Report of the Public Events Committee 2002-03

The members of the Public Events Committee in 2002-2003 were Arnold Adelberg, Margaret Hainline ’04, Nicholas Malinowski ’03, Jon Petitt ’01, Rebecca Stuhr, Anatoly Vishevsky (chair), and Lauren Wright ’03.

The Committee presented five events during the year: Preservation Hall Jazz Band on September 24, The Academy of Ancient Music on October 13, Anoushka Shankar on November 19, Richard Move: Martha@Grinnell College on January 29, and The Prazak Quartet on February 28. Players from the Prazak Quartet also gave a master class for students in the Music Department. The class was much appreciated by those students who took advantage of it. It seems that Grinnell College has created a reputation for itself as a place top performers value and respect. The Prazak Quartet was very happy to come back here, and expressed a willingness to do so again in the future. Richard Move was impressed with the college and community audience.

The Committee appreciated the assistance and cooperation it received during the year from the support staff in the Bucksbaum Center and Herrick Chapel. Georgia Dentel again was an invaluable resource to the committee in helping us to reconcile our efforts for the best possible program with the committee’s modest budget. I would like to mention especially the tremendous help that Jon Petitt brought to the committee; I believe that we could not have done our work without him!

In 2003-2004 the Committee will present the following program of events:

T.S. Monk on September 25, 2003 in Bucksbaum Haight Courtyard
The Prague Chamber Orchestra on November 3, 2003 in Herrick Chapel
The Moscow Festival Ballet: Giselle on January 28, 2004 in Roberts Theatre
Baritone Recital by Nathan Gunn on March 3 or March 5 (the date is not finalized yet), 2004 in Bucksbaum Sebring-Lewis Hall. (Nathan Gunn is also going to conduct a voice master class)

We hope that this program of events commends itself to the College and the wider community.