On Tuesday, July 10, the United States Postal Service will pay tribute to the memory of Leonard Bernstein by issuing the Leonard Bernstein commemorative postage stamp at a New York Philharmonic Concert in New York's Central Park. The Philharmonic will feature violinist Joshua Bell and conductor William Eddins performing the New York premiere of WEST SIDE STORY SUITE arranged by William Brohn. The program will also include the CANDIDE OVERTURE and Symphony No. 5 by Sergei Prokofiev.

Prior to the performance the United States Postal Service will dedicate the stamp commemorating Leonard Bernstein. Stamp collectors will be able obtain the "first day of issue" stamp at post offices and in special mobile units in Central Park that day.

Grammy Award-winning violinist Joshua Bell's latest recording will premiere this new concert work for violin and orchestra based on the score of the musical theater classic. The recording with David Zinman conducting the Philharmonia Orchestra (London) also introduces a new arrangement of "Make Our Garden Grow," the finale from the Bernstein musical CANDIDE. The arrangement (continued on page 2)
To Our Readers

As another summer rolls around, the sound of Bernstein music fills the air all over the world. An unprecedented number of Bernstein works are scheduled for performance; our Calendar of Events is bursting at the seams! Of particular note is a Japanese production of CANDIDE — performed in Japanese. What a translation job that must have been!

On the Internet, Leonard Bernstein's presence continues to grow. Among other things, you can read this very publication at leonardbernstein.com, as well as visit the "Lenny Store." The newly launched westsidestory.org is full of interesting goodies, and teachers can now take an online course offered by the Bernstein Center in conjunction with the Grammy Foundation and Drake University.

In July, the U.S. Post Office will issue a Leonard Bernstein postage stamp. The dedication will take place during a New York Philharmonic outdoor concert in Central Park, where Joshua Bell will perform the new WEST SIDE STORY SUITE for violin and orchestra, created especially for Mr. Bell by William Brohn. What a perfectly festive summer event. We're packing our picnics already.

J.B.T.

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The music seems to transcend the time in which it was created, and that is, by definition, what makes it a great classic.

Commissioned by Sony Classical for Bell, the WEST SIDE STORY SUITE was created by the Tony Award-winning arranger and orchestrator William David Brohn, in a free adaptation of the songs and melodies from Bernstein's score for the 1957 Broadway musical, which became an Oscar-winning film four years later. Bell worked closely with Brohn on the development of the new arrangement and created his own cadenza as well. In creating the WEST SIDE STORY SUITE, Brohn enjoyed the full support of the Bernstein Estate and Sid Ramin, who is artistic advisor to the Estate and was Bernstein's orchestrator for the Broadway production of WEST SIDE STORY. WEST SIDE STORY SUITE will be released from Sony Classical on Tuesday, June 19, 2001.

Celebrating Bernstein, continued
The Leonard Bernstein Center continues to grow under the energetic leadership of the Grammy Foundation. Eleven new schools will be undergoing professional development this summer, with full implementation in the fall. They include eight schools in Los Angeles, and one each in Broward County, FL, Lennox School District in CA, and PS 229 in New York City.

In addition, Skylight Professional Development and Drake University, through a new partnership with the GRAMMY Foundation's Leonard Bernstein Center for Learning® (LBC), have established a professional development online learning course for educators titled “Learning Is a Work of Art.” This course will be offered in May and June of 2001 and is open to educators and teachers around the country for graduate credit through Drake University.

Offered for the first time, “Learning Is a Work of Art” provides course participants with creative and powerful tools to engage young people in the learning process. Throughout the 16-week course, educators examine their own skills and intuitions as artists, teachers, and scholars and investigate how combining these roles can enhance teaching and learning by using the “Artful Learning” framework for planning and assessment.

