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## “Silver Rights” Comes to Brevard

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Brevard College is proud to announce that this year's Grace Creech West Lectureship will be presented by Constance Curry, social activist and author of "Silver Rights," and the subject of her book, Mrs. Mae Bertha Carter, on Monday, Feb. 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Reserve Dining Room of Myers Dining Hall. The program is free of charge and open to the public.

"Silver Rights: One Family's Struggle for a Better Education in America" is the amazing story of Matthew and Mae Bertha Carter and their struggle to provide the best education possible for their 13 children. Originally sharecroppers in the rural Mississippi Delta, the Carters had a dream for their children, a dream of a better life than theirs. They knew that the only way for this to happen was to provide them with the best education available, and in 1965 they signed up the youngest eight of their thirteen children for the best and closest schools available: the white schools.

Thus began the Carters' quest for educational equality for their children, a journey that would cost them their jobs and home and that would make the entire family the targets of ridicule and hatred. The Carters' dream would be fulfilled, however, despite the seemingly overwhelming obstacles placed in their way, and their children would indeed leave the Delta for college, careers and

civic positions of power. And Mae Bertha Carter herself, mother of thirteen with only a fifth-grade education, would go on to take a job with Head Start, attack the second generation of problems resulting from school desegregation, travel to Washington to occupy then Attorney General John Mitchell's office, register voters, and serve as the vice-president of the NAACP. In 1993, Carter was awarded the University of Mississippi's Annual Award of Distinction.

Constance Curry, sent to rural Mississippi in 1964 by the American Friends Service Committee (a Pennsylvania-based Quaker organization), saw the Carters' struggle first-hand, and her book "Silver Rights" is the result. An oral history, "Silver Rights" is drawn from interviews with Mae Bertha and Matthew, all 13 of their children, many of their 32 grandchildren, Mrs. Carter's 92-year-old mother and many of the residents, black and white, of Sunflower County, Mississippi.

Following a reading from and discussion of "Silver Rights," a reception and book signing will be held.

The Grace Creech West Lectureship was established in honor of a former First Lady of Brevard College. The lectureship will bring a distinguished writer to the Brevard College campus every year to present a reading and discussion, and to work meaningfully with the faculty and the students.

## Dmitri Ratser to Perform with Asheville Symphony

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The Asheville Symphony will perform a Masterworks Concert on Saturday, February 17, 8:00 P.M. in the Thomas Wolfe Auditorium. Featured soloist for this performance is Dmitri Ratser, pianist.

Born in Moscow, Dmitri Ratser comes from a family of professional musicians. He began playing outside the former U.S.S.R. only as recently as 1989 when he appeared in Vienna for the first time. Audiences in Asheville will remember his stellar playing with the Symphony on March 20, 1993. He will perform Rachmaninoff's *Piano Concerto in D minor, Op. 30* with the Orchestra on the 17th.

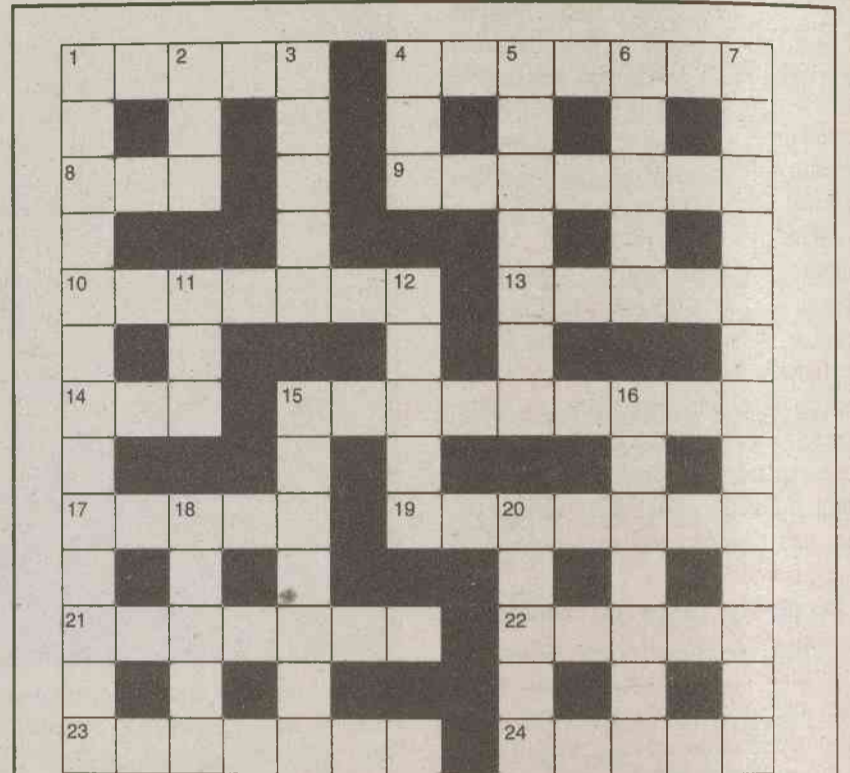
Robert Hart Baker, Music Director,

also conducts the Orchestra in Mozart's *Symphony No. 38, in D major, "Prague"* and Poulenc's *Les Biches - Suite*. Bring your sweetheart to the concert and enjoy a romantic evening of music.

Tickets are available at the Asheville Civic Center Box Office (251-9999) and the Asheville Symphony Office (254-7046).

Ticket prices are \$25, \$20, \$13.50, and \$5.50. At 7:45 P.M., on the night of the concert, students with ID's may purchase any remaining seat in the Auditorium for \$5.00. For additional information call 704-254-7046.

The concert is sponsored in part by the Waynesville Mountaineer.



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- 4. A way to make loose
- 8. Profit
- 9. Kidnaps
- 10. Mindless
- 13. Loads
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- 15. Removed some moisture
- 17. About blood
- 19. Quips
- 21. Engraving
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- 24. Sweet treat

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- 11. Cab
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- 16. Initial
- 18. Macau
- 20. Label
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- 4. Unscrew
- 8. Net
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- 10. Vacuous
- 13. Lades
- 14. Reb
- 15. Semidred
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- 19. Sallies
- 21. Etching
- 22. Botto
- 23. Younger
- 24. Lolly