

Letter From the Singapore Alumni Committee Chair:



Dear fellow BU alumni,

We received positive feedback from many of you who read the inaugural issue of "CommAve". The publication team appreciates the compliments and the encouragement. We hope that our newsletters will serve to inform you of the activities organized by the Boston University Alumni Association of Singapore, BUAAS, and provide interesting features and news of local alumni who are active in the business and entertainment industries.

The BUAAS is currently busy preparing for an upcoming concert at the Esplanade for Prof di Bonaventura, who will be visiting Singapore in November for a special one night only performance. Prof di Bonaventura chairs the piano department of the College of Fine Arts and is a world-renowned musician who has performed in 27 countries in recital; and with major orchestras such as The Boston Symphony Orchestra, New York Philharmonic, Philadelphia Orchestra, Chicago Symphony, Royal Philharmonic, and Vienna Symphony. We feature him in this issue and promise that it will be a memorable performance at the Esplanade. Tickets will be sold through SISTIC booking channels but for local alumni, BUAAS will be making special arrangements for you to attend the piano recital for free! We will be mailing out the details shortly.

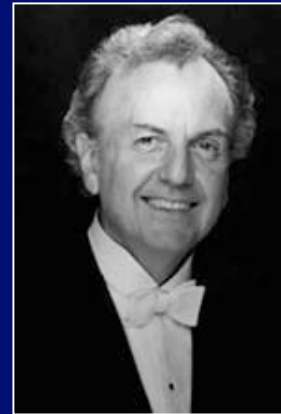
As part of the annual effort to help the incoming students from Singapore understand varsity life at our alma mater, the BU Office in Hong Kong hosted a reception at the Hyatt Hotel on 8 April with the Director of International Admissions, Paul Greene, present to speak to new freshman and parents. It was a well-attended event and we got to meet some alumni whom we had never met before as well as some familiar faces. We encourage more alumni to attend these freshman send off receptions in the future, to catch up with each other and to give some tips and advice to the young Singaporeans who are heading off to college.

In this issue, we are adding some lifestyle features by introducing some of our favourite restaurants and leisure and entertainment venues. Some of these establishments have agreed to offer special deals to our alumni so do check them out. For those of you who are interested in featuring your companies in the newsletter, please write to one of us. And if you have recently visited Boston and returned to our alma mater and would like to share your thoughts with us, we would also love to hear from you.

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See Page 3 for more information about Professor di Bonaventura!

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CLASS NOTES

Isabelle Tan (SMG 1998)

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Three and a one-half years in Boston was never enough for me. Until now, I've not forgotten the sights and sounds of New England. I am currently with UOB and have been with them for 4 years. Armed with a marketing degree, I oversee the Marketing, Brand Loyalty and Rewards Programme in the bank. One of the perks of my job is being able to move around and meet people. My greatest regret is that I didn't manage to keep in touch with many of my classmates. So, for those who remember me, just drop me an email.



Joshua Seah (SMG 1999)

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After graduating with majors in both Finance, Marketing and a program in Web software development, I worked in Boston for about two years as a Financial Risk Valuation Analyst. However, the growing importance of Web and Database applications made me realize that a fusion of Finance, Marketing and Web technologies would be very beneficial in a future career path. Subsequently, I relocated to Silicon Valley, California, where I have been working as a Cold Fusion Web Application Developer, within the Marketing Department. I specialize in web design and online database applications for a High-Tech company. As of this time, I still find the experiences working at Silicon Valley to be both technologically and creatively refreshing, but hope to return to Singapore one day.

Finna Huang (GSM 1998)

I graduated from the MBA program in 1998 majoring in Strategic Management and IT Strategy. My first job was with Accenture Singapore as a strategic consultant. After a year, I moved on to join Dell Computer Singapore as their business planning consultant. Two year later, my husband and I decided to move to Jakarta, Indonesia because of family commitments. In Jakarta, I took a year off from work to do things that I have never had the opportunity to do before such as learning to cook French cuisine, reading, diving, and spending quality time with my son. After a year, I was more than ready to go back to the working world. I did my undergraduate in Babson College majoring in Entrepreneurship and Economics. Being an entrepreneur has always been my dream and Jakarta is the perfect place to launch my career. I found opportunities in the health care industry and since then, I have worked with numerous Singapore and Indonesia doctors. My latest venture, The Jakarta Women and Children Clinic, will open its door in July 2004. This clinic is an integrated one stop high quality health care centre for women and children.



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Sandy Gwee, GSM 1998

More than 7 years ago, I chose BUMBA based on its emphasis on global business management; it may be a given for many business schools now, but at that time, BU was one of the few that offered this. Since graduation, I have been working as a management consultant; initially with KPMG consulting and now, with Shell Oil. My work has been good; it takes me to places that I would not have seen, and accumulate air miles that will last for years. But nothing beats the fact that I met my husband on one of my business trips. We just got married in July.

Carolyn Wong (SMG 1991) - carolynwong@mac.com

After graduating from BU, I worked with Deutsche Bank from 1991 to 1997 in Tokyo, Hong Kong then Singapore. In 1998, I joined a New York based investment management firm called Fischer, Francis, Trees and Watts as a fund manager. My interest in art has led me to serve on the board of the Huang Yao Foundation and the Art Outreach Programme. I got married in July 2003 and am now residing in Taipei with my husband and child.



