



CutTime Players™

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History

CutTime Players (CTP) began when eight virtuoso Detroit Symphony Orchestra 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. The double bassist Rick Robinson, expanded upon this idea by adding flute and arranging the musical story of *Peter and the Wolf* by Prokofiev, as a companion piece to *L'Histoire*.

Lyric Chamber Ensemble of Southfield immediately engaged them for a family concert series in successful collaborations with other Detroit area artists, including Detroit Dance Collective, Atlantis Expedition Puppets, and flutist Alexander Zonjic. Detroit Symphony Orchestra (DSO) subsequently engaged them to resurrect its *Tiny Tots* series for further collaborations.

Today CTP performs over one hundred works ranging from symphonic classics to piano repertoire to famous jazz works to folk music. CTP has also developed many educational services in Southeast Michigan public and private schools.

Geoff Applegate, violin
Rick Robinson, bass/director
Sharon Sparrow, flute
Ted Oien, clarinet
Bob Williams, bassoon
Kevin Good, trumpet
Randy Hawes, trombone
Sam Tundo, percussion



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. 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 Program of Prokofiev, Dukas, and Richard Strauss
October 27, 1996	Lyric Chamber Ensemble Concert @ Millennium Theatre in Southfield Program of Dukas, Richard Strauss, and <i>Telltales</i> Suite
February 5, 1997	Farm House Series @ Delta College Program of Kabalevsky, <i>Animal Circus</i> Suite, and Weinberger
February 9, 1997	Lyric Chamber Ensemble Concert @ Millennium Theatre in Southfield Program of Kabalevsky, <i>Animal Circus</i> 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 <i>CutTime Players Quartet</i>
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 Residency performing and discussing <i>The Soldier's Tale</i>
March 1, 1998	Fair Lane Music Guild @ Henry Ford Estate in Dearborn 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 soireé @ the home of James & Barbara Allen, LakeCreek, Colorado Bolling program
June 19, 1999	Private dinner @ the 45 th Aniversary/70 th 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

- 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
- 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 Program featuring new *Pictures at an Exhibition*, and *Rustle of Spring*
- March 3, 2000 *First Fridays* Series @ Detroit Institute of Arts
Double programs of *Sorcerer's*, *Ruslan*, & *The Comedians Suite*
- April 29, 2000 Detroit Symphony Orchestra *Tiny Tots* Series @ Seligman Family Performing Arts Center with mime artist T. Daniels
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 *Ruslan*, *Sorcerer's Apprentice*, *Comedians*, *Till Eulenspiegel*
- May 20, 2000 Detroit Symphony Orchestra *Tiny Tots* Series @ Seligman Family Performing Arts Center with Pointe Repertory Dancers
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 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
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. 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. 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
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*

- 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 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
Program of standards including new *Carmen Fantasie* and *Spring* concerto
- July 12, 2001 *Concerts in the Park* @ Shain Park Birmingham, MI
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.
Contract also included a workshop for music students in Petoskey
- November 5, 2001 River Raisin Centre in Monroe, MI
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
Standard program including *Pictures at an Exhibition*
- November 13, 2001 Grosse Pointe Academy family concert
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
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
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*
- April 7, 2002 Fair Lane Music Guild at Henry Ford Estate in Dearborn, MI
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*

- May 7, 2002 Institute of Music and Dance @ Marygrove College
Presentation and masterclasses for Detroit Public Schools music students
- May 21, 2002 Chelsea High School in Chelsea, MI
Presentation and masterclasses for Chelsea Public Schools music students
- August 7, 2002 Concerts in the Courtyard Series @ Grosse Pointe War Memorial
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
- December 10, 2002 Fair Lane Music Guild at Henry Ford Estate in Dearborn, MI
CutTime Players Workshop performing annual Christmas program
- February 21, 2003 Royal Oak Presbyterian Church Luttrell Fine Art Series
Standard program including Weber and Bizet
- March 10, 2003 Institute of Music and Dance @ Marygrove College
Presentation and masterclasses for Detroit Public Schools music students
- March 20, 2003 Chelsea High School in Chelsea, MI
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
Standard program including Weber, Kabalevsky and Enesco
- September 21, 2003 Ave Maria School of Law in Ann Arbor, MI
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
Standard program featuring Bob Williams
- December 9, 2003 Fair Lane Music Guild @ Henry Ford Estate in Dearborn, MI
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
- May 10, 2004 Institute of Music and Dance @ Marygrove College
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
- 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

Light classics and jazz program

- July 14, 2005 Concerts in the Courtyard Series @ Grosse Pointe War Memorial
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*
- December 7, 2005 Waterford music student workshop for WCC @ Waterford High School
- 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
- January 27, 2006 Ritz Theatre @ Tiffin, OH
A MOZART BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION program
- 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
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
- December 12, 2006 Fair Lane Music Guild @ Henry Ford Estate in Dearborn, MI
CutTime Players performing annual holiday program. New singer Hannah Sparrow