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THE ARTS COUNCIL'S 2010 ARTS COUNCIL PEARCE SERIES "CELTIC CROSSROADS"

Just when you think that you have seen the best that Irish music has to offer, a fresh new show from Ireland is taking the art form to an entirely new level. *Celtic Crossroads* presents Irish music like never before. They are doing to Irish music what Riverdance has done to Irish dance. Last year saw Celtic Crossroads perform it's first ever season in the USA. Every show was a complete sell-out, and this year the show is looking at it's biggest season yet. Performing from east coast to west, these world-class musicians and dancers are taking the performing arts circuit by storm.



The Arts Council's Arts Council Pearce Series is pleased to announce the 2010 Series opening performance by *Celtic Crossroads*. The performance will be held on **Thursday, February 25th at 8pm in Pearce Auditorium on the campus of Brenau University.**

As expected, the show's fresh sound is successfully revitalizing the image of traditional Irish music around the world. In all, 2008 saw Celtic Crossroads performing over one hundred sell-out concerts in Ireland, Europe and the USA.

The live concerts are a spectacle of talent, displaying how Irish music influenced the global birth of a multitude of musical genres. This show is redefining Irish music by going right to the heart of its rhythms. The inventive arrangements and bass-driven grooves are steering Irish acoustic music into surprising new territory.

The show itself, incorporating seven world-class musicians, playing over twenty instruments on stage, is a fantastic spectacle. From start to finish you are captivated by a wonderful fusion of musical genres, such as eastern European Gypsy, north American Bluegrass, world Classical and Jazz, and the various forms of Celtic music from around Europe and the rest of the world.

"Celtic Crossroads hit our stage with unrivaled energy and enthusiasm. The musicians, the dancers and the variety of music styles kept audience members cheering throughout the show. It was one of the most high-energy shows to ever hit our stage!" says Kathy Setterman, Executive Director, Paramount Arts Center, KY.

Tickets for the Celtic Crossroads performance in Gainesville are \$35 adults, \$32 senior and \$28 student/children and can be purchased by phone at 770-534-2787 or online at www.theartscouncil.net.

The 2010 Arts Council Pearce Series will continue on **Thursday, May 20, 2010 with Daniel Rodriguez**. You know him as the 'singing NYC cop' from 9-11. Daniel Rodriguez has become a world renowned tenor.

From his rivoting rendition of "God Bless America," to his expressive take on operatic classics, it is no wonder why Rodriguez is a frequent guest to the world stage and television shows like Oprah and The David Letterman Show. Placido Domingo says of Rodriguez, "I hear the real voice. And the real voice was really an operatic one." Tickets for Daniel Rodriguez are \$25 per person. Daniel Rodriguez will perform in the Arts Council Performing Arts Center Auditorium.

The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra will close out the series outdoors at the Arts Council Smithgall Arts Center this summer at a date to be determined. Tickets for the 8pm performance are \$35 adults, \$32 seniors and \$28 students/children. **2010 ARTS COUNCIL SERIES SEASON TICKETS ARE \$75 FOR THE THREE PERFORMANCES A \$20 SAVINGS OVER INDIVIDUALLY PURCHASED TICKETS.** For more information regarding the 2010 series and to purchase tickets visit our website at www.theartscouncil.net.



ARTS CALENDAR FEBRUARY 2010

PERFORMANCES/CLASSES

FEB 6 THE GSO BIG BAND WITH JOE GRANSDEN Winter picnic pops and dance performance presented by the Gainesville Symphony Orchestra at the Georgia Mountains Center. Performance: 7:30pm. Tickets: \$30 adults, \$27 seniors and \$12 students/children. Information: 770-532-5727 or www.gainesvillesymphony.com.

FEB 9-20 THE BEAUX' STRATAGEM is a GTA MainStage performance in the Hosh Theatre-Brenau University. Admission: TBA. Performances: TBA Information: 770-717-3624 or www.gainesvilletheatrealliance.org.

FEB 13 EVENINGS OF INTIMATE JAZZ featuring the Sandy Kastel Trio. Performance: 8PM. Tickets: \$30 per person or \$25 for a group of six. Information: 770-534-2787 or online www.theartscouncil.net.

