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## **Gretna Music Ratifies 2009-2010 Artistic Stimulus Package**

**Gretna Music announces 2009-2010 season at Elizabethtown College**

**Leading Artists Vienna Boys Choir and Raleigh Ringers grace  
Holiday Season at Leffler Chapel**

**Orpheus Chamber Orchestra  
Makes Rare Central PA Appearance in March 2010**

**Valentines Day Encounter with Pipa-Player Wu Man**

**Two Pianos Are Better Than One in October 2009**

**War On Hunger Won – Pre-Concert Buffets Available**

Elizabethtown, PA – In a rare show of bipartisan good will, members of Gretna Music’s insane right wing Sales and Marketing Party, and pinko left Artistic Planning Party voted to pass “Gretna Music at Elizabethtown College 2009-2010”, commonly known as the Central Pennsylvania Artistic Stimulus Bill. Cut were pork barrel projects dear to both sides of the aisle (the stuffed shirt conservative Sales and Marketing Party was loath to part with Cash Stream Rendition, while the kook hippie Artistic Planning Party fought to the bitter end for Bard Check), with central PA arts fans reaping the results: a fabulous five-concert season at Elizabethtown College’s Leffler Performance Center, featuring some of the biggest names imaginable.

No, we don’t mean Citibank and AIG. Rather we’re talking acts like the **Vienna Boys Choir, Orpheus Chamber Orchestra**, and **Raleigh Ringers**, just to name a few.

Culture cravers should first start to see the Artistic Stimulus Bill pay dividends in the local concert scene Friday, October 30, when pianists **Charles Abramovic and Marcantonio Barone** come to Elizabethtown. Abramovic and Barone have accompanied some of the brightest stars in the classical pantheon, but they've never teamed with each other until this concert of solo, four hands and duo piano masterworks.

One of the biggest bumps the Artistic Stimulus Bill gives the central PA performing arts season is a doubling of Gretna Music holiday concerts. Previous years have seen just one. 2009 features two – and what a pair they are! First, **Raleigh Ringers**, the preeminent handbell choir in the land, seen annually on over 250 PBS stations, ring in the Yuletide season Sunday, December 7. Then Thursday, December 17, the **Vienna Boys Choir** comes to town. It's hard to give a better gift than this gifted group of Austrian kids, hands down the most beloved choir in the world.

Romance and music, way more than finance, are truly international languages. This Valentine's Day, Sunday, February 14, the Artistic Stimulus package will offer proof by uniting the two, with the help of Chinese pipa virtuoso, **Wu Man**. Renowned for her show stopping appearances with Yo-Yo Ma's Silk Road Project, Wu Man will give a rare and passionate solo performance perfect for the occasion.

And before the Artistic Stimulus runs out, it's got one more great big cultural kick: the **Orpheus Chamber Orchestra**, Friday, March 19. Orpheus is the preeminent ensemble of its kind on this Earth. For their first appearance in central PA in almost 15 years, they'll bring with them Norwegian cello sensation **Truls Mørk**, plus music of Tchaikovsky, Stravinsky, and Beethoven.

Gretna Music's 2009-2010 Artistic Stimulus Bill. When it comes to culture, it beats a bunch of boring federal earmarks any day.

A pre-concert buffet dinner is available for \$19. Reservations for dinner must be received 5 business days before each concert.

Adult concert tickets range from \$15 -\$65, with discount tickets for young people 26 and under. Multi-concert discount packages are also available. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.gretnamusic.org/tickets.htm](http://www.gretnamusic.org/tickets.htm), or by phone at 717-361-1508.

Gretna Music at Elizabethtown College concerts take place at Leffler Chapel and Performance Center, located on College Avenue east of PA Route 230.

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