

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Nordica Trio to perform

FARMINGTON — On Feb. 20 the Nordica Trio will perform a concert of music for viola, clarinet and piano. The program will take place at 7:30 p.m. in Nordica Auditorium on the campus of the University of Maine at Farmington.

The program will feature works for clarinet, viola and piano and will include a performance of Mozart's "Kegelstatt" Trio. Pianist Martin Perry and violist Graybert Beacham will perform the "Sonata for Viola and Piano" (1919) by Rebecca Clarke. Perry will play the orchestral reduction for a performance of the "Concerto for Clarinet and Viola" by Max Bruch.

The members of the Nordica Trio are: Graybert Beacham (violin and viola), Karen Beacham (clarinet) and Martin Perry (piano). This ensemble brings together three outstanding musicians who have performed internationally. Since its debut in 1994, the trio has been enthusiastically received by audiences in Maine and beyond.

In addition to performing, the members are all active as educators in the state of Maine. The Nordica Trio has performed numerous concerts for students across the state and sponsored a student composers competition in 2004.

Recordings of live performances have been broadcast by Maine Public Radio for the program Maine Stage and members of the trio recorded "Divertimento" (for violin, cello and piano) by Maine composer Peter Ré for Albany Records.

The trio takes its name from the American operatic soprano, Lillian Nordica. Born Lillian Norton in Farmington, Nordica made her operatic debut in Brescia in 1879. Her fame quickly spread, and she made appearances in all the principal capitals in Europe and America. She was known in Europe as the Yankee Diva. The recital hall at the University of Maine at



Graybert Beacham (left to right), Karen Beacham and Martin Perry, who comprise the Nordica Trio, will perform at UMF Feb. 20.

Farmington is named Nordica Auditorium in her honor. This was where the members of the trio first met to rehearse and discuss the idea of forming a chamber music ensemble. It was therefore fitting for the newly formed ensemble to adopt the name Nordica Trio and thus carry on the name of one of Farmington's most famous natives.

Admission to the concert is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, free for children under 16 years of age and for UMF students. For more information, call 778-4572.

This concert is presented by the Arts Institute of Western Maine, an affiliate of the University of Maine at Farmington.



Folk singer Jonathan Edwards will perform at Saddleback Feb. 13.

Jonathan Edwards comes to Saddleback

RANGELEY — Jonathan Edwards will be playing at Saddleback Maine on Saturday, Feb. 13. Edwards, a folk singer, is best known for his crossover folk singles "Sunshine" and "Shanty."

Tickets are \$30 and the show begins at 8 p.m. in the Base Lodge. Concert tickets are sold online at www.saddlebackmaine.com, at the Base Lodge or by calling 866-918-2225.

"I think our venue is one of the best in the state," said Conrad Klefos, director of marketing at Saddleback. "There is room to dance, plenty of tables and a bar so you can have a drink during the performance. Plus, you can meet and greet the talent after the performance."

Mason Strunk, the grandson of Maine singer-songwriter Jud Strunk, will be opening for Edwards.

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Literacy volunteers to show 'Precious'

SKOWHEGAN — Literacy Volunteers of Franklin & Somerset Counties will show the movie "Precious" at the Strand Cinema, Feb. 7 at 2 p.m.

All tickets are \$5 and may be purchased at the door. According to organizers, this is a powerful movie

based on the book "Push" by Sapphire. It stars Gabourey Sidibe, Mariah Carey and Mo'Nique, who just won a Gold Globe Award for this role as best supporting actress.

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