

# Riabikoff coming to PSU



George Riabikoff

He plays like an angel. One of the finest pianistic artists of today....Impeccable techniques and depth of feelings," states the *Houston Chronicle* of Houston, Texas about European classical pianist, George Riabikoff, who is scheduled for a work shop and concert on March 29, 1982 in the Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m.

Mr. Riabikoff comes from a musical family related to Tchaikovsky and Rachmaninoff. He gave his first concert at the age of four, and studied in European conservatories and with the great composer and pianist, Sergei Prokofieff.

During the war and the terrible years of Nazi occupation, he helped persecuted people and Jewish families to hid and escape death. Trapped by the Gestapo he refused to reveal their hiding places. The Nazis, knowing he was a fine boy pianist, swore he should never play again and drove hot spikes through his palms, broke his arm, and crushed his fingers. In spite of all tortures, he did not betray these people.

He was rescued by British and U.S. troops. Through faith, determination, and long agonizing practise he regained the use of his hands and began to play again. He was a concert pianist on the American Special Service and gave many concerts for the U.S. British armies.

After the war, Riabikoff studied with Walter Giesking and Conrad Hansen. He played in many cities in Europe, Salzburg, and other world music festivals. In New York, Mr. Riabikoff has studied with Claudio Arrau and the great pianist and pupil of Rachmaninoff, Mme. Gina Bachauer.

Admission for this evening of classical music is \$3. This is a bonus event for the SEASON '81-82 subscribers. Also, this special event is offered to all senior citizens who want to attend at no charge. For more information and ticket reservations call the PSU Box Office at 521-OPUS (0778).

# A PLAY, Written by Jayne

Play for Puppets  
By Jayne

**Teacher:** Today our story begins with 1st Kings, Chapter 17:1. Would you please lead us in telling this story, Joel?

**Joel:** I'd be glad to. The story is about Elisha, the Tishbite. He did some things that no other prophet did.

**John:** Yeah.

**Joel:** He followed what God told him to do. He went to Ahab the king with the message "As the Lord God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be rain or dew these years, but according to my word."

**Jerry:** I wonder if Elijah was scared, talking to a king like that.

**Joel:** Then the word of the Lord told him where to go to be protected. He told Elijah to hide by the brook Cherith.

**John:** I know that I never heard of some one being fed by birds before.

**Joel:** Right. The birds brought bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening.

**Jerry:** I bet we could eat like that, but that would make it a long long day.

**Joel:** Then the brook dried up.

**John:** Well, he couldn't stay without water.

**Joel:** You are right. The word of the Lord came to him saying "Go to Zarephath. I have commanded a widow woman to sustain you."

**John:** That means she was suppose to feed him until the famine was over.

**Jerry:** I bet'cha he went in a hurry too.

**John:** He foud her at the gate of the city gathering sticks.

**Joel:** Did you notice how he began talking to her? The first thing he said was "Bring me a little water." After she was on her way to get that he called to her and told her to bring a morsel of bread

**Jerry:** But she was the one who didn't even have a cake of bread, wasn't she?

**Joel:** She said she had only a handful. Elijah told her to go ahead and make a cake for her and her son but

for her to make him a cake first.

**John:** Bet that scared her.

**Joel:** Elijah told her that she would not run out of meal or oil if she would do what he asked, and that's just the way it happened.

**John:** Didn't her son die, too?

**Joel:** Her son died. Elijah prayed and the soul of the child came back into him.

**Jerry:** It was about time for rain along about now, wasn't it?

**Joel:** Yes, the Bible says after many days the Lord told Elijah to go and show himself unto Ahab.

**John:** Bet he was scared.

**Joel:** I don't know. Now Ahab's servant, Obadiah,, was afraid to tell King Ahab that Elijah was back.

**Jerry:** This is when the prophets of Baal prayed and cut themselves, trying to call down fire on their offering.

**Joel:** Yes, Elijah had told them that if the fire fell to burn up their offering to let their God be God. Nothing happened to them.

**John:** Bet they felt bad.

**Joel:** Elijah fixed his offering just like he wanted it. He then asked for twelve barrels of water to be poured over his offering and in the trench around the offering.

**Jerry:** Then he prayed, huh?

**Joel:** He prayed. Fire fell and burned up the offering and dried up all the water around it.

**John:** Bet it scared Baal's prophets.

**Joel:** Right. Then Elijah went upon Mt. Carmel. After he prayed he sent his servant to the top of the mount to see if he saw any sign of rain. Each time Elijah prayed he sent his servant. After he prayed the seventh time the servant came back saying he had seen a cloud about the size of a man's hand.

**John:** Bet Elijah was happy.

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