In the words of Maestro Jed Gaylin of the Bay-Atlantic Symphony, a “potlatch” (a Native American ceremonial feast) of concertos will be the focus of the “Mozart and Friends” concert on Saturday, May 4, when 50 free tickets will be available through the “Seniors Month Concert” program of the Cumberland County Office on Aging.

Each musical piece features a different instrument performed by members of the Symphony—principal woodwinds, violist and concertmaster. Mr. Gaylin assures that “You will be dazzled by their virtuosity.”

The concert takes place at the Guaracini Performing Arts Center, Vineland, at 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 4. It will be repeated the next day, Sunday, May 5, at the Richard Stockton College Performing Arts Center, Galloway, at 2 p.m. As always, a “Conversation with the Maestro” will begin one hour before each concert.

How to get senior tickets

To inquire about the complimentary tickets for seniors (age 60 and above), interested people should call Melissa Clifton at (856) 453-2220.

Program

The program begins with the “Oboe Concerto in E-flat major” by Vincenzo Bellini with Terence Belzer on the oboe, followed by “Andante & Rondo Ongarese,” Opus 35, by Carl Maria von Weber with Ping Liang on the bassoon.

The remaining pieces are the “Concertino in E-flat Major,” Opus 26, also by Weber, with Christopher DiSanto on the clarinet; “Fantasy for Flute and Chamber Orchestra,” Opus 79, by Gabriel Fauré with Ronna Ayscue on the flute; and “Sinfonia Concertante in E-flat Major,” K. 364 by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart with Ruotao Mao on the violin (concertmaster) and Ana Tsinadze on the viola.

Tickets may be purchased by calling 856-692-8499 at Cumberland County College or (609) 652-9000 at Stockton College.

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Several events crowd the Cumberland County entertainment calendar this weekend, headed by the concert described on page one.

But there are other attractions as well, starting with perhaps one of the most notable, an appearance of Nelson Johnson, author of *Boardwalk Empire*, on Sunday, May 5, at the Bridgeton Free Public Library at 4 p.m. *Boardwalk* is the story of Atlantic City that inspired the popular HBO series of the same name, produced by famed director Martin Scorsese.

Nelson Johnson, whose family’s presence in Atlantic County predates the founding of Atlantic City, is a lifelong resident of Hammonton. He practiced law for 30 years and was active in Atlantic City and Atlantic County politics through much of that period.

As attorney for the Atlantic City Planning Board at the time of the approvals for many of the casinos, Johnson was inspired first to make sense of Atlantic City and its colorful history of Prohibition, gambling and corruption. The interviews, research, and writing involved in preparing *Boardwalk Empire* span nearly two decades.

Mr. Johnson’s follow-up to *Boardwalk Empire* is *The Northside: African Americans and the Creation of Atlantic City*, an objective political history, published in 2010. His appearance is part of the library’s “Save the Library” effort. A reception and book signing will follow Mr. Johnson’s presentation, with his books available for purchase.

Tickets at $15 are available at the library at 150 E. Commerce St., Bridgeton.

Also on the weekend agenda is a “Dutch Treat Gala” on Saturday, May 4, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Riverfront Renaissance Center for the Arts on High Street in Millville. Music, food and a silent and live art auctions are planned in a fund raiser for the center’s summer youth program, “Art Creates Excellence.” Tickets are $60 per person and can be purchased at the gift shop or online at rrcarts.com.

Another event on Sunday, May 5, is the 32nd annual Kids’ Fishing Derby at Mary Elmer Lake, Bridgeton, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event is open to children from ages 5 to 8 and 9 to 13, all of whom must be accompanied by an adult. Sponsored by the Cumberland County Recreation Commission, the contest features a total of $300 in prizes, including a tackle box of fishing gear for the grand prize winner. In addition, the first 100 participants will receive a souvenir.

There is no entry fee but registration is required on the day of the event. For more information, call (856) 453-2184.