

History

CutTime® began when eight Detroit Symphony Orchestra (DSO) members came together in 1995 to perform Igor Stravinsky's profound musical-drama *L'Histoire du Soldat* (*The Soldier's Tale*). The pragmatic instrumentation resembles a miniature orchestra, calling for violin and double bass, clarinet and bassoon, trumpet and trombone, with percussion. Double bassist Rick Robinson expanded on this idea adding flute to arrange the musical story of *Peter and the Wolf* by Sergei Prokofiev as a companion piece to *L'Histoire*.

Lyric Chamber Ensemble of Southfield immediately engaged them for an annual family concert series in successful collaborations with other Detroit area artists, including Detroit Dance Collective, Atlantis Expedition Puppets, jazz flutist Alexander Zonjic among others. DSO subsequently engaged them for three seasons to resurrect its *Tiny Tots* series for further collaborations.

Today **CutTime Players®** performs over one hundred familiar works ranging from symphonic classics and piano repertoire to classic jazz works. CutTime has also pioneered many educational programs in Michigan's public and private schools. They have performed tours throughout Michigan, runouts into Ohio and a 2009 area residency around West Palm Beach, Florida.

Robinson began composing suddenly in 2006 and CutTime® launched a new ensemble of string instruments in 2010 called **CutTime Simfonica®**. Featuring his surprising compositions Simfonica won Robinson a Kresge Artist Fellowship in Detroit for his works. Simfonica features six leading DSO musicians and an occasional woodwind soloist in music that blends neo-Romantic styles with urban pop such as rock, Latin, blues, tango, country, and soul. Many of these will be orchestrated to give new audiences more reasons to love orchestras. CutTime® ensembles make classical music fun and personal. Mr. CutTime is leaving DSO in 2012 to share these publications with the nation, intending to bring new audiences to *classica*.

CutTime Players

Geoff Applegate, violin
Rick Robinson, double bass
Sharon Sparrow, flute
Ted Oien, clarinet
Bob Williams, bassoon
Kevin Good, trumpet
Randy Hawes, trombone
TBA, percussion



CutTime Simfonica

Geoff Applegate, violin
Kim Kaloyanides Kennedy, violin
Jim VanValkenburg, viola
Caroline Coade, viola
Robert deMaine, violoncello
Rick Robinson, double bass



Past Performances

- November 5, 1995 Lyric Chamber Ensemble Concert @ Temple Beth El in Birmingham
Program of Prokofiev & Stravinsky
- March 30, 1996 Lyric Chamber Ensemble Concert @ Pontiac Northern H.S. for students
Program of Prokofiev only
- April 25, 1996 Spotlight Series @ University of Michigan-Flint
Program of Prokofiev & Stravinsky
- October 9, 1996 Farm House Series @ Delta College (Paul Hill 517-686-4542)
Program of Prokofiev, Dukas, and Richard Strauss
- October 27, 1996 Lyric Chamber Ensemble Concert @ Millennium Theatre in Southfield
Program of Dukas, Richard Strauss, and *Telltales* Suite
- February 5, 1997 Farm House Series @ Delta College (Paul Hill 517-686-4542)
Program of Kabalevsky, *Animal Circus* Suite, and Weinberger
- February 9, 1997 Lyric Chamber Ensemble Concert @ Millennium Theatre in Southfield
Program of Kabalevsky, *Animal Circus* Suite, and Weinberger
- January 2, 1998 Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer Inaugural Elected Officials Luncheon @ Detroit Institute of Arts Rivera Court - Program of several composers arranged for *CutTime Players Quartet*
- February 15, 1998 Lyric Chamber Ensemble @ Birmingham Unitarian Church
Jazzy program of Claude Bolling and Scott Joplin
- February 23 - 24, 1998 Dearborn Public Schools @ three Dearborn Public High Schools (Lisa Meyer 313-730-3019)
Residency performing and discussing *The Soldier's Tale*
- March 1, 1998 Fair Lane Music Guild @ Henry Ford Estate in Dearborn (Karen Holland 313-593-5330)
Program of Bach, Dukas, and Prokofiev
- March 8, 1998 Encore Concert Series @ Jewish Community Center in W. Bloomfield
Variety program with new Jewish Medley No.1 and Sharon Sparrow debut
- March 22, 1998 Lyric Chamber Ensemble @ Detroit Institute of Arts Lecture Hall
Spanish program of Chabrier, Rodrigo, deFalla and surprises!
- July 9, 1998 Interlochen Arts Festival @ Dendrinos Chapel, Interlochen, Michigan
Two movements of Bolling suites
- July 23, 1998 Bravo! Vail Valley Music Festival private donors soiree @ the home of James & Barbara Allen, LakeCreek, Colorado Bolling program
- June 19, 1999 Private dinner @ the 45th Anniversary/70th Birthday Celebration of Mr. and Mrs. John Boll, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan - Variety program of Spanish and Italian music
- September 18, 1999 Detroit Festival of the Arts @ Wayne State University campus on the Wayne State Stage
Variety program
- October 12, 1999 Annual Dinner of the International Institute of Flint in Flint, Michigan Program of Glinka, Mozart, deFalla, Chabrier, and Prokofiev
- November 12, 1999 St. Clair County Community College @ The Fine Arts Theatre in Port Huron, MI -
Program of two complete Bolling suites (David Korff 810-989-5724)
- December 3, 1999 Detroit Symphony Orchestra *In A Chord* series @ Cranbrook Upper and Lower (Brookside Academy) Schools – Two presentations

