

CHAMBER MUSIC *Unbound*

Upcoming Concerts: "EAST MEETS WEST" and "GONE WITH THE WIND"

Grammy-Winning Composer to Visit Eastern Sierra

Zhou Long (b. July 8, 1953, Beijing) is internationally recognized for creating a unique body of music that brings together the aesthetic concepts and musical elements of East and West. Deeply grounded in the entire spectrum of his Chinese heritage, including folk, philosophical, and spiritual ideals, he is a pioneer in transferring the idiomatic sounds and techniques of ancient Chinese musical traditions to modern Western instruments and ensembles. His creative vision has resulted in a new music that stretches Western instruments eastward and Chinese instruments westward, achieving an exciting and fertile common ground.

He is the recipient of the **2003 Academy Award in Music**, a lifetime achievement award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters.



Dr. Zhou Long

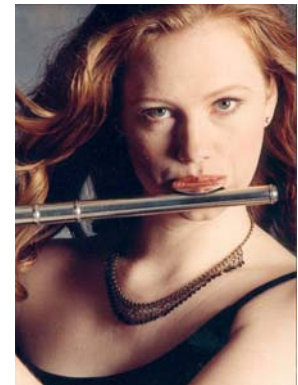
Zhou Long was born into an artistic family and began piano lessons at an early age. During the Cultural Revolution, he was sent to a rural state farm, where natural scenes of roaring winds and fierce wild fires made a profound and lasting impression. He resumed his musical training in 1973, studying composition, music theory, and conducting, as well as Chinese traditional music. He came to the United States in 1985 under a fellowship to attend Columbia University. Find out more

about Dr. Zhou and read the recent (Aug. 23) **Newsweek International** article "Music from Memory" on MSNBC.com.

In "East Meets West", Dr. Zhou's Piano Trio "Spirit of Chimes" is heard side by side with Ludwig van Beethoven's Piano Trio opus 1, No. 3 in C Minor, the first great masterwork of the young giant of Western music, published shortly after his move to Vienna. The missing link, historically and geographically, is Anton Arensky with his full-bodied and broken-hearted Russian Romanticism.

Meet Dr. Zhou and hear "**Spirit of Chimes**" performed by the Felici Piano Trio, **September 29th in Bishop, and September 30th in Mammoth.**

In **November**, the award-winning couple of **Christina Jennings, flute and Matt Dane, viola**, returns to Mammoth for "**Gone with the Wind**", an eclectic program featuring the most capricious member of the woodwind family, the flute



Christina Jennings

CMU Injury List

Joey Gephart (violin, age 6) - broken wrist playing soccer. Status: In a cast, still practicing, attending private lessons and Mammoth Elem. Strings!

Connor Craig (cello, age 7) - broken left pinky from skateboarding. Status: Out of cast, but avoiding use. Still attending Mammoth Elem. Strings!

Edwin Molina (cello, age 9) - broken left arm from a bicycle accident. Status: out of cast and newest member of the MES cello program!

Briefly Noted: CMU in the Community



"Your music soothes my soul" wrote Elliott Rodriguez of MMS's **Narnia**-team in the sweet "Thank You" note we received from them. Since we couldn't be there in person, we had arranged and recorded the accompaniment to the songs. Great job, y'all, we enjoyed watching your DVD!



The only known chamber ensemble to perform live in a 4th of July parade would like to thank Dan, Kendall and Makie Dawson, as well as Peggie Chew and Brian Kirkeby for vital last minute support in this high risk endeavor!



A joint Hospital Fundraiser for mammography equipment at a Tuscan villa in downtown Bishop eased the transition for Brian and Rebecca from Montalto (Italy) back to Mammoth (Eastern Sierra).

Holiday Concerts!

Your friends, neighbors, colleagues in the Eastern Sierra Chamber Orchestra, the students of CMU's after-school music programs, along with the Felici Trio will present "Holiday Celebration" on December 16 (Bishop) and December 17 (Mammoth).

Participating in this community holiday celebration are also young dancers from the studio of Snowcreek's Lynda Biederman with highlights from this year's "Nutmacker". This is a great family concert with short, entertaining numbers and lots of visual "action", so don't forget to bring everyone to join in the festive fun!

