

Cabrillo Music Festival reaches 40th anniversary

Cabrillo Music Festival 40th 2002

Some folks want to mark their Big Four-Oh quietly, with the minimum of hoopla. Others opt for a you-only-turn-40-once blow-out.

Count the **CABRILLO MUSIC FESTIVAL** in the latter column.

The accomplished new-music festival celebrates its 40th anniversary this summer. The ambitious season, announced this week, combines old familiar faces with vivid new performers.

Chief among the pleasures in store for CabMuFest fans this summer is **MARK ADAMO'S** hit opera "Little Women," based on the beloved Louisa May Alcott tale.

Adamo's spin on the familiar story about the feisty March sisters has, since its 1998 premiere, become something of a sensation, particularly after it was broadcast on the PBS program "Great Performances" last summer.

"Little Women" will kick off the festival's first weekend with three performances Aug. 2-4.



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Also, the festival welcomes the world-famous **KRONOS QUARTET**, perhaps the most accomplished innovators in the field of new classical music. Kronos will play a gala anniversary benefit on Wednesday, Aug. 7.

Also on hand will be emerging star **EVELYN GLENNIE**, the multi-talented, Scottish-born percussionist known for her dazzling musical gifts and for the fact that she's largely deaf.

Glennie will perform **MICHAEL DAUGHERTY'S** percussion concerto "UFO," as well as **THEA MUSGRAVE'S** "Journey Through a Japanese Garden."

You can also expect such familiar faces as long-time CMF participant/composers **CHRISTOPHER ROUSE**, **JOHN CORIGLIANO** and **GREGORY SMITH**.

Rouse, who could be referred to as Cabrillo's house composer, will be the central attraction at the Sunday, Aug. 4, concert when the CMF orchestra, under the direction of **MARIN ALSOP**, performs four Rouse compositions. One of them features soprano **VALDINE ANDERSON**.

The Cabrillo Music Festival takes place the first two weekends of August. Several of the events are free, including the yearly Music Art & Wine Festival that takes place outside the Civic Auditorium the first weekend.

For ticket information, call 426-6966 or go online to www.cabrillo-music.org. And stay tuned to your daily paper for more information as the event draws closer