

# Forgotten Film Treasures of the Great String Players

Sunday, October 1 at 3:00 p.m.  
Heights Theatre — 39th & Central (just south of I-694)

Claire Givens of Givens Violins and Bob DeFlores, film historian/archivist, are sponsoring an afternoon showing of extremely rare film footage of the early great string players on Sunday, October 1, 2000 at 3:00 P.M. at the Heights Theatre. The films are original 16mm film, not video, and are part of DeFlores' vast collection of rare films of musicians and other entertainers.

Bob DeFlores is one of the leading film historians and preservationists in the U.S. today. He has restored over 1,000 motion pictures over the last 25 years, many of which were thought to be lost by the studios that made them. For the October 1 presentation he will be showing:

- the first sound film of a violinist, made in 1926 with **Mischa Elman** playing;
- a breathtaking performance of David Popper's *Spinning Song* with cellist **Emanuel Feuermann**;
- Yehudi Menuhin with George Enescu at the piano;
- violist William Primrose from the 1940's;
- an exquisite film of Pablo Casals playing Bach Suites;
- a 1960's film of the Juilliard



String Quartet with Robert Mann, Robert Koff, Raphael Hillyer and Claus Adam in which they trace the history of Chamber Music;

- a delightful short with Joseph Szigeti and Jack Benny;
- and a 1940's film of

Jascha Heifetz and Gregor Piatagorsky at Carnegie Hall.

Bob DeFlores will be introducing the program and Claire Givens will be providing very brief biographies before each film so that students can get a better perspective on the history of 20th Century string players. Each film lasts about 10 minutes and the entire program will be 2 hours.

Although Givens and DeFlores have wanted to create an opportunity to show these films to the string community for over 13 years, an appropriate setting hasn't been available until the Heights expressed an interest in DeFlores' collection. The Heights is a restored theatre built in 1925 and has an excellent digital sound system. It is an old style theatre that allows you free refills of popcorn and sodas. It seats 415 people.

There is tremendous interest already in this show among professionals, teachers, students and string enthusiasts. Because of this it is hoped that the Heights will sell tickets in advance. Please call 612.789.4992 as the date nears. Tickets will be \$10.00. The Heights Theatre is located at 39th and Central just south of I-694. †