



WEDNESDAY EVENING CONCERTS

Sponsored by the Friendship Heights Village Council



Concerts will be held from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Huntley Hall inside the Village Center. During performances, please turn off any cell phones or electronic devices. If you arrive after the concert has begun, please wait for a break in the performance before entering the main hall.

Thank you for your consideration.

Wednesday, Sept. 5—*Hai-Bo Bai and Virginia Lum*—Hai-Bo Bai, lyric soprano, was born in China, and received degrees from the Tianjin Conservatory and the Curtis Institute of Music. She has appeared in concert and operas throughout China, the U.S., and Canada, with special appearances at New York's Lincoln Center, and The Kennedy Center. First prize winner in the Tianjin Cup of Hope and National Competitions of China, Hai Bo has repeatedly won critical acclaim for her stunning portrayals of Mimi in *La Boheme*, Cio-Cio-San in *Madame Butterfly*, and Countess Almaviva in *Le Nozze de Figaro*, and more!

Wednesday, Sept. 12—*Machaya Klezmer*—One of the premier klezmer bands in the country, Machaya Klezmer features Susan Jones, Barbara Hess and Jay McCrensky. The word Klezmer comes from two Hebrew words, clay and zimmer, meaning vessel of music or song. The idea is that instrument, i.e., the violin, clarinet, takes on human characteristics like laughing and crying with a joyous exuberance or soulful wailing. Klezmer music was a product of Eastern European Yiddish Culture, which Jewish immigrants brought with them to the United States in the 1880s. Klezmer musicians (also called Klezmorim) were an informal group of musicians. Many were itinerants who went from village to village in Eastern Europe. They played traditional music, folk songs, folk dances and solemn hymns before prayers.

Wednesday, Sept. 19—*Tales in the Village presents—A Storytelling Sampler*—This monthly event returns after a summer hiatus to bring five storytellers to celebrate the diversity and difference in both contemporary and traditional tales. The event is produced by Ellouise Schoettler, a storyteller from Bethesda and host of Stories in Time on Montgomery Municipal Cable TV.

Wednesday, 26—Yom Kippur—NO CONCERT

