

'Moving' trio performs at Reed

Student offered 'classic' prices at Brahms Festival

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The Kavafian-Schub-Schiffrin Trio took the stage this week with their chamber music performance at Reed College. The concert was put on by Chamber Music Northwest and included Ani Kavafian on violin, Andre-Michel Schub on piano, and David Schiffrin on clarinet. This recital also served as the debut performance for the three, who before had been sought after soloists and friends for 25 years, playing as a group.

David Schiffrin is Chamber Music Northwest's artistic director, as well as the third member of the trio.

"The spontaneity, excitement, and fun we have playing together is beyond what we ever anticipated," he said.

The program for the performance included pieces from

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Robert Schumann, and Béla Bartók; all beautifully interpreted by the musical ensemble.

Somewhat distracting how-



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From left to right: Ani Karafian, Andre-Michel Shub, and David Schufrin will play at Reed on February 22nd and 23rd.

ever, was Schub of the trio on piano. His over-zealous emoting was a constant distraction for the eyes, even amidst the overwhelmingly beautiful music, constantly looking as if he were in pain or in the throes

of a bout of constipation; this in addition to Kavafian who, whenever not playing, would sway back and forth as if she were entranced by the stage lighting.

Nonetheless, all of the mem-

bers of the trio are renowned and established musicians. Ani Kavafian has played as a soloist with the New York Philharmonic, as well as having performed for three different presidents in the White

House. Andre Schub has been recipient to many prestigious awards, including the Van Cliburn Piano Competition where he won grand prize in addition to playing regularly with the New York and Los Angeles philharmonic. David Schiffrin has been nominated for three Grammy Awards. The Delos Recording Company has signed Schiffrin and the Mostly Men Festival Orchestra received *Stereo Review's* "Record of the Year" award.

These immensely talented musicians complement each other perfectly in their playing, and to see them perform together is a definite treat for any fan of instrumental music. They will be conducting another recital in the Brahms Festival concerts on Feb. 23, a ten-day collaboration with the Oregon Symphony and Reed College. All concerts in the series begin at 8 p.m. and are only \$10 for students, so don't miss your chance to see this talented trio; although, if you are easily distracted you may want to bring some dark glasses or a blindfold.

Burst a lung while karaoke diving with our Bar Czar

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Keeping with the bar theme from two weeks ago, the misadventures of Nic and Frank have taken our brave heroes to other adult beverage establishments in the local area to check out the local karaoke scene. Many bars and taverns have put karaoke into their entertainment lineup and have thrived because of it. The fact that the patrons can become the entertainment not only saves the bar from paying someone else to entertain the patrons

but can also be a helluva lot of fun.

Although Nic couldn't come along for this ride, I, being an aficionado of karaoke, have taken the liberty of checking out some of the better places to get your song on.

One of the longest running karaoke shows in Oregon City can be found at Tacho's Restaurant and Lounge on Molalla Avenue. Karaoke is performed on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights beginning at 9 p.m. in the lounge. Although the selection of songs has not changed much over the past few years, the atmosphere is ever-evolv-

ing. Tacho's offers a full bar and various Oregon Lottery games for your entertainment as well.

Other establishments in Oregon City that offer karaoke include Hing's Happy Lounge in downtown Oregon City, Dr. John's Pub in downtown O.C. and the Rivershore Lounge, across from the Oregon City Shopping Center. Hing's runs karaoke on Sunday through Thursday nights, Dr. John's offers karaoke on Thursdays and Fridays and the Rivershore's shows are Friday and Saturday nights.

In the Canby area, Denny's Restaurant and Lounge, in the

Canby Market Center, offers karaoke on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights beginning at 9 p.m. Rich, Linda and Ken are the hosts and they have a decent selection of songs to choose from. Although the bar is fairly small, a lot of fun can be had by all. A full bar and various Oregon Lottery games are on hand for your alternative enjoyment, as well as Denny's full menu, as the restaurant never closes.

The Spinning Wheel in Canby on Highway 99E offers karaoke on Thursday and Sunday nights beginning at 7 p.m. A rather large man by the name of Bud runs the show

from his computer in which he has stored literally thousands of songs. By far one of the largest selections in the area. The Spinning Wheel has a full bar and the restaurant open until midnight.

There are many establishments in the Portland metro area that offer karaoke as part of their entertainment lineup—too many to mention in this column. If one is close enough, one can find one around many a corner. So go out this week (or week) and give your vocal cords a workout. A fun time is waiting. Go on, belt it out, you know you want to.

Like diamonds and hearts, poker has become red hot

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Poker is red hot today, and the reason is simple: industry.

Televised poker tournaments and internet poker sites have fueled explosive growth in the number of players taking charge in this risky card game.

Since the Travel Channel began broadcasting the World Poker Tour events last year, the contests have been the channel's top-rated series. ESPN has been very pleased as well with the ratings from their often-repeated "World Series of Poker" episodes.

It's incredible how much the surge of interest has

grown in the game of poker. It is boosting play on internet sites, in live card rooms, and especially in tournaments.

Poker is all about the art of bluffing. Today, television has made it possible for amateurs or beginners to study the tactics of bluffing from the poker pros.

From there, people practice their poker skills on online poker venues to chisel their game. New players today learn by watching television, and practice in anonymity online.

In 2003, a Tennessee amateur by the name of Chris Moneymaker won \$2.5 million in the final event of the World Series of Poker while competing in his first casino tournament.

Moneymaker had previously played only in online tournaments. His first-time success has sparked and inspired novices to get involved in the game.

Moneymaker isn't the only amateur to make noise in the world of poker.

A single mother of four, Annie Duke, managed to beat out eight other poker legends to win a grand total of \$2 million in a gruesome World Series of Poker Tournament of Champions game recently.

The success of the amateurs has shown that anybody can win in this game.

The World Poker Tour is bringing a new awareness to the excitement and popularity of a card game that is played by more people than any other sport in the country.

The number of those who get involved in poker is continuing to escalate at a rapid pace. People see that anyone and everyone who can play poker is capable of winning. You don't have to be a pro to compete in a poker tournament, so new enthusiasts are flooding into the sport.

In the movie "Rounders," Matt Damon said, "If you

can't spot the sucker within the first half hour at the table, then you are the sucker."

Don't be a sucker; hop on the bandwagon with other poker enthusiasts and play.

Some local casinos that

offer poker include Silver Mountain in Oregon, Chips Casino La Center in La Center, Washington. A popular online poker venue is PartyPoker.com. Ante up!



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