- January 23, 2000 Classics on the Lake Series @ St. Mary's College in Orchard Lake
Program of Glinka, Prokofiev, and Bolling (Don Horkey 248-683-1750)
- February 6, 2000 Encore Concert Series @ Jewish Community Center in W. Bloomfield
Program of Glinka, Mendelssohn, Mahler, Dukas & Jewish song medleys
- February 20, 2000 Chamber Music at the Scarab Club @ Bethel AME Church (Nadine Deluery 248-647-0289) Program featuring new *Pictures at an Exhibition*, and *Rustle of Spring*
- March 3, 2000 *First Fridays Series* @ Detroit Institute of Arts (Rudy Lauerman 833-9719)
Double programs of *Sorcerer's*, *Russlan*, & *The Comedians Suite*
- April 29, 2000 Detroit Symphony Orchestra *Tiny Tots Series* @ Seligman Family Performing Arts Center
with mime artist T. Daniels (Charles Burke 313-576-5197)
Program of *William Tell*, *Sorcerer's Apprentice*, *Peter and the Wolf*
- May 16, 2000 Dearborn Public Schools Education Foundation Benefit Concert @ Edsel Ford High School -
Recorded program of *Russlan*, *Sorcerer's Apprentice*, *Comedians*, *Till Eulenspiegel*
- May 20, 2000 Detroit Symphony Orchestra *Tiny Tots Series* @ Seligman Family Performing Arts Center
with Pointe Repertory Dancers (Charles Burke 313-576-5197)
Program of *España Rhapsody*, Rodrigo *Concerto de Aranjuez* and *The Three-Cornered Hat*
- July 27, 2000 *Concerts In the Park Series* for City of Birmingham @ Shain Park (June McGregor 248-646-4181) Variety Program including *Sorcerer's Apprentice* and Bolling suites
- October 8, 2000 St. Clair County Community College Performing and Visual Arts Department Series @ Fine Arts Theatre (David Korff 810-989-5724)
Standard program including *Pictures at an Exhibition*
- October 30, 2000 *CutTime Players Quartet* @ State Fair Senior Center in Detroit
Short program of several composers
- October 30, 2000 *CutTime Players Series* @ Community House of Birmingham
Devil's Night Family Concert program of *Danse Macabre*, *Dead Elvis*, *Sorcerer's Apprentice*, *The Soldier's Tale* (abridged), and *A Witches Sabbath*
- November 12 – 19, 2000 Crooked Tree Arts Council week-long residency with concerts in E. Jordan, Petoskey, Pellston, Boyne City and Beaver Island. (Dale Hull 231-347-4337) Bolling program and a standard program including Dukas, Mendelssohn, Glinka, Chabrier and Prokofiev. Residency included school presentations in E. Jordan, Petoskey and Boyne City.
- January 30, 2001 Central Michigan University School of Music. (Dawn Saxton 517-774-3738) Pre-concert masterclasses and full program of Glinka, Mendelssohn, Dukas, Chabrier and Moussorgsky
- February 24, 2001 Abayomi Community Development Corporation *Cultural Playhouse* @ McGregor Memorial Conference Center at Wayne State University Program included *Peter and the Wolf* and *Animal Circus Suite*
- February 25, 2001 River Raisin Centre Concert Series in Monroe, MI (Jim Kreutzberg 734-242-7722)
Standard program including *Peter and the Wolf* with actor Bill Smith
- March 3, 2001 Detroit Symphony Orchestra *Tiny Tots Series* @ Seligman Family PAC
with Pointe Repertory Dancers. Program included *The Three-Cornered Hat*, *Romanian Rhapsody No. 1* and *Wedding Dance from The Moldau* (Charles Burke 313-576-5197)
- April 7, 2001 Detroit Symphony Orchestra *Tiny Tots Series* @ Seligman Family PAC

