

From Their Hands to Yours

More than 850 artisans will show their crafts in glass, wood, metal, fiber and other media at the 31st annual American Craft Show, sponsored by the American Craft Council, Friday through Sunday at the Baltimore Convention Center. There will also be talks by collectors and other experts and demonstrations by artists. New this year is a "Crafts 4 Kids" corner with handmade furniture and toys for children. Tickets cost \$14, children younger than 12 free; a two-day pass is \$20.

AMERICAN CRAFT SHOW Friday from 10 to 9, Saturday from 10 to 6 and Sunday from 10 to 5 at the Baltimore Convention Center, 1 W. Pratt St., Baltimore. 410-649-7000 or www.craftcouncil.org.

One Stage, Two Stars

Israeli folk/pop superstars Chava Alberstein and David Broza share the stage Wednesday at Lisner Auditorium in a concert sponsored by the Washington Performing Arts Society. Alberstein has recorded more than 50 albums during her 40-year career, and the younger Broza has released nearly two dozen albums in English, Hebrew and Spanish. Tickets cost \$25 to \$40.

CHAVA ALBERSTEIN AND DAVID BROZA Wednesday at 8 at Lisner Auditorium, 730 21st St. NW. 202-397-7328 or 202-994-6800, or www.lisner.org.

Mark Makes More Dances

The Mark Morris Dance Group performs classics from its repertory Friday and Saturday at George Mason University. Of the more than 120 works Morris has created for the company he founded in 1980, four will be on this program: "The Argument," set to music by Robert Schumann; "Sang Froid," to works by Chopin; "Candleflowerdance," accompanied by Stravinsky's Serenade in A; and "Grand Duo," to a score by Lou Harrison. Tickets cost \$22 to \$44.

MARK MORRIS DANCE GROUP Friday and Saturday at 8 at the Center for the Arts Concert Hall, George Mason University, 4400 University Dr., Fairfax. For tickets, 888-945-2468; for information, 703-993-8888 or www.gmu.edu/cfa.



BY STEPHANIE BERGER

The Mark Morris Dance Group will perform "Candleflowerdance" Friday and Saturday.



BY CALEB SIEMON

A colorful glass vase by Caleb Siemon is a highlight of the American Craft Show in Baltimore.

Lost and Found

Dancers from the Suzanne Farrell Ballet recreate five rarely performed Balanchine works, some once thought to be lost, at a free concert Friday at the Kennedy Center Terrace Theater. Company founder Farrell, once Balanchine's star ballerina, will introduce the dances and discuss her Balanchine Preservation Initiative. The show is part of the Millennium Stage series of free events every day. No tickets are needed.

SUZANNE FARRELL BALLET Friday at 6 at the Kennedy Center Terrace Theater, 2700 F St. NW (Metro: Foggy Bottom-GWU, with free shuttles). 202-467-4600 (TDD: 202-416-8524) or www.kennedy-center.org.

Love Conquers All

A waitress and a short-order cook gingerly try to turn a one-night stand into a real relationship despite their hard-luck pasts in Terrence McNally's "Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune," at Arena Stage through April 8. The original production was an off-Broadway smash in 1987. Tickets cost \$47 to \$66.

"FRANKIE AND JOHNNY IN THE CLAIR DE LUNE" through April 8 at the Arena Stage Kreeger Theater, 1101 Sixth St. SW (Metro: Waterfront-SEU). 202-488-3300 or www.arenastage.org.

Dreaming of Dancing

The New York City Ballet opens its evening-length "A Midsummer Night's Dream," George Balanchine's vision of Shakespeare's comedy set in a magical forest, Wednesday at the Kennedy Center. The production is part of the citywide Shakespeare in Washington festival that continues through June. Tickets cost \$29 to \$99. See story on Page 16.

NEW YORK CITY BALLET "A Midsummer Night's Dream," Wednesday through March 2 at 7:30 and March 3-4 at 1:30 and 7:30 at the Kennedy Center Opera House, 2700 F St. NW. 202-467-4600 (TDD: 202-416-8524) or www.kennedy-center.org.

Home Sweet Home

Turn your house into a palace with ideas from the Capital Home & Garden Show, open through Sunday at Dulles Expo Center. More than 700 vendors will offer their home remodeling, redecorating and gardening goods and services. There will also be a dozen walk-through gardens, talks and workshops by builders, designers, home inspectors and other experts, and appearances Friday and Saturday by how-to guru Vern Yip from HGTV's "Design Star." Admission is \$10, ages 6 to 12 \$3, younger free.

CAPITAL HOME & GARDEN SHOW Friday and Saturday from 10 to 9:30 and Sunday from 10 to 6 at Dulles Expo Center, on Willard Road off Route 28 in Chantilly. 703-378-0910 or www.capitalhomeshow.com.

Sounds Around Town

» The Windscape wind quintet performs classical and contemporary works from around the world Friday at the Barns at Wolf Trap as part of the Discovery Series of classical recitals. The Manhattan-based ensemble introduces each work with commentary that places it in its musical and cultural context. Tickets cost \$30.

WINDSCAPE Friday at 8 at the Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Rd., Vienna. 877-965-3872 or 703-938-2404, or www.wolftrap.org.

» The Berlin Piano Quartet, a merger of the Berlin-based Jacques Thibaud String Trio and pianist Tao Lin of Shanghai, performs music by Schubert, Schumann and Mendelssohn Saturday at Georgetown's Dumbarton Church as part of the Dumbarton Concerts series. Tickets cost \$30, \$26 for seniors and students.

BERLIN PIANO QUARTET Saturday at 8 at Dumbarton Church, 3133 Dumbarton St. NW. 202-965-2000 or www.dumbartonconcerts.org.

OUR PICKS

Exhibition | By Michael O'Sullivan

On Tuesday, the Fine Arts Gallery of George Mason University opens "Public Artists," an exhibition examining the ideas behind some of the recent public commissions undertaken by such contemporary local artists as sculptor Wendy M. Ross and muralist G. Byron Peck. The opening reception from 6 to 8 will be preceded by "Why Public Art?," a panel discussion and slide lecture from 4 to 6 featuring the six artists, examples of whose work will remain on view through March 23. Call 703-993-8950.

Music | By Richard Harrington

On Saturday, jazz trumpeter Vaughn Nark brings his quintet, *Panorama*, to Sabang, a quietly emerging new venue for local artists. The Indonesian restaurant is across from Wheaton's Westfield Shopping Center. Music starts at 9 p.m. Call 301-942-7859.

Film | By Desson Thomson

A leading Oscar contender for Best Foreign Language Film, the German movie "The Lives of Others" begins in 1984, when the secret police, or Stasi, routinely bugged, tailed and intimidated East German citizens. It's a Cold War thriller that needs no guns or Checkpoint Charlie standoffs to fire up its audience. In this return to communism's dark days, the hand-to-hand combat is psychological — and for us, much more engrossing. See review on Page 30.



BY HAZEN KELLER — SONY PICTURES CLASSICS

Sebastian Koch and Martina Gedeck star in the German thriller "The Lives of Others."

» Michigan-born master of the Scottish fiddle Bonnie Rideout and Caledonia, her ensemble of singers, bagpipers, harpers, flutists, drummers and dancers, celebrate four centuries of Scotland's culture and history Thursday at Strathmore. Tickets cost \$25 to \$55.

BONNIE RIDEOUT'S CALEDONIA Thursday at 8 at the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda (Metro: Grosvenor-Strathmore). 301-581-5100 or www.strathmore.org.

— Compiled by Barry Barriere