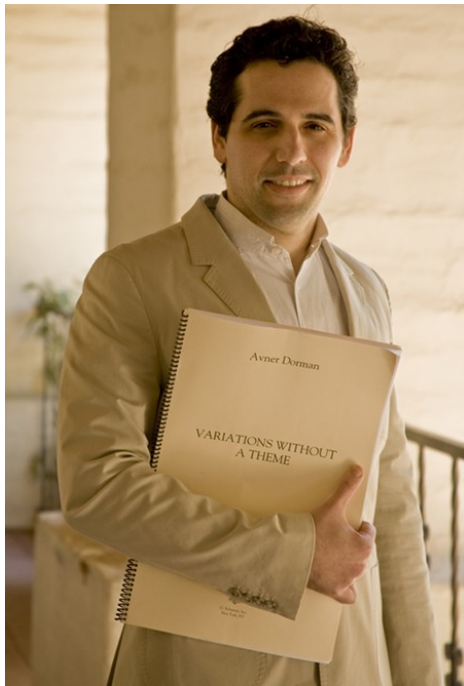


ACCLAIMED COMPOSER AVNER DORMAN TO APPEAR AT LIBRARY



In partnership with the Wheeling Symphony Orchestra, the Ohio County Public Library will offer a special Thursday (March 13 at noon) edition of Lunch with Books featuring Maestro André Raphel and internationally acclaimed composer Avner Dorman, who has re-written a piece, originally for two quartets, for double string orchestra that will be premiered (U.S. Premier) on Friday March 14th at the WSO concert at the Capitol Theatre.

Avner Dorman has quickly risen to become one of the leading composers of his generation. His unique approach to rhythm and timbre has attracted some of the world's most notable conductors, including Zubin Mehta, Christoph Eschenbach, Riccardo Chailly, and David Robertson to bring his music to international audiences at, the New York Philharmonic, Los Angeles Philharmonic at the Hollywood Bowl, Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, San Francisco Symphony, Munich Philharmonic Orchestra, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Vienna Radio Symphony Orchestra at the Musikverein, the Salzburg Festival and the Lucerne Festival

Regarding the new composition, Dorman reported via his web site that, "In the summer of 2004, a group of Chechen terrorists overran a school in Beslan, Russia, and held its pupils and teachers hostage for a number of days, culminating in the murder of at least 150 pupils. Thereafter, the Russian Archbishop eulogized them in a prayer he called 'Prayer for the Innocents.' The eulogy, and its circumstances, affected me deeply, and prompted me to dedicate the middle movement of my second string quartet to the memory of the children. When Keshet Eilon asked me to compose a work for its summer 2009 Mastercourse, I decided to base it partly on that movement, expanding it for two string quartets."

At Lunch With Books, Maestro Raphel and Avner Dorman will offer a panel discussion about this and other subjects. The program is free and open to the public. Please call the library at 304-232-0244 or visit the library's web site at www.ohiocountylibrary.org for more information.

