

Dear Friends of the Arts,

Welcome to our thirty-fourth season of fine art and music in the foothills of the Sandias. Unfortunately, the past season was cut short by the COVID-19 pandemic, and this season is sure to be affected by it as well. But, we are doing our best to provide concerts, either in-person or streamed or both, as well as the ability for you to view the work of the visual artists selected for this season's exhibits.

We highlight the season with solo violinist Rachel Barton Pine. An outstanding internationally-acclaimed musician, we are fortunate to have been able to arrange this concert. Our solo guitarist is Ana Vidovic, a native of Croatia. She has also received numerous awards and has performed internationally. Then, in April, we present enhaké, a classical chamber music ensemble comprised of members from the United States and South Korea. We end the season with the unpredictable and entertaining Le Chat Lunatique, presenting a mix of genres, including gypsy jazz, classical, swing, and reggae.

Our local chamber groups include Kim Fredenburgh and friends in November, David Felberg presenting string quartets in December, Tzu-feng Liu with music for piano and strings in February, and James and Megan Holland, cellist and violinist, with a chamber group in March. So, we have lots of returning talent, and lots of new talent to entertain with outstanding musical performance.

Visual arts are an important component of the PAS mission. Each month we will present juried art exhibits that showcase the work of New Mexico Artists. Due to restrictions on large group gatherings, the exhibits will be presented via on-line video until we are able to have concertgoers attend live in-person concerts. All artwork is for sale, and the sales help support the artists, PAS, and the Las Placitas Presbyterian Church. Sales can be handled on line.

We welcome youth of all ages to our concerts and encourage adults to enable youngsters to experience the performance and visual arts, whether live and in person or streamed on line.

We offer an incredible, inspiring, artistic experience, organized by a group of hard-working board members and volunteers. Many others provide support to make this all possible. In this time of uncertainty due to the COVID-19 pandemic, please be assured that we will do all that we can to provide you with the performance and visual arts experience that you have come to expect from the Placitas Artists Series.

Sincerely,

Richard Reif
President, Placitas Artists Series