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LAUGH OUT LOUD!!! MUSICAL MAYHEM IN KERRVILLE!!!

(Kerrville) – The Kerrville Performing Arts Society will close out their 26th season with an artist that believes in laughter...and lots of it! The fictitious P.D.Q. Bach, known for his humorous and satirical views of music, will present *The Jekyll and Hyde Tour*, featuring Peter Schickele (synonymous with his alter ego...P.D.Q. Bach), Soprano Michele Eaton, Tenor Brian Dougherty, and Stage Manager William Walters.

KPAS has had a season filled with variety...The Yamato Drummers of Japan (world music), Ballet Folklorico de Mexico (dance), Marvin Hamlisch (pops), American Big Band Show (swing music), and the Berlin Philharmonic Wind Quintet (classical chamber music)...and the scheduling of Peter Schickele will add yet another dimension of humor/musical satire to KPAS' season repertoire.

KPAS will present Peter Schickele and his alter ego, P.D.Q. Bach, with two performances: Saturday, April 17th at 7:30pm and Sunday, April 18th at 2:00pm. Both performances will be held at Kerrville's Cailloux Theater. These two performances are made possible through the generosity and local support of Steve & Nelwyn Clack and Kent & Janet McKinney with additional funding from the Texas Commission on the Arts.



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Who is P.D.Q. Bach? In 1954, Professor Peter Schickele, rummaging around a Bavarian castle in search of rare musical gems, happened instead upon the original manuscript of a Sanka Cantata by one P.D.Q. Bach, being employed as a strainer in the caretaker's percolator. A cursory examination of the music immediately revealed the reason for the atrocious taste of the coffee; and when the work was finally performed at the University of Southern North Dakota at Hoople, the Professor realized too late that he had released a monster on the musical world.

Since 1965 the tireless Professor has kept audiences in stitches with his presentation of P.D.Q. Bach's uniquely typical music. In addition to his annual concerts in New York City, he has appeared with over fifty orchestras, ranging from the Boston Symphony Orchestra, the Chicago Symphony, the Cleveland Orchestra, the New York Philharmonic, the London Symphony Orchestra and the Los Angeles Philharmonic to the New York Pick-Up Ensemble.

Tickets for Peter Schickele's ***Jekyll and Hyde Tour*** performance are available at the Cailloux Theater Box Office (910 Main Street) or by calling 830-896.9393. Ticket prices range from \$25-\$35-\$45 and may be purchased by cash/check/credit card (Visa/MasterCard).

Additional information at www.kpas.org or www.schickele.com.

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