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### MIXED MEDIA *ROBERT NOTT, CRAIG SMITH,*

Three more tickets to paradise

Music from Angel Fire ends its silver-anniversary season with three concerts this weekend. Two of them feature works by young composer in residence Christopher Weiss and senior composer Joan Tower, who celebrates her 70th birthday next month. The first is at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, at Fort Burgwin Auditorium on Southern Methodist University's Taos campus (6580 N.M. 518 in Ranchos de Taos), and includes Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante for violin and viola as well as Weiss' Crossroad for String Orchestra and Tower's A Gift for piano and woodwind ensemble. At 2 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 31, at Angel Fire Community Center (71 Valley Road), chamber works by Mendelssohn and Dohnányi alternate with a new work by Weiss and the world premiere of Tower's String Quartet No. 4, "Angels." The season ends at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 1, at Immaculate Conception Parish in Las Vegas (811 6th St.) with music by Mozart, Villa-Lobos, and Dvořák.

Tickets are \$25 in Taos and Angel Fire, and \$20 in Las Vegas. To order, call 888-377-3300. -- Craig Smith

Stick to the script

Well, it's been confirmed: I'm smart, sexy, kind, amusing, sweet, talented (really talented, in fact), and the sort of person you can rely on in any situation -- unless zombies are attacking. All this according to my own examination of my handwriting, which I learned how to do after reading **Arlyn Imberman** and June Rifkin's Signatures For Success: How to Analyze Handwriting and Improve Your Career, Your Relationships, and Your Life. A new, updated version of this book is now available in paperback from Quill Driver Books, and guess what? **Imberman**, a graphology expert, will speak and sign copies from 3 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 31, at Casa Contemporary Fine Art, 300 E. Marcy St., 995-8600. She will reportedly give us insights into the personalities of such renowned artistic types as Georgia O'Keeffe and Mabel Dodge Luhan. I don't think I'll let her analyze my handwriting -- I kind of like the way I see myself, letter spacing and all. -- Robert Nott

Dial M for mariachi ...

Mariachi is not only musical and melodious; it's mighty, sometimes madcap, and always culturally meaningful. And of course, it's a perfect demonstration of the power of rhythm. When violins, trumpets, harp, and guitarrón get going, it's hard not to get with the beat. The Santa Fe Fiesta Council showcases all those aspects of the art form with the 2008 Mariachi Extravaganza, set for 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 31, at the Santa Fe Opera. Featured performers are María Elena Beltrán (daughter of famed singer Lola Beltrán), Mariachi Los Arrieros, Rafael Palomar, Gaby Villalobos, and Mariachi Tepeyac. Audience members are encouraged to imitate operagoers by having a tailgate dinner before the show. Tickets are \$25, \$35, and \$50 and are available through the Santa Fe Opera box office, 986-5900; for more information on Fiesta, call the SFFC at 988-7575. -- C.S.

... or, just dial 1-800-BURN-HIM

Back in the 1920s, some mad scientist named Shuster, working with the now-defunct Kiwanis Monster-Making Lab, created a 50-foot creature called Zozobra. The giant beast broke loose and terrorized the countryside, and people didn't have anyplace to hide, which is why they built La Fonda and the Eldorado hotel so high -- to get out of Zozo's reach. Some townspeople finally torched the monster (because they knew how well that worked with Frankenstein's monster), and that was that. Oddly enough, every year since then Santa Fe has paid homage to Zozobra by recreating the original incident, and this year's burning is at dusk (about 8:30 p.m.) on Thursday, Sept. 4, at Mager's Field at Fort Marcy Park on Bishops Lodge Road. The gates open at 2 p.m., and entertainment, including music by headliners Lumbre del Sol with Sol Fire and Mariachi Buenaventura, starts at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at the gate, but you can get them in advance for \$5 at select sites (like banks and credit unions) around town. The event is hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Santa Fe and the Santa Fe Downtown Kiwanis Foundation. Check out [zozobra.com](http://zozobra.com) or call the Zozobra hotline (no kidding) at 982-0654. -- R.N.

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