“Leonard Bernstein’s belief that ‘a great teacher is one who can light a spark in you...setting you afire with enthusiasm’ is the underlying philosophy of the Artful Learning approach and is fundamental to learning any discipline,” said GRAMMY Foundation and Recording Academy® President/CEO Michael Greene. “We are thrilled that this partnership with Skylight and Drake will allow teachers around the country to infuse the arts into math, science or history, giving our young people new and unconventional ways of learning.”

Course participants move from studying the framework, cognitive learning theory, and brain research to applying this new knowledge to their own teaching and planning. The online availability of the course also allows teachers to interact with their Internet peers. Throughout their academic and artistic work, the course participants share ideas, practices, and materials through Internet galleries, discussion groups, and chat rooms.

To register, individuals can call 1.800.348.4474 or go online at www.skylightedu.com.

The Bernstein Family Foundation

The Bernstein Education Through the Arts (BETA) Fund has a new name; it is now The Bernstein Family Foundation. While still supporting arts and education programs, the foundation will be broadening its mission to include other causes dear to Leonard Bernstein and his family. Please note that The Bernstein Family Foundation will not be accepting grant proposals.

Alexander Bernstein

Nina Bernstein Simmons

Jamie Bernstein Thomas
by Kazu Tsuchihashi

Using the majestic fanfare that Leonard Bernstein wrote exactly four decades ago for New York's High School of Music and Art, the Pacific Music Festival will open its twelfth season under the artistic directorship of Maestro Charles Dutoit on July 7, 2001.

Despite the difficulties of lean economic times worldwide, the mission and realization of the festival is being carried on with the vision of Maestro Dutoit and the distinguished faculty, including Professor Peter Schmidl, artistic chairman of the faculty; Wen-Pin Chien, resident conductor; Chantal Juillet, head of chamber music; Lowell Liebermann, composer-in-residence; and principal players of the Vienna Philharmonic, Montreal Symphony Orchestra, Philadelphia Orchestra, Los Angeles Philharmonic and Concertgebouw Orchestra. The efforts of these distinguished artists are supported by the financial backing of more than 130 corporate sponsors, 800 individual sponsors, and 60 volunteers from Sapporo and other areas of Hokkaido — not to mention the thousands of warm-hearted Hokkaido citizens who lend their support by attending the many concerts and events.

The PMF Orchestra, the primary focus of the festival, is comprised of nearly 120 promising musicians from 28 countries — from Venezuela to Malaysia to Viet Nam to Bulgaria. The first two programs, under the direction of Maestro Dutoit, will feature Berlioz’s Symphonie Fantastique and Stravinsky’s The Rite of Spring. Maestro Yutaka Sado, who helped to launch the festival in 1990 with his mentor, Leonard Bernstein, will conduct the final set of concerts, including Brahms’ Symphony No. 3. In addition, PMF Orchestra members will perform chamber music and chamber orchestra concerts and will participate in the “Pacific Soundings” program, a concert featuring the music of Composer-in-Residence Lowell Liebermann.

A special event this summer will be a fully staged streetside performance in downtown Sapporo of Stravinsky’s A Soldier’s Tale conducted by Dutoit with violinist Juillet and members of the faculty. For more information: www.pmf.or.jp
On Directing CANDIDE

by Amon Miyamoto

A few years ago in the Library of Performing Arts at Lincoln Center I viewed Leonard Bernstein’s CANDIDE for the first time. It was not a real performance, but a videotape of the 1997 Broadway production. Nonetheless, it was more than enough to strike me with its superbly adventurous and life-affirming qualities. Later I had a chance to see a stage performance of a different production in Los Angeles, and again I was impressed at how this masterpiece could reveal such different facets, depending upon the production and version.

Since CANDIDE has different incarnations, it contains abundant challenges for a director. I will be staging the Scottish Opera version. Voltaire’s genius for penetrating the foibles of human nature seems more relevant than ever. His wit and humor must have struck a deep chord in Bernstein. Now, the more I study CANDIDE, the clearer it becomes why Bernstein wanted to musicalize it. He was questioning, as did Voltaire, “Is it really the best of all possible worlds?”

