

GCCP announces end of era

Submitted by Pamela Freund-Striplen

The Gold Coast Chamber Players announce that this season, their 23rd, will be their last.

Voted Best East Bay Concert Series, only three GCCP concerts remain for this leading Bay Area chamber music series. The first of these concerts is "Connections in Time: Tracing a Musical Path" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14 in the Don Tatzin Community Hall at the Lafayette Library, 3491 Mt.

Diablo Blvd, with a pre-concert talk at 7 p.m. All concerts will be recorded and ticket holders have access to this Digital Concert Hall, making it possible to enjoy recordings of these live performances anytime this season.

"Connections in Time: Tracing a Musical Path" features the Horszowski Trio with Gold Coast Chamber Players violist Pamela Freund-Striplen. Described by the New Yorker Magazine as "the most compelling American group to come on the scene," the Trio

made its 2019 London debut in a sold-out concert presented by Wigmore Hall. In the same season, they also appeared at the 92nd Street Y in New York City; the Kimmel Center in Philadelphia.

This concert features bookends by two French composers and one work by young Russian Shostakovich. Louise Farrenc completed her Trio, Op. 33, just one year before Gabriel Fauré was born, and she died a year before he gave birth to his magnificent Piano Quartet in C minor. In Russia



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The Horszowski Trio and violist Pamela Freund-Striplen

in 1923, just one year before Fauré would pass away, 16-year-old Dmitri Shostakovich wrote his Trio No. 1 while in love, and it is full of French-like colors and Romanticism.

Tickets: \$15-45, online: www.gccpmusic.com or by phone: (925) 283-3728. Discounted subscriptions are available.

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Art

Moraga Art Gallery's exhibit "Light and Fire," opening Jan. 18, features the work of two celebrated member artists from Lafayette: Lucy Beck, an award-winning photographer who uses light to capture the astonishing color, beauty and structure of small, everyday flowers, and ceramicist Donna Arganbright, hailed for her functional bowls, mugs, trays, pitchers and plates, as well as "attitude figures," i.e., vases disguised as posturing humans, hands on hips, and clothed in fresh, bright-hued glazes. John Hopper of Walnut Creek is the featured guest artist. A free reception will be held on Saturday, Feb. 4 from 5 to 7 p.m. The gallery, in the Rheem Shopping Center at 432 Center Street, Moraga, is open Wednesday to Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. For more information visit www.moragaart-gallery.com or call (925) 376-5407.

Main Street Arts first guest artist of the new year is Irenka Kudlicki. The show runs from Jan. 6 to Feb. 25, with a reception on Jan. 21, from 4 to 6 p.m. A preview of the exhibit can be viewed at www.mainstreetarts.net/irenka-kudlicki.html. 613 Main Street, Martinez, (925) 269-8049, www.mainstreetarts.net

Music

Diablo Ballet's 29th season continues with a mixed bill titled "Swan Lake Suite," featuring selections from the classic ballet staged by Sean Kelly performed to Pyotr Tchaikovsky's majestic score. Swan Lake Suite performs Feb. 10 - 11 at the Leshner Center for the Arts, 1601, Civic Drive in Walnut Creek. Get your tickets now and take advantage of early bird pricing through Jan. 18. For tickets, call (925) 943-SHOW (7469) or visit www.lesherartscenter.org or www.diabloballet.org.

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Theatre

Town Hall Theatre Company presents "Nanay," written by Molly Olis Krost, directed by Yari Cervas. Jan. 20 and 21, 27 and 28. Tickets: \$25. Jan. 28 is

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the Pay-What-You-Can performance. 3535 School Street, Lafayette. 925.283.1557, www.TownHallTheatre.com.

Literature

January 2023 events at Orinda Books: Thursday, Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. Stuart Florsheim will read and discuss his new book of poetry, "Amusing the Angels," a collection focusing on grief and loss that was recently awarded the Blue Light Book Award. Saturday, Jan. 28 at 2 p.m. Andrea Mein DeWitt will discuss her new book, "Name Claim & Reframe: Your Path to a Well-Lived Life." DeWitt is a life coach and lives in Orinda. Her new book encourages readers to step into their power, their potential, and their truth. 276 Village Square, Orinda, (925) 254-7606, www.orindabooks.com,

info@orindabooks.com

Sweet Thursday Author Series presents Camper English, author of "Doctors and Distillers" on Thursday, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m. at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center in the Don Tatzin Community Hall. Learn how the Gimlet, Gin & Tonic, and Old-Fashioned were born as remedies for diseases and discomforts. The talk will be presented in-person with a Zoom Livestream option. The talk is free, but registration is required at Tinyurl.com/sweet-Jan23.

Other

Appreciating Diversity Film Series presents "Through the Night" - an intimate cinema verite portrait of working mothers whose lives intersect

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at a 24-hour daycare center on Thursday, Jan. 19, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Ellen Driscoll Playhouse, 325 Highland Avenue near the corner of Oakland Avenue, Piedmont. Free, no RSVP needed. For more info see <http://diversityfilm-series.org> or call (510) 871-1088 or email deb-said2@gmail.com.

Garden

Lafayette Garden Club monthly meeting begins at 10 a.m. on Jan. 12 at the Veteran's Hall, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette. Catherine Watters will be the guest speaker. She is a botanical artist who paints in watercolor and lectures and shows her work in many exhibitions each year in the U.S. and abroad. She will be presenting her work and discussing techniques she has

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developed along with some of the history of botanical art. It is free to attend. If interested in attending or joining the club, please contact LCGMembershipCommittee@gmail.com.

The Jan. 20 meeting of the Montelindo Garden Club will feature Rose Loveall of the Morningsun Herb Farm, speaking on "Herbal All-stars in the California Dry Garden." Membership is open to all, and interested people are welcome to visit montelindogarden.com/meetings.html for meeting and club details. Location is the Lafayette Library Community Hall, 3491 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette. The hall opens at 9:30 a.m., with club meeting at 10 a.m. and speaker at 10:45 a.m. Free.

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