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Rare Shell Found On Sanibel Beach

A rare giant Atlantic tun shell turned up on Sanibel last week while the island was filled with shell enthusiasts and exhibitors.

Noted international shell authors Harlan E. Wittkopf and S. Peter Dance arranged to lead a group of avid shellers and shell show exhibitors on a night beach excursion, complete with flashlights and other gear, at Sandalfoot Condominium last week.

Wittkopf, the only one who waded into the chilly water, was rewarded by

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Harlan Wittkopf with the rare giant tun shell

An Irish Evening At BIG ARTS



Dublin's Traditional Irish Cabaret

BIG ARTS is celebrating the luck of the Irish at this season's annual benefit, when Boler Garden will turn into a wee bit of Ireland. Dublin's Traditional Irish Cabaret performs Monday, March 15. Tickets start at \$125 for general admission; call BIG ARTS Marks Box Office at 395-0900 for other ticket offers.

Dublin's Traditional Irish Cabaret is a celebration of Irish ballads, laughter, song, and dance. The evening includes Irish fare before the cabaret, and Irish coffee and desserts after the show.

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Island Seniors Book Fair Is Saturday

Island Seniors, Inc. is holding a Used Book and Local Author Fair on Saturday, March 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Senior Center on Library Way. Come by, pick up some gently used books for your reading pleasure and peruse the many books by local authors. Sam Bailey,

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Sandi McDougall, left, senior program administrator, and Ann Moeder, co-chair and board member, with some of the books that will be on sale Saturday

Pianist Joins String Quartet For Sanibel Music Festival Performance

The Escher String Quartet, with pianist Wu Han, will perform at the Sanibel Music Festival at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 13 at the Sanibel Congregational Church, 2050 Periwinkle Way. Tickets at \$30 each are available at Bank of the Islands, 1699 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, 2477 Library Way, or Sanibel Captiva Community Bank, 1037 Periwinkle Way. Tickets may also be purchased by calling 336-7999, or by logging on to www.sanibelmusicfestival.org.

Within months of its inception in 2005, the Escher String Quartet was invited to

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The Escher String Quartet



Wu Han



Del Prados CD

Doo-Wop Night With The Del Prados

A '50s night at The Community House will feature doo-wop music, sock hop moves, malt shop fare and a '57 Chevy on Friday, March 19 at 6 p.m.

Dinner begins at 6:45 p.m. and The Del Prados entertainment begins at 7. Member price is \$25 and nonmembers are \$35.

The Del Prados will perform doo-wop hits such as *Since I Don't Have You*, *Why Do Fools Fall In Love* and *Runaround Sue*. A group of retired doctors and dentists, the Del Prados band formed in 2000 just for fun, and became a big hit with Southwest Floridians. Their name comes from Del Prado Boulevard, the main street in Cape Coral, where they reside.

The dinner will be '50s fare: hamburgers with all the trimmings, coleslaw, potato chips, root beer floats and cherry Cokes. Dancing will follow. Reservations are required. Call The Community House at 472-2155 to reserve a seat or a table.

This evening is sponsored by Sanibel Holiday.*

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Pianist Joins String Quartet

be quartet-in-residence at both Pinchas Zuckerman's and Itzhak Perlman's summer festivals. The quartet, comprised of Adam Barnett-Hart (violin); Wu Jie (violin); Piere Lapointe (viola); and Andrew

Janss (cello) has received acclaim for its individual sound, inspired artistic decisions and unique cohesiveness. They were selected in 2006 for the prestigious CMS Two residency at the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center. In 2007, they joined the faculty of Stony Brook University as adjunct professors in a unique relationship with the world-renowned Emerson String Quartet. Pianist Wu Han, a festival favorite, will join the Escher for the Taneyev *Piano Quintet*, which she performed in 2008 at the Aspen Festival.

Han said, "This concert will offer two great discoveries for the Sanibel audience. The first is the young Escher Quartet, which I am so honored and excited to introduce. They remind me of a young Emerson Quartet, filled with virtuosity and energy. The second is experiencing live the great *Piano Quintet* of Sergei Taneyev, who was Rachmaninoff's teacher. This work is an absolute masterpiece, filled with Russian spirit, and is one of the most difficult and virtuoso piano quintets in the chamber music repertoire (which is why it is so rarely heard on the concert stage). As you listen to the Taneyev *Quintet*, you can imagine the devilish virtuosic passages in the piano as the sound of the great gate of Kiev about to explode. I am excited to return to Sanibel – one of my favorite places in the world – with this masterwork, and look forward to playing again for this distinguished concert series."

The program, sponsored by Claire and Ted Sawyer and Janet and Joseph Davie will include:

Prokofiev: *String Quartet No. 1, Op. 50*; Beethoven: *String Quartet No. 8 in E minor, Razumovsky*; Taneyev: *Piano Quintet in G minor, Op. 30*.

The Sanibel Music Festival, celebrating its 24th season, presents world renowned artists during the month of March on Sanibel Island. Incorporated in 1987 as a non-for-profit organization, its mission is to present classical music of the highest standard at affordable prices and to promote the careers of young artists through performance opportunities.*

Symphony Bach & More Concert

The Southwest Florida Symphony will perform a concert called Bach & More on Friday, March 19, at 7:30pm as part of the third annual Concert Series hosted by Shell Point Retirement Community.

Rich in soaring strings, this concert features two celebrated Bach works (from father and son), a dazzling oboe solo and Schubert's *Mass in G* with the angelic voices of the Symphony Chamber Chorus. The concert will also feature Dione Chandler, principle oboe.

Tickets are on sale for \$20 by calling 454-2067.

The concerts are held in The Village Church auditorium on the Island at Shell Point.*

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