CANDIDE may seem to be esoteric at first glance, but I think it appeals directly to the hearts of an audience. I want the actors to actually feel and experience what Pangloss wanted and what Candide and Cunegonde go through.

Fortunately for us all, Maestro Yutaka Sado, one of Bernstein’s protégés, will conduct our production. I look forward to collaborating with him. Last year, I had the honor to meet with Stephen Sondheim when I directed Pacific Overtures. Because Sondheim had a hand in later revisions of CANDIDE, I was greatly encouraged by what Mr.

CANDIDE In Japan

CANDIDE in Japanese? Yes, this summer CANDIDE will tour Japan for the first time in a fully staged production translated into Japanese. The Japanese translation has been made by Kuni Hashimoto, who has successfully translated ON THE TOWN and also Stephen Sondheim’s Pacific Overtures. The production will be directed by Amon Miyamoto who directed the successful production of Pacific Overtures in Tokyo last year. Leonard Bernstein Conducting Laureate Yutaka Sado will conduct performances in Tokyo, Nagoya and Osaka.

Leonard Bernstein's CANDIDE
broadway musical 2001
in Japanese
Leonard Bernstein made his first appearance as a symphonic conductor at the Tanglewood Music Festival. He conducted the Berkshire Music Center Orchestra in Randall Thompson's Symphony No. 2.

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Don't forget to check out www.westsidestory.org, the newly launched official site for WEST SIDE STORY!
Four years ago, Boosey & Hawkes Music Publishers approached the Leonard Bernstein office with a notion about developing a children's concert, along the lines of Bernstein's own televised YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERTS, but featuring Bernstein's own music. What did we think? I said I thought it was such a terrific idea that I volunteered to write it myself. But my musical expertise is spotty, so I knew I would need to work in tandem with someone who really knew what they were doing. I turned to Michael Barrett, who in addition to having studied conducting with Leonard Bernstein and been his assistant conductor for several years, is also Musical Advisor to the Bernstein Estate and more or less knows my father's music by heart.

But another reason every bit as important steered me toward Michael: he had a sense of fun. I knew he'd have a feel for what would work for kids, what would snag their attention. Like my father, Michael had the knack for finding engaging ways of explaining things.

So we began. Neither of us dreamed that it would take two years to develop the script. We lost count of the drafts. It's not at all easy to make something sound easy. The longer and harder we worked, the more in awe Michael and I became of my father's ability to turn out as many as half a dozen YPC scripts in a year! He wrote them longhand on yellow legal pads; they seemed to spring full-blown from his head.

Finally we were ready to "test-drive" the concert with the Utah Symphony in Salt Lake City. Michael conducted and I narrated. At one point in the concert, when the orchestra plays the "dance at the gym" music from WEST SIDE STORY, I hold up a big sign with the word MAMBO! printed on it, so that the audience can yell the word at the appropriate spot in the music. The moment came, and I held up my sign. The roar that came back at me was so enormous I almost fell off my stool. That was when I knew the concert was going to work.

Since that time, The Bernstein Beat has traveled around the world. It's been delivered in Japanese at the Pacific Music Festival and, in Dutch with the Radio Filharmonisch Orkest. Since Salt Lake City, I've narrated the concert myself with the San Francisco Symphony, the San Antonio Symphony and the National Symphony in Washington, D.C.

The biggest adventure of all came last October, when Michael and I took the concert to the Beijing Music Festival. After our success there, we're sure we can take The Bernstein Beat just about anywhere.

A few months ago, I found a well-stuffed manila envelope in my mailbox. It contained a whole sheaf of thank-you notes, each one handsomely illustrated, from a fifth grade class in San Antonio who had attended The Bernstein Beat last September. It was the most gratifying piece of mail I ever received, and I'm forever indebted to the teacher who came up with that assignment.