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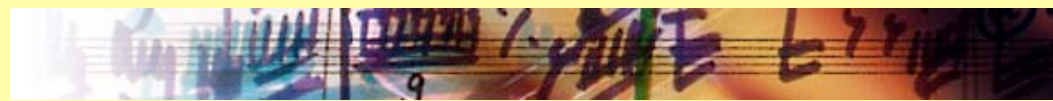
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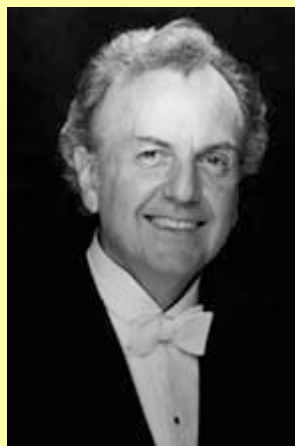
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Introducing

Professor Anthony di Bonaventura



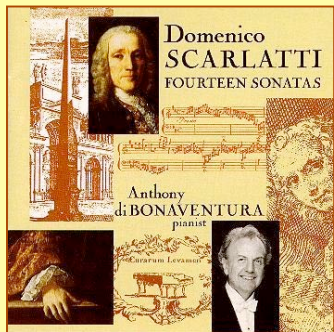
Anthony di Bonaventura is a Professor of Music and chair of the piano department at Boston University's College of Fine Arts. Renown around the world for his championship of new music and his dedication to the classics, he has performed in 27 countries in recital, and with major orchestras such as The Boston Symphony, New York Philharmonic, the Philadelphia Orchestra, Chicago Symphony, Royal Philharmonic, and Vienna Symphony. He has appeared in the Great Performances Series at Lincoln Centre, and performed in all major festivals, including Ann Arbor, Saratoga, Bergen (Norway), Graz (Austria), and Almeida (England).

Many of the distinguished composers of our time, including Gyorgy Ligeti, Luciano Berio, Alberto Ginastera, Milko Kelemen, and Vincent Persichetti have written works especially for Professor di Bonaventura. He has performed the world premiers of each of the compositions: Ligeti's

Concerto for Piano, Austria, 1986 (American premiere with the Saint Louis Symphony with Leonard Slatkin); Ginastera's Piano Sonata No. 2, Ann Arbor, 1992; Berio's Points on the Curve to find, Germany, 1975; and Persichetti's Piano Concerto, Dartmouth Festival, 1968.

Professor di Bonaventura began his piano studies at the age of three, gave his first professional concert at the age of four, won a scholarship to New York's Music School Settlement at six, and appeared as a soloist with the New York Philharmonic at thirteen. At sixteen, he became the pupil of the celebrated Russian teacher Madame Isabelle Vengerova, and later entered the Curtis Institute, from which he graduated with the highest honours.

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His brilliant performances in an early European tour led to his selection by the great conductor Otto Klemperer to perform the complete Beethoven Concerti at the London Beethoven Festival. In 1968, Professor di Bonaventura was invited to go to Hungary by the world-renowned composer and educator, Zoltan Kodaly, to perform his music and that of his fellow countryman Bela Bartok. In 1991, he performed at the Netherlands premiere of Witold Lutoslawski's Piano Concerto with the composer conducting, followed by performances also conducted by Lutoslawski with the Boston Symphony, Polish National Radio Symphony, and San Francisco Symphony in 1993.

Professor di Bonaventura has recorded for the Columbia (Sony Classical), RCA, Connoisseur Society (IN-SYNC), Sine Qua Non, and Titanic record labels. His recording of the Debussy Etudes has been described by the *Boston Globe* as "one of the wonders of the world". His latest releases include fourteen Scarlatti Sonatas, the complete Rachmaninoff Preludes, Op.32, and an all-Chopin disc for Titanic.

Acknowledged as a master teacher of international stature, Professor di Bonaventura is the founder-director of the Brandywine Piano Institute at West Chester University of Pennsylvania. He has also founded the Piano Institute at Colby, a two-week workshop for pianists offering private lessons, master classes and guest lectures as well as the opportunity to perform in public recitals. Di Bonaventura has directed the Institute since it was established in 1979. In addition, he has given master classes at many institutions including UCLA, University of Michigan, Eastman School of Music, Brigham Young University, North Carolina School for the Arts, University of Toronto, University of Texas, Tulane University, and the Yamaha School in Singapore.

In 1992, Professor di Bonaventura was given the Metcalf Cup and Prize, Boston University's highest award for excellence in teaching. In 2002, he was given an honorary doctorate by Husson College.

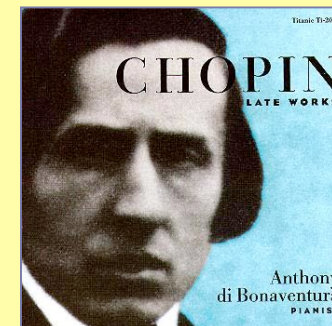
Some Reviews of his performances

The New York Times: "an exciting performance and a shiny virtuoso one ... poised, full of insight and technically brilliant"

The Washington Post: "tone sensitively modulated ... his touch an example of graduated control in the finest degree ... a musician and pianist to be remembered and anticipated"

"He can stand with the great players of Mozart's keyboard music"

Neues Oesterreich, Vienna: "a bravura approach when the music demands it, but founded throughout on a noble musicality, delicate and full of poetry."



Meet him in Person!

Now, this is your chance to see the great master perform at *The Esplanade* in Singapore this fall. As part of his Asian tour, his recital in Singapore will be held on *Friday November 5, 2004 - 8pm*. Professor di Bonaventura will be performing the works of Beethoven, Chopin and Schumann for his Singaporean audience.