger and are available at the door.

For information, call Michelle Stansfield, 410-239-1943.

The Westminster Chamber Ballet, in conjunction with the Patty Neivert School of Dance, will present a spring concert at 6 p.m. today and 2 p.m. Saturday at the Scott Center Theatre at Carroll Community College, Washington Road, Westminster.

Tickets are \$10 and proceeds benefit the Westminster Chamber Ballet. For information, call 410-857-9476.

The Westminster Ballet Theatre and State of the Arts Dance Center will offer its spring concert

at 8 p.m. Saturday and 4 p.m. Sunday at Winters Mill High School, 560 Gorsuch Road, Westminster.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for those under 12 and over 65. For information, call 877-753-0244.

### **Singin' the blues**

The 10th annual Baltimore Blues Fest gets under way Saturday and Sunday, celebrating the heart and soul of blues and American roots music.

Because of significant growth in attendance, this year's festival, unlike the previous nine, will be at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium.

The two-stage event will offer scheduled appearances by artists including Levon Helm of The Band featuring Little Sammy Davis, Lester Chambers of the Ground Breaking Chambers Brothers, T-Model Ford and the Iguanas.

Attendees also can listen to presentations by Dick Waterman, author of "Between Midnight & Day"; talk shop with the Karb Kings, a hot rod car club; explore the Strange Cargo Oddities Museum, or shop for rare blues and American roots music records, CDs and collectibles.

Tickets can be purchased in advance online at [www.mdblues.com](http://www.mdblues.com) or by phone at 800-830-3976, ext. 108.

Advance tickets are \$15, onsite tickets are \$20 and tickets for children 12 and younger are free.

### **Saving space**

According to the Civil War Preservation Trust, one acre of battlefield land is destroyed every 10 minutes.

To help preserve that land, the Ellicott City B&O Railroad Station Museum will present a Fife and Drum Corps Muster for battlefield preservation Saturday and Sunday.

Musicians will converge on the station to play militia music from the 1860s. The musicians will bring donations raised through pledges to be given to the Central Virginia Battlefield Trust to be used in purchasing endangered land.

The event will be from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for students and seniors, \$3 for children 12 and younger and free for children younger than 2.

For more information, call 410-461-1944 or visit [www.ecbo.org](http://www.ecbo.org).

### **Vienna to Broadway**

Baltimore Symphony Orchestra Principal Pops Conductor Jack Everly will lead audiences on a musical retrospective of works of the Viennese operetta tradition as well as favorite tunes from Broadway at 8 p.m. today and Saturday and at 3 p.m. Sunday.

The Choral Arts Society of Baltimore, led by Tom Hall, and vocalists Cara Johnston, soprano; Chad Freeburg, tenor, and Joshua Hopkins, baritone, will perform well-known Viennese works such as Franz Lehar's Overture to The Merry Widow and Johann Strauss Jr.'s I'm In Love with Vienna along with modern Broadway hits such as Cole Porter's Kiss Me, Kate and Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber's The Phantom of the Opera.

Tickets for these shows range from \$27 to \$52. Boxes are \$75. Tickets are available through the BSO Ticket Office in the lobby of the Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall, at the corner of Cathedral and Preston streets. The ticket office is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and one hour prior to performances.

For more information, call 410-783-8000 or visit [www.baltimoresymphony.org](http://www.baltimoresymphony.org).

- *Ellen Cornelius*