- with Atlantis Expedition Puppets. Program included *The Comedians Suite* and *Polka & Fugue from Schwanda the Bagpiper*
- April 16 – 20, 2001 Tour of Michigan Upper Peninsula including Calumet Theater (Dick Hazzard 906-337-2166), Ironwood Theatre and Bonifas Arts Center in Escanaba. Three standard programs plus three school presentations in Ironwood and Escanaba.
- May 19, 2001 Detroit Symphony Orchestra *Tiny Tots* Series @ Parcels Middle School in Grosse Pointe Woods with Pointe Repertory Dancers in repeat of March 3 dance program
- June 23, 2001 Bloomfield Hills Country Club private dinner
Program of standards including new *Carmen Fantasie* and *Spring* concerto
- June 28, 2001 *Concerts in the Courtyard* Series @ Grosse Pointe War Memorial (LouAnne Flanagan 313-881-7511) Program of standards including new *Carmen Fantasie* and *Spring* concerto
- July 12, 2001 *Concerts in the Park* @ Shain Park Birmingham, MI (June McGregor 248-646-4181)
Variety program including modified *Peter and the Wolf* with Ike McKinnon
- July 30 – 31, 2001 Two waterfront concerts for Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey and Boyne City. Variety program featuring Applegate and Sparrow. (Dale Hull 231-347-4337)
Contract also included a workshop for music students in Petoskey
- November 5, 2001 River Raisin Centre in Monroe, MI (Jim Kreutzberg 734-242-7722)
Double educational presentations for elementary then middle school students
- November 9, 2001 River Raisin Centre Concert Series in Monroe, MI
Music by Smetana, Chabrier, Enesco, Moussorgsky, Mozart and Bolling
- November 11, 2001 Fair Lane Music Guild at Henry Ford Estate in Dearborn, MI (Karen Holland 593-5330)
Standard program including *Pictures at an Exhibition*
- November 13, 2001 Grosse Pointe Academy family concert (Phil DiMartini 313-886-1221)
Program including new movie medley and *Peter and the Wolf* with students acting
- December 11, 2001 Fair Lane Music Guild at Henry Ford Estate in Dearborn, MI (Karen Holland 313-593-5330)
Debut performance by CutTime Players Workshop ensemble
New Christmas program including *Nutcracker*, *Sleigh Ride*, *A Christmas Festival*, *Charlie Brown Christmas*, and *Messiah* sing-a-long.
- February 24, 2002 Fair Lane Music Guild at Henry Ford Estate in Dearborn, MI (Karen Holland 313-593-5330)
Bolling suites program featuring Applegate and Sparrow
- March 9, 2002 Detroit Symphony Orchestra *Tiny Tots* Series @ Seligman Family PAC
New PACK YOUR BAGS program hosted by Sharon Sparrow
- March 11, 2002 Detroit Symphony Orchestra *In A Chord* series @ Henry Ford Elementary School in Dearborn, MI - Program included *Peter and the Wolf* (Lisa Meyer 313-730-3019)
- April 7, 2002 Fair Lane Music Guild at Henry Ford Estate in Dearborn, MI (Karen Holland 313-593-5330)
Spanish program including new *Carmen Suite*
- April 13, 2002 Detroit Symphony Orchestra *Tiny Tots* Series @ Edsel Ford High School in Dearborn, MI
with Atlantis Expedition Puppets
Repeat of April 7, 2001 program
- April 15, 2002 Detroit Symphony Orchestra *In A Chord* series @ Brookside Academy of Cranbrook Schools
Program included *Animal Circus Suite* (Dr. Brian Schiller 248-645-3500)
- May 7, 2002 Institute of Music and Dance @ Marygrove College (Judith Molina 313-927-1306)
Presentation and masterclasses for Detroit Public Schools music students

