



Family offended when husband dates late wife's nurse

Entertainment

THE SIDEBAR

Upcoming ...

Here's what we've got coming up in Currents this week.

Saturday

Marriage Proposal:

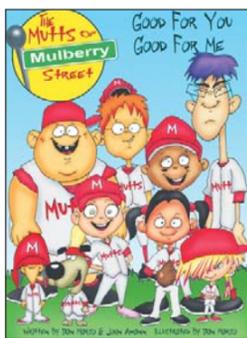
The Washington Post crossword puzzle helps man in love pop the question to his girlfriend in a unique way.

Sunday

Up the Fun Factor:

Dan Marso and John Amann, childhood friends that loved playing baseball, wrote a book together.

"The Mutts of Mulberry Street: Good For You, Good For Me," tells the story of a group of neighborhood kids coming together to clean up a baseball field on Mulberry Street. The two are signing books today at Bethany Lutheran College.



Monday

Anti-gravity Treadmill:

The reverse concept of the anti-gravity treadmill is designed to take weight off runners' legs. Runners can train at faster paces while saving wear and tear on their legs.



Tuesday

Mother's Day Cake:

Instead of giving your mother a bouquet of flowers for Mother's Day, consider a beautiful and easy-to-make flowered cake that features the flavors of lemon and honey and is swathed with a cloud-like blanket of honey meringue and crowned with sugared edible flowers.



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Making MUSIC that MOVES

Musicorum to present its spring concert 'Songs from the Heart'

By Jessica Hanevik
Special to The Free Press

Karen Boubel came to Musicorum last year, following a line of previous directors. But the high turnover doesn't speak to the group's quality, she said, as a swell of varying emotions can be expected to be felt at the choral group's concerts.

Musicorum is a 14-member chamber ensemble that performs twice a year — a holiday concert in December and the spring concert, this year themed "Songs from the Heart," to be held Saturday at the Chapel of Our Lady Good Counsel. The choral group was founded in 1995 by David Taylor, a lawyer who was previously a college music professor. Taylor was the director and organizer until 1999, when he left the state to pursue other career options.

In 2000, the choir was directed by Gregory Aune, an associate professor of music and conductor of the choir at Gustavus Adolphus College. Aune continued to serve as the group's director for the next seven years. David Dickau, Erin Damberger and Andrew Miller also took short turns in the position between Aune and Boubel.

Boubel began directing Musicorum during the summer of 2010 and hopes to continue for the foreseeable future.

"I had been a fan of Musicorum, and I had been coming to many of their concerts," Boubel said. "It's a treat to work with them."

The members of the group feel the same way about her, including Fred Slocum, a

member since 1998.

"We have had more turnover for directors than is good for an ensemble," Slocum said. "We're looking to not do that as much."

Jodi Gager, a fourth-year Musicorum member, says the group's foundation is mainly in early music, such as renaissance, baroque and classical. However, the musical focus is starting to shift to more contemporary pieces.

"We do a little bit of everything," Gager said.

Katie Holmberg is a newcomer to Musicorum and enjoys the challenge of the variety of music.

"So much more is communicated when you add music to words, and I think that is what I am most excited to share," Holmberg said.

She'll get her chance at the spring concert Saturday. Gager said the concert will feature new pieces, including works by Eric Whitacre and René Clausen.

Boubel spent her winter break choosing the songs, one of the aspects of being the director that she enjoys most.

"I'm always listening, whether it's on YouTube, or downloading, or CDs," Boubel said. "I'm always listening for pieces that would be put together to make a really exciting and beautiful program."

Although everyone in the group has had a different musical background, they all share the commonality of having a love of music and experience singing with a high-quality choral group. However, Boubel doesn't think it goes to their heads.

"No one has a big ego about their own voice," Boubel said.



Photos by Pat Christman

Anne Dickau and Craig Shirk rehearse music with Musicorum.

"They don't put themselves as No. 1; the whole choir sound is No. 1 for them."

Musicorum is recruiting for the fall season, and Boubel hopes to have 20 singers by then. Those interested would go through an audition process of sight singing, which is mainly to see if one has a voice that blends in well with the rest of the group. Getting in means joining a group that gives itself and the audience "goose-bump moments," Boubel said.

"They love coming to rehearsals, (and) they love working hard," Boubel said. "They just love to sing, period."

If You Go

What
Musicorum's spring concert, "Songs from the Heart," featuring 15 pieces

When
7:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday at the Chapel of Our Lady of Good Counsel in Mankato

Admission
General admission is \$10, senior admission is \$8, and student admission is \$5

To audition for Musicorum in the fall, contact Karen Boubel at karen.boubel@mnsu.edu or 389-1723.



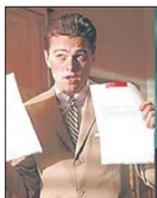
Musicorum is a chamber ensemble that performs twice a year. Musicorum's spring concert is Saturday at the Chapel of Our Lady of Good Counsel in Mankato.

Don't miss this...

Gustavus Adolphus hosts Frank Abagnale Jr.

The inspiration for a Steven Spielberg movie starring Tom Hanks and Leo DiCaprio is coming to Gustavus on Tuesday in Christ Chapel. Tickets are \$5.

Abagnale became notorious for cashing \$2.5 million worth of forged checks in 26 different countries. Between the ages of 16 and 21, he



Leo DiCaprio



Frank Abagnale Jr.

successfully posed as an airline pilot, attorney, doctor and college professor and escaped from police custody on two separate occasions.

He was apprehended by French police at age 21, served time in French, Swedish and U.S. prisons, and was released in 1974 under the condition he work with the U.S. federal government to help catch scam artists.

Abagnale has been associated with the FBI for more than 35 years.

For more information, e-mail evelgers@gustavus.edu.

'Godspell' performance at St. John's

In the words of Candace Black: "Remember those old Mickey Rooney movies where a group of kids were wondering what to do about something and someone said, 'Hey, let's put on a show!?' That's what's happening at St. John's Episcopal Church ..."

Lolly Foy, a recent MFA theater graduate of Minnesota State



University, is directing "Godspell," a free play to be held at St. John's Episcopal Church May 5-7. "St. John's is called to 'dance in Christ' and sharing 'Godspell' with the community is one of the ways we're expressing the love Christ has for everyone."

For more information, contact Black, chair of St. John's marketing ministry team, at 625-6104 or candace.black@chartermi.net.