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Romanian pianist to perform

Gabriela Imreh, Romanian concert pianist and recipient of a performance scholarship by the Fine Arts Society of Texas, will perform Thursday, March 17 in BUS 158.

Imreh's recital, presented by the Department of Music and open to the public at no charge, begins at 7:30 p.m. Selections to be performed include sonatas by Haydn and Liszt, as well as works by Chopin, Scriabin and Toduta.

Since her debut with a professional orchestra at age 16, Imreh has performed in nearly every Romanian city, frequently as guest soloist with Romanian state philharmonic orchestras, and has made numerous recordings for Romanian and Hungarian National Radio. At age 19 she won first place in national auditions for the Schumann International Competition and was ranked number one student in all Romanian conservatories. She is a summa cum laude graduate of the Gheorghe Dima Conservatory of Music in Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

Upon her arrival in the United States in 1986, Imreh was awarded a performance scholarship by the Fine Arts Society of Texas. The society's journal, Facets, has acclaimed her playing as "technically impeccable . . . a memorable and inspirational experience."

Currently on the applied piano faculty at Stephen F. Austin University, Imreh is scheduled to make her London debut and appear with the Houston Symphony Orchestra during the 1987-88 season.

Draftsman, painter presents lecture

Draftsman and painter R.C. Coones will give the first of five lectures to be sponsored this spring by the Department of Art. Coones will present "European Sketchbooks" at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 14 in ADM 127.

Coones, who is chairman of the Department of Art at Northeastern State University in Oklahoma, has exhibited and sold works in the United States and Italy. Profoundly influenced by European Masters, his work is based on historical, mythological and religious themes, deploying symbols that depict his belief in the continuance and triumph of goodness in mankind.

His subject matter includes secular and religious themes expressed in a series or cycle of paintings, drawings and original prints. Stylistically, his work ranges from fantasy-realism to geometrical abstraction of a linear, symbolic type.

Coones develops his art projects from his home studio in Tahlequah, Okla., exhibiting on consignment and special show basis at commercial and university gallery forums. He regularly exhibits his work in joint exhibitions, university faculty shows and one-man shows in Texas, Oklahoma and the surrounding region.

His honors include first and third place awards from juried shows of the Texas Fine Arts Association and a first place award from the American Religious Art Association. He earned M.F.A. and B.F.A. degrees from UT Austin and has studied at the Accademia de Belle Arti in Venice, Italy and at the Instituto Alleade in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico.

Other artists to be featured in public lectures at the university will be art consultant Lysa Jones, Friday, March 18; ceramic sculptor Helen Phillips Monday, April 4; painter Vernon Fisher, Wednesday, April 13; and medieval art expert Anthony Gully, Friday, April 29. For more information on UT Tyler's art lectures, call Van Horn, ext. 7250.

in the spotlight . . .

Dr. Chester Fischer and **Dr. Olga Fischer**, associate professors of education, presented a paper, "Update on the Teaching of Writing in Electronic Learning Environments," at the 8th annual Texas Computer Education Association State Conference Feb. 27 in Dallas.

Dr. Pat Gajda, professor of history, served as moderator of a panel for the downtown Rotary Club. Feb. 18. Members of the panel, which included Dr. Tim Kane, professor of economics, addressed the issue of peace as viewed from their discipline perspectives.

Gus Gordon, assistant professor of business administration, has had an article, "The EDP Auditor's Education -- What Should It Be?," accepted for publication in the Northeast Louisiana Business Review.

Dr. Barry Green, associate professor of health and physical education, was moderator for the Van Zandt County Candidates Forum sponsored by the MADD chapter Feb. 27.

Dr. George Joyce, professor of marketing, presented a paper, "Major Factors Influencing the Management and Marketing of Services for Small Businesses," at the national conference of the Small Business Directors' Institute International recently. He also chaired a session on the marketing of professional services.

Dr. Buddy Odom, associate professor of finance, recently presented two papers at the annual meeting of the Midsouth Academy of Economics and Finance. "The Role of Commercial Banks as Providers of Personal Financial Planning" was co-authored by Jerry Woolverton, vice-president of Texas American Bank of Tyler, and "The Use of Certainty Equivalents in Valuing Lost Wages and Benefits" was co-authored by Karen Lee, assistant professor of accounting.

