Do you own the score of Hymnus and would like to help the Ringwood Friends of Music celebrate Hungarian culture and the 200th Anniversary of Franz Liszt’s birth? Donaldo Garcia, the founder and artistic director of RFM, is planning a Dec. 4 gala to do just that and he is reaching out to the community for support.

The concert will open with a performance of the Hungarian (Hymnus) and American National anthems and thus Garcia (inset), needs the score and someone to help the group achieve proper diction.

Since Franz Liszt is an icon of the Hungarian people, Garcia explained he expects to make the after concert reception a celebration of Hungarian heritage, including flags, crafts, instruments, food and drinks. “We are calling on our Hungarian community to volunteer anything that would represent Hungary’s life and culture,” he continued.

Franz Liszt (left) was born in Doborján, Hungary in 1811. During the next 74 years this prolific composer/pianist created startlingly original compositions. As a pianist, Liszt had everything in his favor — good looks, magnetism, power, a colossal technique and an unprecedented sonority.

“Liszt was a flamboyant celebrity artist, the Lady Gaga of his time,” stated Garcia. “Our celebration honors Liszt’s dazzling gifts with performances by cellist Julia Bruskin; singers Katherine Matheson and Frederick Voegele; pianists Peter Basquin, Ana Berschadsky, Michael Cannon and Aaron Wunsch; and the Lakeland Chamber Singers conducted by James Weber.

These outstanding soloists and ensembles will present representative works including the famed Liebestraum, Verdi’s Rigoletto paraphrase, and Liszt’s transcription of Schubert’s Ave Maria.”

In addition to the music, there will be a pre-concert multimedia lecture titled Franz Liszt, Poet & Prophet, as Aaron Wunsch guides visitors through Liszt’s dramatic and turbulent life. The free event, which begins at 6:30 pm, is at the Community Presbyterian Church, 145 Carletondale Rd, Ringwood. For info, call 973-835-5862 or write to Nancy Levine at: 18july1959@optimum.net or Ringwoodfriendsofmusic@gmail.com.

Other Upcoming PC Arts Events

Nov. 1: Gina Stritch reads CBGB Was My H.S., Englewood
Nov. 3: WP Music Department 50th Anniversary, Wayne
Nov. 4: Outpost in the Burbs/Tribute to Paul Colby, Montclair
Nov. 5: Staging of For Colored Girls Opens, Clifton
Nov. 6: Sierra Hull, New Legacy Concert, Ringwood
Nov. 6: Chakavak Ensemble, Wayne Public Library
Nov. 6: The Jazz Room at WP, Wayne
Nov. 6: NJ Carpatho-Rusyn Society Dinner, Little Falls
Nov. 9: Practice of Art: Physicians as Artists, Clifton
Nov. 17: 2011 Sol Stetin Awards, North Haledon
Thru Nov. 30: Paterson Youth Photography Exhibit, Paterson

Liszt & Hungarian Culture in Ringwood
The annual Victorian Christmas at Ringwood Manor, on Sloatsburg Rd. in Ringwood, will be on display on Dec. 3, 4, 10, and 11, from 11 am to 5 pm. Cost is $7 for adults, $6 for seniors and $3 for children. Proceeds fund scholarships, local fire and ambulance departments and other charities, as well as restoration of Ringwood Manor. The event is sponsored by the Woman’s Club of West Milford and the North Jersey Highlands Historical Society. Call 973-853-3621.

The Hamilton House Museum in Clifton will offer a Candlelight Tour on Dec. 2 at 7 pm. Coordinated by Fordham University History Professor Dr. Jack Houston, visitors will hear of traditions from the Civil War era, be entertained by the Clifton High School Madrigals and enjoy the museum’s Civil War period decorations. Suggested admission is $3 per person, which includes holiday goodies based on recipes from the Civil War. The Hamilton House is at 971 Valley Rd., near the Montclair border. The Museum is open for tours on Sundays from 2 to 4 pm from March-December. Tours at other times may be made by calling 973-744-5707.

