

The Placitas Artists Series

Dear Neighbors and Friends of the Arts,

Welcome to the 32nd season of the Placitas Artists Series as we continue to present fine art and music in our sleepy little village in the foothills of the Sandia Mountains. We have a wonderful season planned with some new faces and some old favorites bringing an eclectic mix of great music.

Here are this year's guest soloists: in October, Eunice Kim, a young award-winning violinist performs with piano accompaniment; in December, we welcome critically acclaimed Russian guitarist Irina Kulikova; in February, we will host Antonio Chen Guang, winner of the first Olga Kern Piano Competition; April sees the return of the Anderson Trio, featuring Peter and Will Anderson on woodwinds and Alex Wintz on guitar, in a program of Jazz Standards.

Old friends return with Willy Sucre and Friends concerts featuring Sandra Rivers on piano in November, Peter Erb on French horn in January and La Catrina String Quartet in March. Sucre's excellent group of string players will be treating us to quartets by Tchaikovsky, Turina, Bartok and Beethoven. For me, as a chamber music player and aficionado, it is a joy to be able to hear some of the less frequently played literature.

The PAS mission encompasses the visual as well as the performing arts. Each month we have artists representing a variety of 2-D and 3-D media. These juried art exhibits showcase the work of New Mexico artists. All artwork is for sale and a portion of the sales helps support PAS. In addition to the exhibits, PAS conducts a competition for a new "brand" image. This year Adrienne Kleiman's work *Another Day in Placitas* graces our program book and website and her work is on display in October.

We welcome all ages and encourage adults to expose their children to live performances of chamber music and to art. Students K-12 are admitted free when accompanied by a paying adult, and other students with a valid ID pay a reduced fee. The artwork is on exhibit for an entire month and can be viewed during church hours and at the artist reception at 2 pm, preceding each concert.

On a sad note, this will be the final season of the Willy Sucre and Friends concerts. Willy has made the decision to pursue some of his other interests. Willy has been an integral part of the Placitas Artists Series, almost since its inception, and has contributed unstintingly to our success over these last 30 or so years. He will be sorely missed. We owe him an unmeasurable debt of gratitude, and lovingly dedicate this season to him.

We offer an incredible, inspiring artistic experience organized by a group of hard-working board members and volunteers. Many others provide needed support to make this all possible. If you are interested in volunteering or becoming a board member, please contact one of our board members. Please patronize our concert sponsors, donors, and advertisers. I would also like to thank you for contributing to our Annual Operating Fund and to our Endowment Fund. On behalf of the board, I thank you all for your support and attendance. Enjoy our 32nd anniversary season to the fullest

Sincerely,
Alan Firestone
President, Placitas Artists Series