- May 21, 2002 Chelsea High School in Chelsea, MI (Jed Fritzemeier 734-433-2201 x1402)
Presentation and masterclasses for Chelsea Public Schools music students
- August 7, 2002 Concerts in the Courtyard Series @ Grosse Pointe War Memorial (LouAnne Flanagan 313-881-7511) Music by Mahler, Shostakovich, Brahms, Mozart, Bizet and Clarke
- August 11, 2002 Brunch With Bach series @ Detroit Institute of Art Kresge Court
Music by Mozart, Beethoven, Bolling, Ravel and Clarke (Rudy Lauerman 833-9719)
- December 10, 2002 Fair Lane Music Guild at Henry Ford Estate in Dearborn, MI (Karen Holland 313-593-5330)
CutTime Players Workshop performing annual Christmas program
- February 21, 2003 Royal Oak Presbyterian Church Luttrell Fine Art Series (Dick Perkins 248-288-0858)
Standard program including Weber and Bizet
- March 10, 2003 Institute of Music and Dance @ Marygrove College (Judith Molina 313-927-1306)
Presentation and masterclasses for Detroit Public Schools music students
- March 20, 2003 Chelsea High School in Chelsea, MI (Jed Fritzemeier 734-433-2201 x1402)
Presentation and masterclasses for Chelsea Public Schools music students
- April 12, 2003 Detroit Symphony Orchestra Tiny Tots Series @ Wyandotte High School
Repeat of *PACK YOUR BAGS* program hosted by Sharon Sparrow
- April 26, 2003 Detroit Symphony Orchestra Tiny Tots Series @ Parcels Middle School
Program including *Peter and the Wolf* with cute Grosse Pointe Academy students acting
- July 24, 2003 Concerts in the Courtyard Series @ Grosse Pointe War Memorial (LouAnne Flanagan 313-881-7511) Standard program including Weber, Kabalevsky and Enesco
- September 21, 2003 Ave Maria School of Law in Ann Arbor, MI (Michael Kenney 734-827-8064)
Debut of A SALUTE TO FREEDOM program including Dr. Martin Luther King's texts *Letter from Birmingham Jail* and *I Have A Dream* with Rev. Samuel "Billy" Kyles and Dr. Willis Patterson. Music by Mozart, Ellington, Still, Shostakovich, Bach, D. Robinson and R. Robinson.
- October 26, 2003 First Presbyterian Church of Northville (Darlene Kuperus 248-349-0911 x206)
Standard program featuring Bob Williams
- December 9, 2003 Fair Lane Music Guild @ Henry Ford Estate in Dearborn, MI (Karen Holland 313-593-5330)
CutTime Players Workshop performing annual Christmas program
- March 30, 2004 Hearst Magazines Corporation private dinner @ Max Fisher Music Center
Light variety program including new Blue Danube Waltzes (Tina D'Orazio 212-649-2581)
- May 10, 2004 Institute of Music and Dance @ Marygrove College (Judith Molina 313-927-1306)
Presentation and masterclasses for Detroit Public Schools music students
- May 15, 2004 Detroit Symphony Orchestra Tiny Tots series @ Max Fisher Music Center
New *FEEL THE BEAT* program hosted by Sharon Sparrow (Charles Burke 313-576-5197)
- December 7, 2004 Fair Lane Music Guild @ Henry Ford Estate in Dearborn, MI
CutTime Players Workshop performing annual Christmas program
- April 16, 2005 Detroit Symphony Orchestra Tiny Tots series @ Max Fisher Music Center
PACK YOUR BAGS program hosted by Rick Robinson
- May 5, 2005 Mt. Clemens Art Festival @ Downtown Mt. Clemens, MI (Michael Gielniak 1586-469-8666)
Light classics and jazz program