The "Nutmacker" himself, with a cast of

young dancers and musicians, will make appearances at Mammoth Middle School on Dec. 21, MES on Dec. 22 and .

These are wonderful opportunities to enjoy and support the young musicians and dancers of our communities!

Please see page 4, for exact times of concerts.

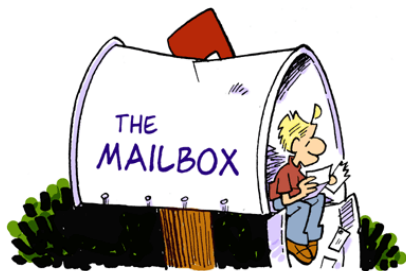


CMU Mailbag

Thanks to all of you who write us after concerts, workshops and lessons! We are always glad to hear from you. Keep 'em coming!

"I celebrated my 70th birthday with our family by going to your last concert of the season in Mammoth. It was spectacular! We all loved the performances and the very special music chosen." (Ruth Blakely, Bishop)

"Thank you Rebecca, Brian and Wen-Ting - What a fabulous afternoon. I wanted to pass along high praise as well from Pippa Kiraly, assistant music critic for the Seattle Post Intelligencer - she said "This was the BEST children's program I have ever attended!" She commented on the appropriate musical examples, the flow, the style and the illustrations, not to mention including everyone for the participatory segments. She was delighted." (Lisa Bergman, pianist and artistic director of Seattle's "Mostly Nordic" Chamber music Series). *By the way, Lisa is not just a fine pianist but also a fabulous narrator of "Pettersson and Findus"!!!*



"On behalf of the Board of Education, I extend our appreciation and thanks for your generous donation of time recording, editing, mixing and burning a compact disk of music appropriate for the Mammoth Middle School spring production of "Narnia". With your continued support through the trio and Chamber Music Unbound, we are able to provide our students with meaningful chamber music experiences. Your donation of time and talent is truly unique and irreplaceable. I look forward to continuing our work together for children in the future" (Stan Halperin, Superintendent)

"You gave us the most wonderful summer imaginable. Erno and I both loved every minute in Mammoth. The concerts were incredible. As Erno said, there is no place in the world one could hear better music - played with such excitement and mastery and love! - I have always loved summertime - but you have made it the glory of the year" (from a letter by Tina Kun, cellist, participant of seminar and workshop, Mill Valley)

FELICI ON TOUR

October 2, 2006. 7:30 PM - Union Mine High Theater, El Dorado, CA. Music of Beethoven, Zhou Long and Arensky. Presented by El Dorado Community Concert Association. Call 530.626.4625 for tickets

October 16, 2006. 7:30 PM - Walnut Creek, CA. Music of Beethoven, Zhou Long and Arensky. Presented by Rossmoor Chamber Music Society. Call 925.979.0870 for tickets

February 18, 2007. 2:30 PM - The Lutheran Church of the Incarnation, Poway. Music of Beethoven, Zhou Long and Saint-Saëns. Presented by Chamber Music Society of North County. Call 858.673.9906 for information

April 15, 2007. St. James Episcopal Church, Sonoma, CA. Music of Zhou Long, Dvorak and Saint-Saëns. Presented by the St. James Concert Series. Call 209-984-0704 for tickets.



"Session II, 2006, was an amazing, transforming experience for this learning violist...The planning of every section of the day was just amazingly wonderful. The concerts were of course the glorious highlight. Such world-class artistry. I was in heaven every moment. The faculty were all so different, in what and how they taught, and all sensitive to the needs of the students, too." (Gray Felstiner, violist, participant of workshop, Santa Barbara)

"We like how you play as if you're in Carnegie Hall even though it's Bishop High! Our life in Bishop would have lacked something very important to us without you. Thanks for a great season!" (Mike and Lorraine Masten, Bishop)

Anatomy of a Felici Photo Shoot



At 5:00 AM on an August morning, Brian meets with piano technician Dick Dawson, photographers Sue Morning & Shalle Genevieve and piano movers Juan & Carlos. The 800-pound Kawai grand piano is wrestled to its side and deposited in front of Twin Lakes. It is then a race to get the piano setup and polished before the sun comes up. The Felici Trio ladies arrive and the first ensemble shots are taken.