All the little goodies that Michael Barrett and I had painstakingly devised to amuse the kids were cited in the letters. They loved yelling "Mambo!" They said they liked learning to count two- and three-beat clusters using the words "hot dog" and "hamburger." They loved seeing and hearing a shofar, or ram's horn, blaring out from the back of the orchestra. They were fascinated to hear about the warring street gangs in WEST SIDE STORY, and how the bebop jazz sounds represented the American-born Jets while the jittery Latin percussion represented the Puerto Rican Sharks. They loved watching nine of their fellow young audience members come up onstage to represent beats in a nine-beat bar.

It really worked!

This summer, another adventure is in store for The Bernstein Beat: we're taking it to Havana, Cuba. The Orquesta Nacional will perform the Bernstein music, conducted by Jorge Lopez Marin. And I will narrate — in Spanish! Ay, caramba!

And after that, Michael Barrett and I will start working on our next children's concert.
My Friend Lenny

My Friend Lenny is a memoir of Ouida Blatt Mintz's life in music, including much about her long-time friend Leonard Bernstein. The first line of the book quotes Bernstein as saying, "You know, Ouida, when I grow up I think I am going to do something in music."

Mintz's memoir describes the early years in her cultured family: playing violin duets with Mike Wallace; her instruction in piano with Heinrich Gebhard; and her early competition with Gebhard's famous student Leonard Bernstein.

Alexander Bernstein told Ms. Mintz, "On a personal level, I was touched and amused by your memories of my father."

For more information visit www.myfriendlenny.com

"You know, Ouida, when I grow up I think I am going to do something in music."

Leonard Bernstein

Milestone: WEST SIDE STORY

The National Endowment for the Arts and the Recording Industry Association of America recently named the original cast album of WEST SIDE STORY one of the top 25 recordings of the 20th Century. WEST SIDE STORY was named number seven after such favorites as Over the Rainbow and White Christmas. It is interesting that WSS was the only recording that was not a single song but a complete work. 1500 selected voters participated in the poll.
Leonard Bernstein Music Publishing composer Tobias Picker recently had a world premiere of his song *Irrational Exuberance* with a text by Gene Scheer. This song was commissioned by the New York Festival of Song as part of its *Songbook for a New Century* project. James Barron of *The New York Times* wrote, "The composer Tobias Picker says the song he and Gene Scheer wrote was ‘a cri de coeur; my portfolio is down 80 percent.’" The song blends remarks by Alan Greenspan, the Federal Reserve chairman, with stock market symbols for technology companies like Cisco Systems and Nokia.

His song cycle *Tres sonetos de amor* (Three Love Sonnets), which received its world premiere in October, was recently performed at Princeton University and will receive its New York premiere on May 24 at Merkin Hall. Also on May 29 violinist Robert McDuffie will perform *Invisible Lilacs* at the Juilliard School.

The week of July 23 will find Picker participating in the Conductors Institute at Bard College as Composer-in-Residence. During his residency 38 conductors will rehearse and learn his composition *And Suddenly It’s Evening*.

August 12 will be the world premiere of Picker’s *Cello Concerto*, commissioned by the BBC Symphony Orchestra. As part of the famous “Proms” concerts in Royal Albert Hall, the work will be performed by the BBC Symphony Orchestra conducted by David Robertson. The cello soloist will be Paul Watkins.

The Dallas Opera has announced the cast for the November premiere of Picker’s new opera *Thérèse Raquin*. The cast will include Sara Fulgoni, Richard Bernstein, Gordon Gietz, Diana Soviero, Peter Kazaras, Gabor Andrasy and Sheryl Woods. The opera libretto is by Gene Scheer. Graeme Jenkins will conduct and Francesca Zambello will direct. For more information: [www.tobiaspicker.com](http://www.tobiaspicker.com)

The Leonard Bernstein Music Publishing Company is pleased to announce that the narration for Bernstein’s SYMPHONY NO. 3: *KADDISH* has been translated into Polish, Italian, Spanish and German. This has made it possible for the symphony to reach a much wider audience. The translations may be obtained through our agents, Boosey & Hawkes Music Publishers.
Calendar of Events
Spring/Summer 2001

