

Pitcairn named music director of Luzerne Music Center

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Violinist Elizabeth Pitcairn, who earlier this week was named artistic director of the Luzerne Music Center, next week will perform alongside LMC co-founder Toby Blumenthal Phillips and others at the music camp's final concert of the summer.

Scheduled for 8 p.m. Monday, the concert will feature music by Beethoven, Kodaly and Schumann. Other performers scheduled to appear are cellist Jacob Braun, violinist Andrew Bulbrook of the Calder Quartet and violist Nathan Frantz of the Sarasota Orchestra. Tickets are \$20, \$10 for students, and may be reserved by calling 696-2771.

Pitcairn, 36, a widely recognized violin soloist who was a student at Luzerne Music Center in the late 1980s, performs on the "Red Mendelssohn" Stradivarius, a 1720 instrument that inspired the 1998 film "The Red Violin." It was a gift from her grandfather, a member of a Pennsylvania family that founded an industrial conglomerate, who bought it at auction for \$1.7 million in 1990.

Pitcairn takes over artistic management from Blumenthal Phillips, who will continue as president of the foundation that runs the Luzerne Music Center. Blumenthal Phillips, a pianist, established the camp in 1980 with her late husband, longtime Philadelphia Orchestra cellist Bert Phillips; he died in October 2008.

Blumenthal Phillips and Braun will also perform at 7 p.m. Wednesday at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Lake Luzerne.

-- Steve Barnes

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"Blumenthal, Pitcairn, Braun and Friends"

When: 8 p.m. Monday

Where: Luzerne Music Center, 203 Lake Tour Road, Lake Luzerne