The NJ Carpatho-Rusyn Society hosts a Heritage Celebration Dinner on Nov. 6, from 1 to 5 pm at the First National Russian Hall, 4 Woodhull Ave., Little Falls. There will be ethnic foods served family-style and entertainment by Odarka Polanskyj Stockert playing Eastern European music on a folk harp. The ‘John Mihalasky Humanitarian Award’ will be presented to Joyce C. Barr, former president of the New Jersey Chapter, for her leadership and effort to present programs of cultural and historical interest. Following dinner, John Righetti will speak on the topic ‘Keeping Rusyn Culture Alive: Where We’ve Been and Where We Still Need to Go.’ For fees and info, contact Dorothy Bognar at 201-891-4151, e-mail her at dpbognar@gmail.com or go to www.c-rs.org.

The Ukrainian Center Christmas Bazaar on Dec. 11 at 240 Hope Ave., Passaic, will feature nearly 20 vendors selling traditional and contemporary gifts, collectibles, Ukrainian-themed items, sterling silver jewelry, costume jewelry, toys, personalized clothing from babies to adults, skin care, make-up, pottery and music CDs. From 9:30 am to 5 pm, there will be live holiday music, traditional Eastern European food along with imported beers and wines and a visit with St. Nicholas. Free admission; for vendor information or for more details contact Marianna Hoholuk: mhoholuk@optonline.net.

The Clifton Jewish Center at 18 Delaware St. (near Burger King) will host an Arts and Crafts Show on Dec. 4 from 9 am to 5 pm. Vendors will be offering jewelry, wood working, crocheted items, doll clothing and furniture, checkbook covers, Judaica, yarn items, table linens and handmade wallets... making it a perfect place to shop for holiday gifts. Vendors spaces still available. For information, call 973-772-3131.

The Friends of Long Pond Ironworks will offer guided tours through the Historic District in West Milford until Nov. 13. The 175-acre area is an example of ironworks plantations established in the American colonies prior to independence. The village and furnaces at Long Pond produced iron for the Continental Army, for the American forces in the War of 1812, and for the Union Army during the Civil War. Long Pond Ironworks is listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places and has been designated a National Historic Landmark. Call FOLPI at 973-657-1688, write to info@LongPondIronworks.org, or go to www.LongPondIronworks.org.

Wayne resident GK Stritch will be reading from her memoir CBGB Was My High School at the Englewood Cliffs Public Library, 31 Engle St., Englewood at 7:30 pm on Nov. 1. For info, call 201-568-2215.
The 2011 Sol Stetin Awards will be presented to Mary Kay Henry, President of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), AFL-CIO and Roger Smith, President & CEO of American Income Life Insurance Company. Hosted by the American Labor Museum/Botto House National Landmark, this 29th Annual Awards Gala is on Nov. 17 at The Tides Estate of North Haledon at 6:30 pm. The honorees will be recognized for their outstanding contributions to the well-being of working people: Henry, as president of the nation’s largest healthcare and property services union and Smith, as CEO of a company that has been serving working people, specifically union members for over 50 years. In addition, special recognition awards will go to Kurston Cook, AFL-CIO Young Worker Coordinator, who is leading the effort to connect with workers under 35 to develop the next generation of labor activists; Theresa Van Der Meer, a volunteer at the Museum; and Thomas A Maselli (posthumously), who served as a trustee and treasurer of the Museum. Tickets are $100; call 973-595-7953. The American Labor Museum is within the Botto House National Landmark in Haledon, which was the site of rallies during the Paterson Silk Strike of 1913. It was declared a US Historic Landmark in 1982 in recognition of its role in the effort to end child labor and secure improved working conditions. Visiting hours are Wed. to Sat. 1-4 pm or by appointment.

The 34th season of The Jazz Room at William Paterson University in Wayne concludes with trombonist, vocalist and arranger Pete McGuinness along with the WP Jazz Orchestra at 4 pm on Nov. 6. McGuinness, the newly named head of the jazz arranging program at WP, is a Grammy-nominated jazz musician who has performed with Maria Schneider, Lionel Hampton, and the Woody Herman Orchestra, among others. David Demsey, William Paterson coordinator of jazz studies, will conduct the Orchestra. Tickets are $8 to $15; call 973-720-2371 or go to wpunj.edu.

