Quad City Symphony Orchestra

Adler Theatre and Centennial Hall

Saturday, March 1, and Sunday, March 2

The latest Quad City Symphony Orchestra concerts fall under the title *Legends of Love*, and will include performances of Prokofiev's *Romeo & Juliet*, Wagner's *Prelude to Tristan & Isolde*, and Debussy's *Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun*. I'll admit I'm not familiar with this last piece, but based on what I know about the characters in the first two, I'm now a little concerned about what happens to the faun.

The fifth of the symphony's six Masterworks Series presentations, *Legends of Love* will be performed at Davenport's Adler Theatre at 8 p.m. on March 1 and Augustana College's

Centennial Hall at 2 p.m. on March 2, and will feature a guest performance by the Philadelphia Orchestra's principal trumpet player, David Bilger, praised by the *New York Times* for his "easy brilliance." (He should have quite the opportunity to display it, as Arutiunian's *Trumpet Concerto* is also on the program.)

And conducting the works is the nationally acclaimed Mark Russell Smith (pictured), the current music director and conductor for the Richmond Symphony Orchestra, and former director for Massachusetts' Springfield Symphony Orchestra; under his leadership, the *Springfield Union-News* described this organization as "tremendously talented players with implicit confidence in their leader." I'd say the same about us here at the *Reader*, but our office leader is *Jeff*, so ... .

For more information on the *Legends of Love* concerts, visit (http://www.qcsymphony.com).

Charlie King and Jim Scott Benefit Concert

Davenport's Unitarian Church

Friday, February 29, 7 p.m.

On February 29, Davenport's Unitarian Church (at 3707 Eastern Avenue) presents songwriting storyteller Charlie King and folk singer/composer Jim Scott (pictured), award-winning musicians who headline a special benefit concert for the Centro Maya Xe'Kiyaqasiiwaan - a Guatemalan school for children with disabilities.

Admission is $8 in advance or $10 at the door, but if you're one of those thrifty types who wants to know exactly what that money helps fund, here's a short list of what, since 2002, the Unitarian Church has done to support the Centro Maya:

• Provided $30-a-month food assistance for 16 families, including 87 children;

• Provided funding for the installation of electricity;

• Funded a worker program for the employment of older youths;

• Helped pay for the heart surgery of a three-year-old girl;

• Helped pay for the hospitalization of a paralyzed woman; and

• Provided food and cooking supplies after the devastation of Hurricane Stan.

Eight to 10 bucks ain't lookin' so steep *now,* is it?

Tickets to the Charlie King and Jim Scott concert are available by calling (563) 359-0816, and more information on the Unitarian Church's programs and events can be found at (http://www.qcuu.org).

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