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— Michael Fortuna, Daily Sun

Backstage Pass

INSIGHTS ON STAGE, SCREEN AND BEYOND

Shanghai Orchestra Delivers Classical Concert

By KRISTEN FIORE | Daily Sun Senior Staff Writer

As members of the Shanghai Opera Symphony Orchestra finished the first half of the classical concert they put on Thursday night at The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center, they were met with a standing ovation, whistles and even a few shouts of "Bravo!"

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The Shanghai Opera Symphony Orchestra delivered a crowd-pleasing performance Thursday night at The Sharon L. Morse Performing Arts Center.

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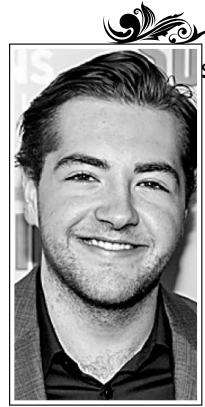
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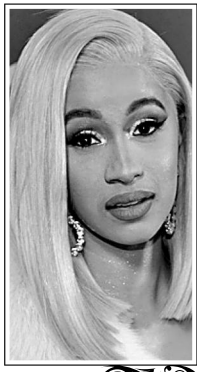
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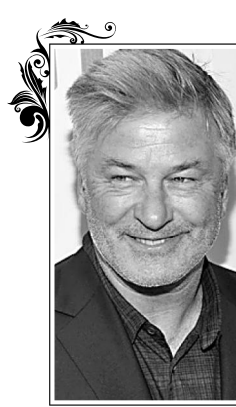
MICHAEL GANDOLFINI

The son of James Gandolfini has been cast as the young Tony Soprano in the planned "Sopranos" prequel, "The Many Saints of Newark." Michael Gandolfini will play a younger version of the iconic character.



CARDI B

Cardi B will have her first Las Vegas residency this spring. Palms Casino Resort announced Wednesday the 26-year-old singer's appearance as part of its debut of KAOS, a dayclub and nightclub amphitheater-style complex that is set to open in April.



ALEC BALDWIN

Days after appearing in a "Deal or No Deal" parody on "Saturday Night Live," Alec Baldwin took a deal of his own, agreeing to attend an anger management class to resolve a case stemming from a spat over a parking spot.

CHICAGO

Michael Jackson Stage Musical to Premiere in Chicago

A stage musical about Michael Jackson will premiere in Chicago later this year before heading to Broadway in 2020. Officials said Wednesday that "Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough" will begin pre-Broadway performances at Chicago's Nederlander Theatre on Oct. 29 and run through Dec. 1. The previously confirmed musical, inspired by Jackson's life and music, is still under development.

— The Associated Press

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But here's how they got that reaction:

The orchestra, which was established in 1956 with the construction of the Shanghai Opera House, is known for its delivery of classical pieces by composers like Beethoven, Mozart and Berlioz.

On Thursday, they performed Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 1 and Rachmaninoff's Symphony No. 2.

Led by conductor Lin Yousheng, the orchestra is large and primarily made up of string instruments.

While the whole orchestra was attentive, professional and perfectly synchronized, the audience was wowed by the talent of pianist Song Siheng, who made an extremely difficult piece look like a breeze.

His fingers fluttered with ease across the keys, sometimes so quickly that they were a blur.

Like the rest of the orchestra, he was one with his music, swaying and jolting in his seat with the melodies.

The pianist, the conductor and the rest of the orchestra worked together as one. The music came in waves of

varying volumes.

It was clear from the first few notes of the program that this show would be a journey through some of the finest classical music played by some of the finest musicians in the world.

And the travelers were not disappointed.

"It's excellent," said Wayne Beeder, of the Village of Pinellas. "The pianist is outstanding — phenomenal, in fact."

Peter and Mary Jane Moeller, of the Village of Caroline, commented on the good selection of pieces the orchestra played.

"The sound of the philharmonic is a credit to the people who built The Sharon theater," Peter said. "This really shows the theater off."

"It was breathtaking," Mary Jane said. "Absolutely superb."

Robbie Wessels, of Summerfield, is a regular at orchestra performances.

His father was the conductor of an orchestra in Dutch Guiana, and he grew up immersed in classical music, so he's something of a credible critic himself.

Wessels said the show was fantastic.

"The sound is good. They're professionals, and the pianist is unbelievable," he said. "I don't think he's reading the music. They must practice eight to 10 hours a day."

Wessels brought his friend, Tami Campbell, of the Village of Orange Blossom Gardens, along for the ride.

"This is my first symphony orchestra concert, and I think it's awesome," she said.

And the Shanghai Opera Symphony Orchestra set the bar pretty high.

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Encore: Storm, Kremer Making Amazon Return for 2nd NFL Season

By JOSH DUBOW
The Associated Press

Hannah Storm and Andrea Kremer had so much fun in their first season calling NFL games on Amazon Prime that they are coming back for an encore.

Amazon announced Thursday the veteran announcing duo will return next season to call the Thursday night package on Amazon's prime video service.

"It's validation," Kremer said. "You want to be able to show with actions not just words that what we did was meaningful and

entertaining and people wanted to watch and listen to us and considered us a viable option to the other great choices that are out there. The fact that Amazon made this decision sooner than we expected was just a real joy to us and made us feel like we were the right choice."

Storm and Kremer were hired last August to do the 11 Thursday night NFL games on Amazon on an alternate English-language feed to those who wanted something different from the Fox broadcast

with Joe Buck and Troy Aikman.

Amazon did not release numbers on how many people chose to listen to Storm and Kremer as opposed to the Fox feed featuring Joe Buck and Troy Aikman, but head of live sports Jim DeLorenzo said the feedback was extremely positive.

It was a new role for both. Kremer spent most of her career as an Emmy Award-winning reporter who was honored by the Pro Football Hall of Fame last year with the Pete Rozelle Radio-Television Award.

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