

# A Hanukkah evening with Michael Allen Harris

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The holiday Hanukkah celebration filled the air with beautiful soothing sounds of the striking piano keys at the Temple Beth Israel in Northwest Portland. The crystal, clear music poured out in perfect chord that was played by no other than Portland's own Michael Allen Harrison and his band members, Aaron Meyer and Bill Lamb.

The evening was a dedication to Adrian Reischer, the truly gifted music teacher and accomplished pianist whose impact helped shape the style and technique of Michael Allen Harrison's piano playing.

Aaron Meyer, the violinist made his solo debut with the Philadelphia Orchestra on the Kabalevsky Violin Concerto at the age of eleven. Aaron Meyer played the violin with an impeccably. Both he and Michael collaborated to play a piece known as Y'rushalayim Shel Zahav Aaron. The piece was played in such perfect

harmony, fused with beauty and expression, delicately woven into the undiluted essence of true depth. The music was mesmerizing in that one perfect moment. "It made your spirit soar like the eagle."

The "Remembrance" was a complex and magical piece of music that was inspired by a dream of Michael Allen Harrison. Dreams in most ancient cultures that are shrouded with antiquity, are by definition channeled from God and his angels and are derived from a divine order. Accordingly, this piece flowed smoothly and naturally like the force of the river. It symbolized the cultures' past trials and tribulations and the great journey to the present. The grand finale was a piece that was mixture of three distinctive styles of music: Bach, Celtic and Hebrew which all fell into one, with strong undercurrent of an eastern mystical feeling. It transported you back in history, to a time of the exotic, reminiscent of ancient Jerusalem.

Come fill your senses with beautiful sights and sounds of Christmas. Create a new tradition with your family and friends, one that will everlasting joyous memories of Christmas past. If you want to celebrate the spirit of the season, join Michael Allen Harrison at the historical Old Church in downtown Portland on December 17-23 and on Christmas Eve.

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## 'South Park' creators to produce new series for Web site

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The men who created the bawdy cartoon and movie "South Park" have agreed to produce an original animated series for the Shockwave.com entertainment Web site.

Macromedia, a San Francisco-based software company that owns

Shockwave.com, announced today that Trey Parker and Matt Stone have signed a multiyear deal to create 39 two- to five-minute episodes. The cartoon will debut early next year.

Representatives of Parker and Stone said they have received "significant" equity in Shockwave.com and will maintain creative control.

Macromedia chief executive Robert

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