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Gold Coast Chamber Players opening is all about Italy

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Luigi Piovano Photo provided

Who doesn't love Italy? The music, the food, the people! It all starts Opening Night, Friday, Sept. 23 when leading Italian musicians perform exclusively with the award-winning Gold Coast Chamber Players. Luigi's Italian Feast and Concert, a unique and enchanting GCCP fundraising event, follows on Sunday, Sept. 25.

The Friday concert is a blockbuster all-Brahms program and features the Principal cellist of the Santa Cecilia Orchestra, Luigi Piovano. Piovano is one of the most sought-after cellists throughout the world and will be performing on his 330-year-old cello. The romantic program is well suited for Piovano to perform with his wife, Grazia Raimondi, one of Italy's leading violin soloists. Joining them is violinist Livia Sohn, pianist Bernadene Blaha, and violist Pamela Freund-Striplen. Single tickets and discounted subscriptions are available at gccpmusic.com.

Later that weekend on Sunday, Sept. 25 is Luigi's Italian Feast and Concert, in a lovely Lafayette backyard garden. You'll dine alfresco under the new moon and enjoy an intimate concert celebrating the finest Italy has to offer while supporting the Gold Coast Chamber Players. Luxury ingredients imported specifically for this event are transformed into a feast by Luigi - a chef and cellist extraordinaire. Proceeds benefit GCCP educational programs in local schools and its concert series, voted Diablo Magazine's Best of the East Bay, ensuring live music remains an integral part of our community. Only a few seats remain. Tickets: gccpmusic.com

Four more Gold Coast concerts are included in the 2022-23 Season: "Folk Inspired," "Connections in Time," "Cello Extravaganza," and "Souvenir," each with world-renowned musicians with a unique theme. These Gold Coast adventures have great audience appeal and provide an opportunity to meet musicians in an intimate setting.

All concerts are at 7:30 p.m. and are held at the Don Tatzin Community Hall at the Lafayette Library, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd. For tickets and complete concert details, visit gccpmusic.com or call (925) 283-3728.

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