

The Talent Center

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Czechoslovak-American Marionette Theatre

puppet theatre for adults • puppet theatre for families

After 50 years lost in a dingy church attic, these century-old marionettes (mixed with live actors) bring you timeless tales from Europe, and a challenging tale about our own country's recent past. Consider these titles for your programming:

- *Hamlet - a petrifying comedy by Wm Shakespeare* • *Don Juan* • *Faust*
- *The Life and Times of Lee Harvey Oswald.*
- *Czech & Slovak Tales with Strings* (family/school show)

Virtuosi Elaris

Great classical music for Duos through Octet

Director and Cellist Stephen Elisha, in collaboration with his wife, Russian-born violinist Larisa Elisha, has used his connections to assemble some of the best ensemble musicians into a uniquely-flexible ensemble. Whether you wish to present a duo, trio, quintet or octet . . . or perhaps an evening sampler of multiple combinations . . . Virtuosi Elaris will thrill you and your audience with their consummate artistry.



Steven Elisha, Director



Feraba!

African Rhythm Tap!

You might call this the ultimate in World Fusion music and dance: Austrian, Japanese and American Tap Dancers mixing it up with African musicians and dancers . . . to create a music-and-dance experience beyond anything your audience might have expected. Said great Tapper Gregory Hines: "*I am so impressed! I have never seen anything like it!*"

Brien Engel, Glass Harpist

Glass Magic! from Brubeck to Beethoven

One of the few masters of Benjamin Franklin's Glass Armonica, Brien Engel takes you on an unforgettable journey from traditional Armonica compositions through modern day adaptations of *Take-5*, *Autumn Leaves*, and even *Amazing Grace!*



The Magic of John Steven Bloom

a show of masterful illusions as performed in Las Vegas

John Steven Bloom brings your audience modern illusions, but with a style reminiscent of the great magicians of the 1940s and 1950s, when magicians wore Tuxes and their assistants wore evening gowns and never screamed once even when the magician was sawing them in two! The show is flexible and can be rearranged as necessary to fit about any performance space.

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Ben Franklin, Alive!

Starring 2-time Emmy winner Bill Meikle

Having appeared as Benjamin Franklin on 2 PBS shows - and having won an Emmy for each appearance - Bill Meikle suggests you invite Mr. Franklin to share his 300th Birthday with your community and your audience. The show: Mr. Franklin transports your audience to the 18th Century - his time. They hear his thoughts and stories. Stories about his life . . . our country's life . . . our country's own birth. Lec-dems and interactive shows also available. **Note: Potentially available "free" with Humanities funding in many states. Inquire of the Talent Center.**

Gregory B. Albright

The new Harry Chapin

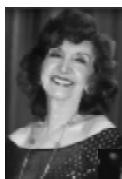
Performing solo or with his band, Gregory B. Albright takes your audience on journeys into the lives, joys and sorrows of men and women who have lived in past ages. You will find yourself side-by-side with a stone mason who builds, an Irish fisherman who catches, and a depression-era father hunting coal on the tracks to keep his family warm.



Mary Fahrenbruck

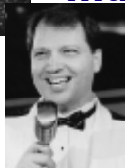
20th Century music, and then some . . .

Whether your audience is "hip" to 20th Century composers, or whether they enjoy piano-music variety in concert, Mary Fahrenbruck is a strong choice. Consider her concert "**Favorites plus Challenges**"; *Claire de Lune, Maide with Flaxen Hair, Bach Prelude in C Major, Moonlight Sonata*, Chris Berg's version of "*Somewhere Over a Rainbow*" and more. Or an alternate offering: "A Trip through Time" which covers music from Renaissance through romantic to 21st Century.



Lynd & Mahoney

music and reminiscence



2 veteran performers bring fond memories to your audience with shows combining reminiscence and songs from days gone by: •**Great Loves of Stage and Screen** - a tribute to Nelson Eddy/Jeanette McDonald, Steve & Edie, Bogart & Bacall etc.; •**Those Were the Days, My Friend** - remembering the great singers of Yesteryear: Bing, Sinatra, Dino, Peggy Lee, Doris Day, Dinah Shore etc.; •**From Broadway to Paris** - the great songs of tin-pan alley and European Cabarets; •**Around the World in Song**.