William Paterson University’s Department of Music marked its 50th anniversary celebration year with a concert series, the last of which is on Nov. 3 at 12:30 pm in Shea Center for the Performing Arts on campus. Performers include Rita Selby ’90 and Matt King ’86, duo pianists; Dan Foran ’08, tenor; Caroline Parody ’91, piano; Karen Cafaro ’87, soprano; Warren Helms ’88, piano; Itay Gore ‘04, piano; Joe Bergen ’07, percussion; and Robert Dowling ’80, piano. Suggested donation is $5; students are free. For info, 973-720-2371.

The Chakavak Ensemble will perform traditional Persian music at the Wayne Public Library on Nov. 6 at 2 pm. This will be followed on Nov. 9 with A Concert on the Ancient Chinese Qin by Mingmei Yip, part of the Lunchbox Learning series. The program begins at noon with the performance at 12:30 pm. The Friends of the Wayne Public Library will provide complimentary refreshments and cookies. Both events are free and at 461 Valley Rd., Wayne. For info on this and other events, contact Deborah Rosenblatt at 973-694-4272 x5408 or rosenblad@waynepubliclibrary.org.

The New Legacy Concert Series, now in its 10th season, will feature bluegrass instrumentalist/singer/songwriters Sierra Hull on Nov. 6 at 2 pm. The next performance is the Alexis P. Suter Band on Jan. 29 at 2 pm. A powerful performer on the roots, blues and soul scene, Suter will be backed by her six-member band. Tickets are $15, on sale Nov. 6. The Ringwood Public Library is at 30 Cannici Dr. Info at www.ringwoodlibrary.org or 973-962-6256.

The Outpost in the Burbs hosts a Nov. 4 tribute to Bitter End owner Paul Colby featuring Peter Yarrow, Paul Stookey, James Maddock, Happy Traum, Gunhill Road, Buskin & Batten, Rockin’ Rob Stoner with WFUV DJ Pete Fornatale as emcee. The show is at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 67 Church St., Montclair. Tickets are $25 or $28 at the door; event begins at 8 pm. Visit www.outpostintheburbs.org or call 973-744-6560.

The Poetry Center at PCCC will host a Distinguished Poets reading by contributors of the Paterson Literary Review Issue 39 on Nov. 5 at 1 pm at the Hamilton Club Building, 32 Church St., Paterson. Free. Call 973-684-6555.
ATC Studios in Clifton has launched ‘The Way It Is’, a competition open to middle and high schoolers. Students are encouraged to write short one-act plays which may be submitted individually or through their literary arts and/or drama programs, that reflect the way they see the world. Submissions will be accepted through March 15. Teachers and theatre professionals will evaluate the submissions, and six to twelve selected pieces will receive a production at ATC in 2012. Through audience votes and professional evaluation, the top three pieces will be taped and posted to the internet for worldwide exposure. Students may submit their short one-acts, for 2-10 actors, with simple tech requirements to atcstudios3@gmail.com. Include name, contact information, age, grade and school (home-schooled students may also submit). Submissions should be in pdf or doc format. Teachers wishing to participate in the submission or evaluation process should contact ATC via email.

Blue State Productions, in residence at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church in Clifton, is staging For Colored Girls on Nov. 5-19. The production is a series of 20 poems, referred collectively as a choreopoem, performed by a cast of nameless women, each known only by a color. Blue State is also coordinating an ensemble for its World AIDs Day production, OneWorld, One Hope: A Remembrance, for a mid-November to Dec. 3 run. Info at BlueStateProd@aol.com or call 973-607-1924.

The Paterson Youth Photography Project’s 2011 exhibit is on display at the Paterson Library, 250 Broadway, Paterson, from now through the end of November. During December, it will be on display at Ridgewood Library, 125 North Maple Ave. The photographers are 8-15 years old. Anyone who wishes to register a child for PYPP classes or to volunteer as a mentor should send their name and mailing address to info@pypp.org.