

Chester Arnold

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THIS WEEKEND

MUSIC

San Francisco Chamber Orchestra: Benjamin Simon conducts the orchestra in "Dial M for Music," a program highlighted by the world premiere of Harold Meltzer's Sinfonia Concertante for Violin and Viola. Also on the program are Mozart's work of the same name and Mendelssohn's Sinfonia No. 9 in C. Violinist Scott St. John and violist Sharon Wei are the soloists.

3 p.m. Sunday, Herbst Theatre, 401 Van Ness Ave., S.F. 8 p.m. Monday. First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley. 3 p.m. Tuesday. First Palo Alto United Methodist Church, 625 Hamilton Ave. Free. (415) 692-3367. www.sfchamberorchestra.org.



John Todd / S.F. Chamber Orchestra

Music Director Benjamin Simon leads the orchestra.



John Wilson White / Phocasso

Chester Arnold's "The Legacy of Henry King" is in the gallery show.

ART

Chester Arnold: A Pilgrim's Progress: Think Paul Bunyan before John Bunyan. Despite his show's title, Arnold's darkly comic vision of Gold Rush dead-enders points toward no saving destination. His allegory of lessons never learned evokes the futility of the artistic life, while his paintings in their exuberance make its temptations plain.

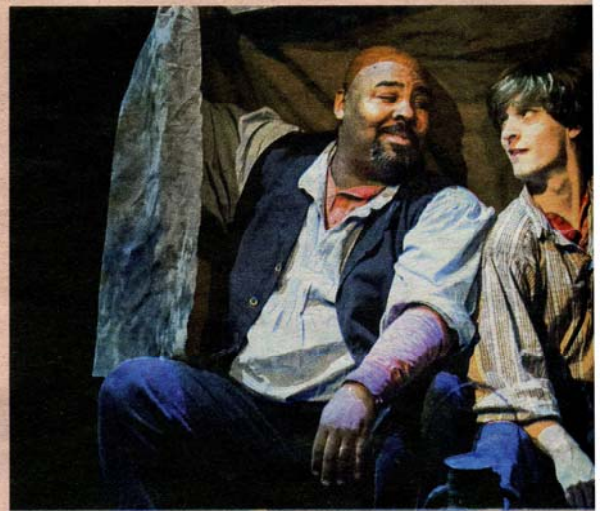
11 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Through Jan. 12. Catharine Clark Gallery, 150 Minna St., S.F. (415) 399-1439. www.cclarkgallery.com.

THEATER

Big River: TheatreWorks' fine revival of the Roger Miller musical adaptation of Mark Twain's "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" comes to the end of its tuneful run this weekend. James Monroe Iglehart's Jim anchors Robert Kelley's strong production.

8 p.m. Thursday (Dec. 27)-Saturday, 7 p.m. Sunday, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1301 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. \$23-\$73. (650) 463-1960. www.theatreworks.org.

Brava's No Fiesta: Ma year headli with her F benefit for tured comi derwoman Popovich a 9 p.m. M ter, 2781 24 641-7657. w



James Monroe Iglehart (left) carries the show as the slave, Huck as they seek shelter from the rain in the musical "Big River."