MAY

1-5 Dursley, UK: ON THE TOWN; Dursley Operatic and Dramatic Society; Lister Hall.
1,3, 4,6 Vienna, Austria: CANDIDE (Scottish Opera Version); Neue Oper Wien; Walter Kobera, conductor; Odeon.
4 Portland, OR: Excerpts from WEST SIDE STORY, ON THE TOWN, and MASS; Oregon Symphony; Murry Sidlin, conductor; Schnitzer Hall.
4,6 Columbus, OH: TROUBLE IN TAHITI; Marshall Haddock, conductor; Ohio State University.

Event Spotlight

Joshua Bell
July 10, 2001

5,6 New York, NY: CHICHESTER PSALMS; Kara Esposito, choreographer; Cathedral of St. John the Divine.
7 New York, NY: COMDEN AND GREEN: THE ART OF COLLABORATION; The songs and the stories behind them, with performances by the writers and guest artists; Merkin Concert Hall.
7 Chicago, IL: SONGFEST; Chicago Sinfonietta; Jonita Lattimore, soprano; Melina Pyron, mezzo-soprano; Lauren McNeese, alto; Michael Sommese, tenor; Philip Torre, baritone; Christopher Scott Feigum, bass; Paul Freeman, conductor; Orchestra Hall.
12 Taipei, Taiwan: HAL!: Wolfgang Schutz, flute; National Symphony Orchestra; Wen Pin Chien, conductor; Concert Hall.
12-14 Rostock, Germany: SYMPHONIC SUITE FROM "ON THE WATERFRONT"; Rascher Saxophone Quartet; Norddeutsche Philharmonie Rostock; Neal Stulberg, conductor; Volksetheatre.
12,15 New York, NY: CANDIDE OVERTURE; New York Philharmonic; Bobby McFerrin, conductor; Avery Fisher Hall.

May, continued

14 Sydney, Australia: CANDIDE OVERTURE; University of Sydney Orchestra; Colin Piper, conductor; Great Hall.
17 West Palm Beach, FL: SYMPHONY NO. 2 "THE AGE OF ANXIETY," OVERTURE TO CANDIDE; SYMPHONIC DANCES FROM WEST SIDE STORY; Florida Philharmonic; Jean Louis Steuerman, piano; James Judd, conductor; Kravis Center.
18,19 Fort Lauderdale, FL: SYMPHONY NO. 2 "THE AGE OF ANXIETY," OVERTURE TO CANDIDE; Florida Philharmonic; Jean Louis Steuerman, piano; James Judd, conductor; Broward Hall.
19 Philadelphia, PA: CANDIDE; Ben Levit, director; Prince Music Theater.
24 Leipzig, Germany: CHICHESTER PSALMS; Annette Marken, alto; Klaus Mertens, bass; MDR Sinfonieorchester; Howard Armen, conductor; Gewandhaus.
24 New York, NY: TRES SONETOS DE AMOR; Judith Bettina, soprano; James Goldsworthy, piano; Merkin Hall.

June

1,3 Mexico City, Mexico: WEST SIDE STORY SUITE; Joshua Bell, violin; Orquesta Sinfonica; CONDUCTOR; Palacio de Bellas Artes.
6 Valencia, Spain: PRELUDE, FUGUE AND RIFFS; Grupo Instrumental; James Judd, conductor; Palau de la Musica de Valencia.
7,9 Barcelona, Spain: THE MUSIC OF LEONARD BERNSTEIN; Joyce Castle, mezzo-soprano; Kurt Ollmann, baritone; Scott Dunn, piano; Gran Teatre del Liceu.
8,10 Amsterdam, Netherlands: SLAVA!; Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra; Mstislav Rostropovich, conductor; Concertgebouw.
10 Tel Aviv, Israel: SYMPHONIC DANCES FROM WEST SIDE STORY; Israel Philharmonic Orchestra; Leonard Slatkin, conductor; Mann Auditorium.
11,12 New York, NY: PIANO ANNIVERSARIES; Richard Daniels, choreographer; Flea Theatre.
22-30 Tokyo, Japan: CANDIDE (Scottish Opera Version); Yutaka Sado, conductor; Amon Miyamoto, director; Tokyo International Forum.
July

1-8  Tokyo, Japan: CANDIDE (Scottish Opera Version); Yutaka Sado, conductor; Amon Miyamoto, director; Tokyo International Forum.

