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Sneak preview of Terry Barber's national tour is set for Sept. 9

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STUART — Internationally acclaimed countertenor Terry Barber, founder and executive director of Stuart-based nonprofit Artists for a Cause (A4AC), has announced a sneak preview of his 50-concert national tour, "Classical for Everyone."

The preview, to be held at the North Stuart Baptist Church Sept. 9, is open to the community. With no set admission fee, attendees will be asked to make a donation of any size to A4AC, which provides professional and educational opportunities for visual and performing artists who use their art for community improvement.

Barber said he hopes art lovers, students, and those who need convincing about their interest in classical music will attend this event.

"While I recognize there are diehard fans of the classical genre that we want to attract and impress, the goal of this tour — and concert — is to be accessible and entertaining to those who are not as familiar with the music. I created this program specifically with classical music that everyone will enjoy," Barber said.

Barber's sneak preview performance will be one of Martin County's cultural highlights of the fall. In



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Internationally known vocalist Terry Barber will be giving a sneak preview concert to promote his upcoming Classical for Everyone tour.

addition to the world premiere of an arrangement of the folk song "Shenandoah" written especially for him by his friend, composer Mark Farmer, the event will also feature concert pianist Alina Kiryayeva as Barber's accompanist. Kiryayeva, based in New York, earned bachelor's and master's degrees at Juilliard and is now a doctoral candidate at the City University of New York.

Barber will also be signing pre-release copies of his new album, "Classical for Everyone," at the event. CDs will be available for

\$20, and those who make a donation of \$50 or more will receive one for free.

"Those who attend and can contribute more will be making it possible for students and those with limited financial means to enjoy this cultural experience. It's the honor system at its best," Barber said.

For more information about the sneak preview, call 772-419-8778 or email bonnie@a4ac.org. To learn more about Terry Barber, visit www.terry-barber.com. To learn more about Artists for a Cause, visit www.a4ac.org.