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Historic Annapolis Antiques Show

The 34th annual Annapolis Antiques Show continues from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. tomorrow at the Medford National Guard Armory, Hudson Street, Annapolis. Admission is \$8. For more information, call 410-267-8146 or visit www.annapolis.org.

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Pianist Washington Garcia will perform classical compositions at Chesapeake Arts Center next weekend.

Classical pianist performs at CAC

By ELIZABETH LEIS
Staff Writer

Chesapeake Arts Center officials hope an evening of classical music will draw in a new audience.

World-renowned pianist Washington Garcia is a native Ecuadorean who received master's and doctoral degrees from the Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University, said CAC Sales and Marketing Coordinator José de la Mar.

"He's an internationally known pianist, but also a local product," he said. "This is an example of real, classy, programming."

Mr. de la Mar said the pieces, including Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata," will be familiar even to those without a classical music background.

"The majority of people will recognize the pieces when they hear them," he said.

Mr. Garcia, 26, said the performance will focus more on classical rather than contemporary music because those selections tend to be more accessible.

"I find people have a hard time trying to understand contemporary music," he said.

Mr. Garcia began playing at

WHAT Washington Garcia in Concert

WHEN 8 p.m. Jan. 24

WHERE Chesapeake Arts Center, 194 Hammonds Lane in Brooklyn Park

TICKETS \$5 for children 12 and younger, \$8 for members and \$10 for nonmembers

PROGRAM Mr. Garcia will perform pieces by Beethoven, Liszt, Chopin and Debussy.

INFORMATION For more information, call 410-636-6597 or visit the Web sites at www.chesapeakearts.org or www.washingtongarcia.com/

age 4 when his grandmother gave him lessons, he said.

"My whole family plays by ear," he said.

He won a \$25,000 Kennedy Center of the Americas fellowship in 1996, which allowed him to study in the United States.

When he performs, he said, "there is an external world and it disappears."

"I create my own world," he said. "That is how I am able to express what the composer is trying to portray and try to recreate my own feelings about it."

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