2,3  Hamburg, Germany: BERNSTEIN DANCES; Hamburg Ballet; John Neumeier, choreographer; Staatsoper.

10  New York, NY: CANDIDE OVERTURE, WEST SIDE STORY SUITE; Joshua Bell, violin; New York Philharmonic; William Eddins, conductor; Central Park Great Lawn.

12  New York, NY: CANDIDE OVERTURE, WEST SIDE STORY SUITE; Joshua Bell, violin; New York Philharmonic; William Eddins, conductor; Van Cortland Park.

13  New York, NY: CANDIDE OVERTURE, WEST SIDE STORY SUITE; Joshua Bell, violin; New York Philharmonic; William Eddins, conductor; Cunningham Park.

14  Westchester, NY: CANDIDE OVERTURE, WEST SIDE STORY SUITE; Joshua Bell, violin; New York Philharmonic; William Eddins, conductor; Westchester Community College.

16,17  Nagoya, Japan: CANDIDE (Scottish Opera Version); Yutaka Sado, conductor; Amon Miyamoto, director; Geijutsu Gekijo.

20,21  Osaka, Japan: CANDIDE (Scottish Opera Version); Yutaka Sado, conductor; Amon Miyamoto, director; Festival Hall.

21  Brisbane, Australia: SYMPHONIC DANCES FROM WEST SIDE STORY; Brisbane Sinfonia; Barry Perez, conductor; Mayne Hall.

27  Lennox, MA: SERENADE; Joshua Bell, violin; Boston Symphony Orchestra; Hugh Wolff, conductor; Ozawa Hall, Tanglewood.

29  Clinton, CT: WEST SIDE STORY SUITE; Joshua Bell, Violin; Connecticut Festival; Morgan High School.

August

3  London, UK: SERENADE, WEST SIDE STORY SUITE; Joshua Bell, Violin; BBC Symphony Orchestra; Yan Pascal Tortelier, conductor; Royal Albert Hall.


12  London, UK: TOBIAS PICKER — CELLO CONCERTO (WORLD PREMIERE); BBC Symphony Orchestra; Proms concert; Paul Watkins, cello; David Robertson, conductor; Royal Albert Hall.

19  Lennox, MA: SYMPHONY NO. 2 "THE AGE OF ANXIETY"; Gianluca Casiolli, piano; Boston Symphony Orchestra; Roberto Abbado, conductor; Shed, Tanglewood.

21  Los Angeles, CA: WEST SIDE STORY SUITE; Joshua Bell, violin; Sun Valley Summer Symphony; Keri-Lynn Wilson, conductor; Hollywood Bowl.

21  London, UK: SYMPHONY NO. 1 "JEREMIAH"; BBC Symphony Orchestra; Leonard Slatkin, conductor; Royal Albert Hall.

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The German pianist Sebastian Knauer and Berlin Classics recently released a compact disc of music by Copland, Bernstein and Barber. Included on this disc are 16 of Bernstein’s PIANO ANNIVERSARIES as well as Copland’s Piano Sonata, a favorite of Bernstein’s. The PIANO ANNIVERSARIES represent compositions from 1942 until 1989.

Leonard Bernstein was the President of the Orchestra dell’Accademia Nazional di Santa Cecilia in Rome and often conducted there. The current musical director Myung-Whun Chung has recently released a live recording of music by Gershwin and Ellington as well as Bernstein’s CANDIDE OVERTURE and the THREE DANCE EPISODES FROM ON THE TOWN, released by Musicom Records.