Although the sun is up, the temperature hovers near a chilly 36 degrees. Finally, the trio retreats to a warm car and Dick, Carlos and Juan ably step in. The "real" Felici Trio returns and Sue & Shalle continue to snap-away, getting many great shots. By 7:00 AM, it is time to pack-up the Kawai & head home for a cup of hot coffee! Many thanks to Dick, Sue, Shalle, Carlos and Juan, and to Kawai of America for donating the use of its beautiful grand!

2006 "Champagne and



If you were there last year, you know you don't want to miss this magical evening! Bring friends and family and celebrate "European style" the days between the years: beautiful and spirited music from the Italian Baroque, through the French "Salon", to the Viennese Waltz, musical games, warm hospitality with champagne and desserts in Jack and Becky Archer's Mammoth Lakes home, "decked with

hollies" —and if we get lucky again, snowflakes drifting by in front of the Sherwin view windows in full moon...

Have a great time and support CMU's programs! **Friday, December 29th, 7:00 PM.**

Please use the form below to make your reservation.

If you are spending the holidays out of town, you can still support CMU from afar. Your year-end gift ensures the excellence and continuity of CMU education and performance programs.

2006 Champagne and Classics

Number of Tickets _____ X \$85 = \$_____ Please charge my credit card (enter information below) (or) _____ Check is enclosed

Name for Reservation

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Signature

I will not be able to attend, but please accept my donation of \$_____ to support CMU's educational and performance programs

Please return to: CHAMBER MUSIC UNBOUND, PO Box 1219, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
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CMU Billboard & Events Calendar

CONCERTS, CONCERTS, CONCERTS!!!

- **Friday, September 29, 2006**
Bishop Union High School, 7:30 PM
"East Meets West" The Felici Trio performs music by Beethoven, Zhou Long and Anton Arensky
- **Saturday, September 30, 2006**
St. Joseph's Church, Mammoth, 7:30
"East Meets West"
- **Saturday, November 11, 2006**
St. Joseph's Church, Mammoth, 7:30
"Gone with the Wind" The Felici Trio and guests Christina Jennings and Matt Dane perform music by Haydn, Mozart, and Mendelssohn, among others
- **Sunday, November 12, 2006**
Ridgecrest Methodist Church, CA, 4:00 PM
"Gone with the Wind" Call 760 375-7576 for tickets
- **Saturday, December 16, 2006**
Bishop, location TBA, 7:30
"Holiday Celebration" The Felici Trio, E. Sierra Chamber Orch., young musicians of CMU's programs, young dancers

- **Sunday, December 17, 2006**
St. Joseph's Church, Mammoth, 7:30 PM
"Holiday Celebration"
- **Thursday, Dec. 21, 2006**
Mammoth Middle School, 10:00 AM
"Nutcracker" with the Felici Trio, CMU music students and Snowcreek's dancers
- **Friday, Dec. 22, 2006**
Mammoth Elem. School, 8:15 and 9:15 AM
"Nutcracker" with the Felici Trio, CMU music students and Snowcreek's dancers
- **Friday, Dec. 29, 2006**
Home of Jack and Becky Archer, 7:00 PM
"Champagne and Classics" fundraiser - see pg. 3
- **Friday, February 2, 2007**
Bishop Union High School, 7:30 PM
"Top Brass" The Felici Trio and guest Richard Todd perform music of Haydn, Brahms and Schumann
- **Saturday, February 3, 2007**
St. Joseph's Church, Mammoth, 7:30 PM
"Top Brass"

CLASSES, CLASSES, CLASSES !!!

For Kids:

- Violin and Cello at Pine Street School, Bishop (K-6) (Tuesdays)
 - Violin and Cello at Mammoth Elementary (K-5) (Fridays)
 - Chamber Music Mayhem (grades 3-8) at Cerro Coso, Mammoth (one Tuesday every month)
 - High School Mayhem at Cerro Coso, Mammoth (Thursday evenings)
 - Lessons, violin, piano and cello (scheduled individually)
- In collaboration with Cerro Coso College:**
- Eastern Sierra Chamber Orchestra (Thursdays)
 - Music Appreciation (Monday nights)