- July 14, 2005 Concerts in the Courtyard Series @ Grosse Pointe War Memorial (LouAnne Flanagan 313-881-7511) Variety program including Mozart Clarinet Concerto & Pictures at an Exhibition
- October 23, 2005 Waterford Cultural Council concert @ Waterford High School
Family variety program inc. *Sorcerer's Apprentice* and *Animal Circus Suite* (248-618-7529)
- December 7, 2005 Waterford music student workshop for WCC @ Waterford High School
(Scott Adkins 1248-408-2303)
- December 12, 2005 Fair Lane Music Guild @ Henry Ford Estate in Dearborn, MI
CutTime Players performing annual holiday program
- January 13, 2006 *CutTime Players Series* @ North Hills Church Birmingham, MI
A MOZART BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION program (Zeger Verhage 248-645-1990)
- January 27, 2006 Ritz Theatre @ Tiffin, OH
A MOZART BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION program (Michael Strong 419-448-8544)
- January 29, 2006 Bay City State Theatre @ Bay City, MI
Peter and the Wolf and *The Soldier's Tale* complete with actors McElroy, Wetzel & McGraw
- July 27, 2006 *Concerts in the Courtyard Series* @ Grosse Pointe War Memorial (LouAnne Flanagan 313-881-7511) A MOZART BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION program
- October 5, 2006 Appearance on *Random Acts of Music* pilot TV episode on WTVS Detroit PBS station.
Performing *Ride of the Valkyries*
- December 10, 2006 First Presbyterian Church of Fostoria, OH
Full Christmas program (Jim Schreck 419-435-1416)
- December 12, 2006 Fair Lane Music Guild @ Henry Ford Estate in Dearborn, MI
CutTime Players performing annual holiday program. New: singer Hannah Sparrow
- March 30, 2007 Premiere of Robinson's Mighty Love string sextet at Kerrytown Concerthouse, Ann Arbor
Also arrangements of Enesco Rhapsody, Espana Rhapsody, Bolling Tango, etc.
- April 25, 2007 Detroit School of the Arts for Detroit Symphony Orchestra Education Department
Standard 1-hour presentation with Q&A.
- July 26, 2007 *Concerts in the Courtyard Series* @ Grosse Pointe War Memorial
Claude Bolling Jazz Program
- December 7, 2007 *Friday Night Live Series* @ Detroit Institute of Arts (Rudy Lauerman 313-833-0491)
Christmas Holiday Program with Kim Kaloyanides Kennedy
- June 27, 2008 *Farmhouse Series* for Oakland Township Parks and Rec.
Variety program. (Becky McLogan 248-651-7810)
- December 6, 2008 Detroit Institute of Arts for University Cultural Center Association
Noel Night series 45-minute concert (Njia Kai 313-577-5088)
- January 19-25, 2009 Florida Residency for The Lyric Theatre of Stuart, FL plus fundraiser for DSO in Naples
3 evening performances in Stuart, West Palm Beach & Naples + 2 schools in Hobe
Sound and Beacon Cove
- February 14, 2009 Detroit Symphony Orchestra *Tiny Tots Series* @ Max Fisher Center
Variety program including *Fur Elise* and *The Comedians Suite*. Sharon hosted.
- July 22, 2009 CutTime Simfonica for Chamber Music North series at Benzonia, MI
2nd complete performance of *Mighty Love* sextet

December 2, 2009	Fair Lane Music Guild @ Henry Ford Estate in Dearborn, MI CutTime Players performing annual holiday program
December 5, 2009	Detroit Institute of Arts for University Cultural Center Association Noel Night series 45-minute concert in Rivera Court
January 23, 2010	Power of Dreams Inspiration Day performance for 80 beginning string students with new CutTime Simfonica string sextet at Wayne State University.
May 8, 2010	Official inaugural concert of CutTime Simfonica string sextet featuring five composition premieres and arrangements at the Virgil H. Carr Cultural Arts Center in Detroit.
July 20, 2010	Director Robinson wins Kresge Artist Fellowship of \$25,000
August 15, 2010	Informal launch of CutTime String Quartet for Heidelberg Project D.O.T.S. Festival Mix of CutTime classics including Latin Mozart 40 excerpt
November 9, 2010	CutTime Simfonica for Cranbrook Music Guild at Christ Church Cranbrook World premiere of Robinson Idyll for solo English Horn with Sally Pituch
November 11, 2010	CutTime Simfonica records <i>Gitcha Groove On!</i> and <i>Highland Park, MI: City of Trees</i> Self-production at Kirk in the Hills sanctuary, released May 2011 for download only
December 3, 2010	CutTime Players <i>Joy to the World</i> holiday concert at Virgil Carr Cultural Arts Center
December 13, 2010	Launch of Classical Revolution Detroit series of informal readings/performances in non- traditional venues around Detroit. Thirteen weekly events until April 5, 2011.
February 10, 2011	CutTime String Quartet <i>Modes of Expression</i> for Madonna University Diversity Week
February 13, 2011	CutTime Simfonica <i>Power of Love</i> for Majestic Theater Featured oboist Don Baker and complete <i>Mighty Love</i> sextet
February 26, 2011	CutTime Players AND Simfonica for Musicians of DSO strike concert at Royal Oak Presbyterian Church. Featured Brazeal Dennard Chorale members and oboist Don Baker
April 9, 2011	CutTime Simfonica for Art X Detroit at Detroit Institute of Arts Lecture Hall Featured oboist Don Baker and Haleem Rasul's Hardcore Detroit dancing City of Trees
May 16 & 20, 2011	CutTime Players educational concerts for Clarkston Public Schools at Junior High School
September 10, 2011	CutTime Simfonica for Detroit Symphony Orchestra at Grosse Pointe Greatest Block Party Featured flutist Sharon Sparrow in Mozart & Bach.