

International Scene

Short Takes...

- ▶ **The Florida Youth Orchestra** (FYO) presented its 17th annual Joseph Leavitt Award for Dedication to the Arts to **Elaine Azen** in recognition of her long-time support and promotion of the arts in South Florida. FYO violinist **Chloe Fedor** received the Joseph Leavitt Student Award. The inaugural Bob Weaver Award, which honors the memory of FYO's founding president, who died last year, was presented to violinist **Ashley Hagadorn**.
- ▶ **Broward County Historical Commission Administrator and County Historic Preservation Officer Christopher Eck** has been recognized as a Registered Professional Archaeologist (RPA). Fewer than one in 10 archaeologists in the United States share this prestigious designation.
- ▶ **Michael "Mike" Wharton** has been named program and events manager for the **ArtsPark at Young Circle in Hollywood**. His 20 years of arts experience includes positions with the Gusman Center for the Performing Arts in Miami as well as Walt Disney World and Disney/MGM.
- ▶ The 2006-07 **Florida Grand Opera** season set records for ticket sales revenue (\$7,230,000) and attendance (117,346). Many of the Opera's 53 performances of six opera productions were sold out.
- ▶ Three Broward County-based arts organizations received kudos in the "Best of 2007" edition of *New Times-Broward/Palm Beach*: **Mosaic Theatre**, **Inside Out Theatre Company** and **Cinema Paradiso**.
- ▶ **Ron Hutchins** received the 2007 Carbonell Award for Best Choreography for the Stage Door Theatre production of *Five Guys Named Moe*. Other Broward professional theater companies that received Carbonell nominations included **Mosaic Theatre** and **Inside Out Theatre Company**. ★



The Arpeggione Chamber Orchestra from Austria (above) partners with the Symphony of the Americas for Summerfest 2007.

◆ **The Symphony of the Americas**, conducted by Maestro James Brooks-Bruzzese, will be joined by Austria's **Arpeggione Chamber Orchestra** for Summerfest 2007. The July 15-August 26 festival includes nearly 30 performances throughout Florida along with cultural exchange performances in Central and South America. Summerfest has commissioned and will premiere the work, "A Prayer at Twilight," by Edward Hart, American composer in residence at the University of South Carolina.

Broward County concert locations include the Broward Center for the Performing Arts (July 20), Hollywood Central Performing Arts Center (July 21), Temple Dor Dorin in Weston

(July 26), Pompano Beach Civic Center (July 28), Susan B. Katz Theater in Pembroke Pines (Aug. 9), the beachfront in Deerfield Beach (Aug. 10), John Knox Village in Pompano Beach (Aug. 11) and the Township Center for Performing Arts in Coconut Creek (Aug. 12). For information, call 954-545-0088.

◆ Broward Cultural Council Member **Margaret Mitchell Armand** (below, right) was on hand for the inaugural lecture in a series presented by **Jamaican Awareness Inc.** and the **Jamaican Diaspora Southern U.S.** The featured speaker was **Edward P.G. Seaga** (left), former prime minister of Jamaica, who discussed the role culture has played in the development of the Jamaican nation. ★

