



All Stars & Rising Stars Home Team Season

Season opens with Gala Celebration, magical classical mix

October 6, 2007 -- Fox Cities Performing Arts Center

"Groner once again shaped an impeccable, subtly-shaded accompaniment, this time for Chicago-based violinist Rachel Barton Pine's riveting, personable performance. . . Playing on Joseph Guarnerius del Jesu (1742), Barton Pine gave a poised reading, balancing sinew and sweetness amidst urgent phrasing that served the composer faithfully."

- Erik Eriksson for
Peninsula Pulse

The Fox Valley Symphony opened the season with its traditional Opening Night

Gala Dinner. More than 180 guests enjoyed a performance by FVS Youth Orchestras students and a delicious catered meal.

Barton Pine
Following the celebratory dinner, the audience was given quite the dessert as the Fox Valley Symphony performed works by Falla, Dvorak, Mozart and Respighi. Barton Pine joined the orchestra for Mozart's Violin Concerto No. 4 in D Major using her own cadenzas. Patrons gave Barton Pine a standing ovation for her performance. Some patrons may remember that Barton Pine also performed with the Symphony in 1999.

Russian Romance with Pianist Dmitri Novgorodsky

November 3, 2007 -- Fox Cities Performing Arts Center

"From the crisp opening bars of the concerto to its dramatic conclusion, the audience listened intensely to Novgorodsky's mastery of the piano while working in consort with Groner's skillful leadership of the orchestra."

- James Chaudoir for The Post-Crescent

Lawrence University faculty member and pianist Dmitri Novgorodsky was featured as the guest soloist for the Symphony's second concert of the season. He tackled one of the most difficult piano concertos, Rachmaninoff's Piano Concert No. 3 in D Minor, and the audience appreciated the skill on stage with a thunderous applause. The orchestra also performed Debussy's *Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun* and Sibelius' Suite No. 1 from *The Tempest*. *The Tempest*, featuring narrator John Koker, was part of the Symphony's participation in Shakespeare on the Fox, a consortium of local arts organizations who work to make Shakespeare's works more accessible to the Fox Cities community.



More than 180 guests attended the Opening Night Gala in the Kimberly-Clark Theater, which launched the 2007-08 FVS season.

Holiday Pops

November 29, 2007 --
Pickard Auditorium, Neenah

The Fox Valley Symphony brought Christmas to Pickard Auditorium in Neenah for the second annual Holiday Pops concert. The family-friendly concert launched Future Neenah's Community Christmas Event and featured the Lawrence Academy of Music



String Students and Makaroff Youth Ballet as special guests. The concert also featured the premiere of *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* composed by Maury Laws and narrated by Karen Laws. The evening concluded with a sing-a-long led by Beth Kinzel featuring several holiday favorites and the appearance of Santa and Mrs. Claus.