

Saturday, July 12:



Simon Mulligan

**Simon Mulligan
Piano Recital**

7:30 PM \$25

**Special Return
Engagement!**

Internationally-acclaimed pianist Simon Mulligan salutes the Year of Sembrich in a program of works by Beethoven, Chopin, Gershwin and more...

SEMBRICH AT WOODFEST

Friday, August 1:



Jacqueline Noparstak

"Opera Showstoppers"

Charles R. Wood Theater

7:30 PM \$20, students \$15

IN TRIBUTE TO THE KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION'S SEMBRICH VOICE SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

Soprano Jacqueline Noparstak, First Place winner of the 2008 Sembrich Voice Scholarship Competition, is joined by another of American opera's rising young stars, tenor Eric Fennell, for a diverse program featuring some of the most beloved arias and duets from the world of opera.



Eric Fennell

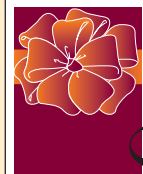
BY POPULAR DEMAND



Bel Canto Institute Singers

Returning favorites for the Year of Sembrich include:

- Young Performers Showcase,**
- Lake George Opera Apprentices,**
- Seagle Colony Singers,**
- Silver Bay Ensemble,**
- Hugh Allen Wilson,**
- Bel Canto Institute Singers,**
- Opera buff Bill Maher** and
- Summer Film Series at Town Hall.**



Watch for an **END-OF-SEASON**

YEAR OF SEMBRICH

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE!

Details to follow soon...

**Call 518-644-2431
to purchase tickets**

"Sing! Sing for the world

For you have the voice of an angel!"

—Franz Liszt (on first hearing the 17 year-old Marcella Sembrich)

"In grateful remembrance of the 6 unforgettable (performances) and the Farewell of such lofty and unique art."
—Gustav Mahler,
February 6, 1909
On Sembrich's Retirement from New York's Metropolitan Opera.

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THE YEAR OF SEMBRICH

FEBRUARY 15, 2008

(Marcella Sembrich's 150th birthday) through

FEBRUARY 6, 2009

(the centennial of Marcella's Farewell to Opera at the Met)

*Celebrating the
Life and Legacy of
an Extraordinary
Artist*



MEDIA SPONSOR



NYSOA

Marcella Sembrich chose as her signature song a melody by Frédéric Chopin. At the conclusion of her recitals she would sing this piece and accompany herself on the piano. That song serves as the impetus for this season's composer festival:

**"The Maiden's Wish" —
A FESTIVAL OF CHOPIN**
July 23 – 27, 2008

Wednesday, July 23: LECTURE: 1:30 PM FREE



M. Frédéric Chopin

"Romance and the Romantics"
by Ruth Albert Spencer with Christopher Johnson, piano.

"The Liaison of Mme. George Sand and M. Frédéric Chopin"

An exploration of one of the nineteenth century's most famous relationships, illustrated by readings of letters and diaries, slides of locations in France and Majorca and piano music performed on Sembrich's 1905 Steinway.

Wednesday, July 23: FILM: **"Impromptu"** (1991)
Bolton Town Hall 7:30 PM FREE



Judy Davis in Impromptu

A light-hearted summer-in-the-country romp by Broadway director James Lapine centered around writer George Sand (Judy Davis) and her romantic pursuit of Chopin (Hugh Grant).

Thursday, July 24: CONCERT: **Davydov/Fanning Duo**
Hyde Collection 7:30 PM \$20



Diana Fanning & Dieuwke Davydov

An All-Chopin program, featuring Diana Fanning in solo piano works, joined by cellist Dieuwke Davydov for the Sonata in G minor and Polonaise Brillante.

Friday, July 25: PLAY: **"Chopin and the Nightingale"**
7:30 PM \$20



Megan Weston

A dramatic reading with music for narrator, two sopranos and pianist which chronicles the newly-discovered romance between an ailing Frédéric Chopin and the "Swedish Nightingale", soprano Jenny Lind. To benefit the Icons of Europe TB/HIV Fund. (Also, on Sunday, July 27 at 2).

Saturday, July 26: RECITAL: **Chopin and the Bel Canto Tradition** 7:30 PM \$25



Christopher Johnson

A recital by pianist Christopher Johnson which considers the "bel canto" style of opera and how the stage works of Bellini and Donizetti influenced and inspired the lyricism of Chopin's piano writing.



THE YEAR OF SEMBRICH

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

2008 SUMMER SEASON
Twelve Music-Filled Weeks
On the Shores of Lake George

From familiar names such as Brahms, Liszt and Rachmaninoff to lesser known composers such as Cesar Cui, this new chamber music series mirrors the impressive breadth and scope of Madame Sembrich's career and influence...

COMPOSERS SEMBRICH KNEW



Liebesfreud Quartet

Sunday, August 17:
Liebesfreud Quartet
7:30 PM \$25

Samuel Caviezel, associate clarinetist with the Philadelphia Orchestra, joins the distinguished Liebesfreud Quartet for a performance of Brahms' autumnal masterpiece, Quintet for Clarinet and Strings in B minor, Op. 115. Also featured on the program will be works by Puccini, Wolf, Rachmaninoff and Cui.



Samuel Caviezel

"Sembrich has a mind – a heart, and a soul."

—Johannes Brahms

(commenting on Marcella Sembrich's interpretation of one of his songs)

Saturday, August 30:
Luzerne Trio
7:30 PM \$25



Luzerne Trio

Violinist Raymond Gniewek, cellist Bert Phillips and pianist Tony Blumenthal along with guest host, soprano Judith Blegen, bring the summer series to a festive close in a concert of works by Clara Schumann, Fritz Kreisler, Franz Liszt and Johannes Brahms.

"Praxede Marcelline Kochanska, whom the world was to know as Marcella Sembrich, was born in extreme poverty of humble Polish stock in a hamlet near Lemberg on February 15, 1858."

From "A Recollection of Marcella Sembrich" by H. Goddard Owen

SEMBRICH HERITAGE WEEK

August 3 – 9, 2008



Justyna di Biaggio

Sunday, August 3:
"A Concert of Polish Songs and Arias"

7:30 PM \$20

Polish mezzo soprano Justyna di Biaggio joins Polish-American bass Valerian Ruminski for a concert of music from their rich, shared heritage.



Valerian Ruminski

Monday, August 4:
FILM: **"The Pianist"** (2002)

Bolton Town Hall 7:30 PM FREE

Roman Polanski's "tribute to the power of music", this Oscar-winning film chronicles the true-life story of pianist and Holocaust survivor Wladyslaw Szpilman.



Jaroslaw Golembowski, pianist for "Polish Songs and Arias"

Introduced by Warsaw musicologist Malgorzata Komorowska.

Wednesday, August 6:
"A Celebration of Polish Culture"
5 PM \$10

Readings of poetry by Nobel Prize-winning Polish writers, musical interludes and artwork by Krzysztof Kmiec. Presented in the Sembrich Studio by Adirondack Community College.



Malina Sarnowska, violinist for "A Celebration of Polish Culture"

Saturday, August 9:
SEMBRICH SYMPOSIUM
11 AM & 1:30 PM FREE

A day-long exploration of the life, career and influence of Marcella Sembrich with musicologists Malgorzata Komorowska, Stephen Herx and Joseph Herter.



Adrien Brody in "The Pianist"

"To my dear great illustrious compatriot...Homage of profound admiration and affectionate respect."

—Ignace Paderewski