James Pace, assistant professor of art, had a solo exhibition in the Fine Arts Gallery on the Kilgore College campus recently.

Dr. Wallace Schmidt, associate professor of drama and speech communication, was the invited judge for the Tyler Optimist Oratorical Contest at UT Tyler Feb. 29 - March 1.

Metz travel/study scheduled

An opportunity to be part of the growing relationship between Tyler and its sister city Metz, France is available through Sister Cities International's travel/study program June 5 - 26.

Side trips to Paris, walking tours of Reims and Metz, and a tour of the Metz Museum are among the highlights. Also available will be trips to Germany, Switzerland, Luxembourg and Strasbourg, as well as a Rhine cruise. Room and board accommodations will be provided at the University of Metz.

Cost of the trip is \$1,300. A deposit of \$100 is due by April 1 with total payment due by May 1. For more information call Dot Adkins, ext. 7110.

Video conference set March 23

"Teaching Today's Adults -- Focus on Careers," a satellite video conference, is scheduled 4 - 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 23 in UC 102.

Originating from Washington, D.C. and sponsored by *USA Today*, PBS Adult Learning Service and American Association for Adult and Continuing Education, the conference will allow local adult educators across the country to learn from experts in the field.

Registration, which includes printed conference materials, is \$10 for the general public and \$5 for UT Tyler faculty. For more information call John Childs, ext. 7363.

FSLIC insolvency to be topic of seminar

"FSLIC (Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation) Insolvency: An Alternative Recommendation," will be the topic of a seminar at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, March 17 in BUS 158.

Keith L. Durrett, instructor of business administration, will present the program sponsored by Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE). Admission is free to the public.

Comedy performer to appear March 18

David Naster, recognized by Variety as "the most sought after performer on college campuses today," will bring his comedy show to the University Center Friday, March 18. Naster's performance, scheduled for 8 p.m., is sponsored by the UT Tyler Student Association and is open to the public at no charge.

Naster's talent for making people laugh has given him international exposure, including the Edinburg Festival, United Kingdom Performance Tour, Mexico's Cozumel Carnival, and a tour through South America and Mexico as part of the U.S. government sponsored "Partner of the Americas Program."

His television performances include "Night Flight," "Comedy Tonight," "P.M. Magazine" and HBO specials "Circus Vegas" and "World Burlesque." He has appeared with such diverse stars as Barbara Mandrell, The Manhattan Transfer, George Burns, Helen Reddy, The Little River Band and Count Basie.

A graduate of the University of Kansas with a degree in theater and music, Naster was accepted to study at the Marcel Marceau School of Pantomime in Paris and studied percussion with Ramon Lopez, percussionist from the Stan Kenton Orchestra. Combining his talents for mime and music with stand-up comedy, Naster began performing on the road. He became a regular at The Comedy Store in Los Angeles and went on to headline major comedy clubs in New York, St. Louis, Washington and other cities across the country. He has performed at more than 200 colleges in 40 states.

Brown bag luncheon planned March 21

A brown bag luncheon will be presented by the Division of Nursing at 11:45 a.m. Monday, March 21 in SCI 205.

Dr. Deborah Bockmon will discuss "Factors Associated with Changing the Health Pattern of Exercise." Faculty and students are invited to bring their lunch and share in the research presentation.

Faculty to be included in TASP survey

Dr. Mark Lewis, assistant professor of education, has been appointed campus liaison for the Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP), a program that will serve as an admission test for senior institutions in the state of Texas and replace the Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST) as the admission test to teacher certification programs.

A random sample of Texas university faculty and students will be conducted this month as to the validity of program content objectives. UT Tyler faculty will be included in the sample. Item writing will take place this summer with a field test scheduled for fall. Initial administration of the test will be spring 1989 for prospective teacher certification candidates.

Earlier this spring the Texas Legislature passed House Bill 2182 requiring that all students entering public institutions of higher education be tested for reading, writing and mathematics skills. The test, to be implemented in the fall of 1989, will be diagnostic in nature and will point out specific skill areas in need of remediation. Students will be required to take the test prior to the completion of nine semester hours of course work and to pass all sections of the test prior to completion of 60 semester hours. Students not passing the test will be limited to lower-division work.

Any questions regarding test development or TASP may be directed to Lewis in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, ext. 7133.

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