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# Sauk Valley Community Concert Association 2008-09 Season



**Graffe String  
 Quartet with  
 Michiko Otaki**  
 Saturday, November 1, 2008  
 Historic Dixon Theatre

The Graffe String Quartet, featuring pianist Michiko Otaki, ranks among the best and most promising ensembles of its generation. The Quartet was founded in 1997 at the Brno Conservatory in the Czech Republic. The ensemble has been quite successful both on the concert stage and in international competitions.

The Graffe Quartet has been heard throughout The Czech Republic, Slovakia, Germany, Austria, the Netherlands and the UK. The critics have often praised the youthful freshness, temperament, expression and interpretative ripeness brought to every piece of music played by the Graffe String Quartet. They have recorded several CDs and perform works from all stylistic periods.



**Fascinating  
 Gershwin  
 starring  
 Janice Martin**  
 Friday, March 6, 2009  
 Sterling High School  
 Auditorium

Here comes a great opportunity to enjoy the wonderful, music of George and Ira Gershwin as performed by the triple threat performer (violin, piano, voice) Janice Martin.

Here's the story: The year is 1931, the place is Times Square – the heart of the Theater district – and the mob owns Broadway. They've already chosen their star, so the auditions for the big Gershwin production are a sham...until it walks Melody Starr (Janice Martin). The producers pitch every imaginable curveball to the curvaceous cutie, who wows them as violinist, soprano, pianist, dancer, actress and more. All ably accompanied by a trio of piano, drums and bass.

**Trumpet Invasion  
 Trumpet and Piano –  
 Father and Son**

Wednesday, November 19, 2008  
 Sterling High School  
 Auditorium



Twenty two year old trumpeter, Brandon Ridenour, will open his program with one of the most difficult trumpet solos ever written – *The Carnival of Venice* by Del Staigers. He will be accompanied by his father, Rich Ridenour.

Last year, at age 21, trumpeter Brandon Ridenour became the youngest member of the prestigious Canadian Brass. In 2006 he won the International Trumpet Guild solo competition playing his own composition entitled *Sonata for Trumpet and Piano*.

Rich Ridenour has built a formidable career performing concerts of great piano favorites ranging from classical masterworks to American ragtime, jazz and rock and roll. He regularly appears as pops conductor for the Elgin, IL and Dearborn, MI Symphonies.

**Romanza**

Friday, April 17, 2009  
 Dixon High School  
 Auditorium  
*L'Arte del Tenore –  
 The Art of the Tenor*  
 Beloved Ballads from  
 Opera, Movies and  
 Musicals



*"The voice lives to sing of love, conquest, and heartache. From a melting serenade to a spine tingling 'high C' the tenor voice has inspired throughout the ages."*

Philip Grant, Todd Jang and Frederik Robert have been identified as "three talented, young, classically trained lyric tenors who have separately been delighting audiences across North America and Europe." Now together as ROMANZA, they have been winning people's hearts everywhere they perform. In fact, their official "launch" concert in Victoria sold out 1500 seats.

Accompanied by their wonderful trio of violin, piano and bass, ROMANZA sings original arrangements of such favorites as *O Sole Mio*, *La Donna e Mobile*, *On the Street Where You Live*, *Granada* and *Because*.

*The SVCCA concerts are the best  
 Musical Bargain in the Sauk Valley!*

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