FEB 21 ALEJANDRO SALADIN COTE - GUITARIST is presented by ProMusica Concert Series at he Pleasant Hill Baptist Church on Browns Bridge Road. Performance: 3:00pm. Tickets: \$15. Information: 770-531-7776 or www.promusicconcertseries.com.

FEB 18-21 & 25-27 WEDDING BELLS is presented by the Georgia Mountain Players at the Georgia Mountains Center Theatre. Performances: 8PM February 18-20 & 25-27 and matinees, 21 & 27. Individual tickets: \$16 adults, \$12 seniors, students, & children. Information: 770-536-4677 or email: gmpayer@bellsouth.net.

FEB 25 CELTIC CROSSROADS concert is presented by the Arts Council's Arts Council Pearce Series in Pearce Auditorium at 8:00pm. Celtic Crossroads is critically acclaimed as 'the most exhilarating and authentic show to come from Ireland in decades - not to be missed'. It is an explosion of youthful energy and dazzling musicianship. Celtic Crossroads abounds with fusions of traditional Irish music, bluegrass, gypsy and jazz whilst pulsating with the rhythms of exciting Irish dance percussion. Tickets: \$35. Information: 770-534-2787 or online www.theartscouncil.net.

FEB 27 AMERICAN PREMIERES is a concert presented by the Northwinds Symphonic Band at Riverside Military Academy. Performance: 7:30pm. Admission: ? Information: www.northwindsband.com.

EXHIBITS/OPEN HOUSES

FEB 2-MAR 21 THE HISTORY AND TECHNIQUES OF PRINTMAKING selected works by Dr. Efram Burk exhibition in the Sellars Gallery Simmons Visual Arts Center Brenau University. Exhibit Reception: Feb 4, 2010 from 6:30pm to 8pm. Admission: Free: Gallery Hours: call 770-534-6263. Information: 770-534-6263 or www.brenau.edu. (Closed Feb 28-March 7)

FEB 2-Mar 21 COLLECTED IMPRESSIONS: Print selections from the Brenau University Permanent Collection exhibition in the Leo Castelli Art Gallery Brenau University. Exhibit Reception: Feb 4, 2010 from 6:30pm to 8pm. Admission: Free: Gallery Hours: call 770-534-6263. Information: 770-534-6263 or www.brenau.edu. (Closed Feb 28-March 7)

FEB 2-MAR 21 MELISSA HARSHMAN: MIXED MEDIA EXHIBITION in the Presidents Gallery Brenau University. Exhibit Reception: Feb 4, 2010 from 6:30pm to 8pm. Admission: Free: Gallery Hours: call 770-534-6263. Information: 770-534-6263 or www.brenau.edu. (Closed Feb 28-March 7).

DEC 10-FEB 20 COLLAGE AT THE Q is one of four exhibits at the Quinlan Visual Arts Center. Collage at the Q exhibits works from the Atlanta Collage Society. Other works in the exhibition include "Back to the Earth" work by



Melody Trivisono ; "Soulful Expressions" works by Dawne Raulet; and "Nature. History. Art" works by Leigh-Anne Gross. Admission: Free: Gallery Hours: Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm, Sat 10am to 5pm, Sun 12pm to 4pm. Information: 770-536-2575 or online www.quinlanartscenter.org.

SANDY KASTEL TRIO @ EVENINGS OF INTIMATE JAZZ

On **Saturday, February 13th** the Arts Council's 13th Season of Evenings of Intimate Jazz continues with the Sandy Kastel Trio.

A well-known and highly acclaimed performer on the local entertainment scene in her beloved hometown of Las Vegas, Sandy Kastel has spent an exhilarating lifetime singing, both literally and figuratively, the praises of the city and its incredible legacy of music. Now, with the upcoming release of her debut album on Silk & Satin Records, the former Miss Nevada becomes a true cultural ambassador for the city, bringing this magic to the rest of the world for the very first time.

The remaining performances of the 2009-2010 Evenings of Intimate Jazz season are **Lynne Arriale on Saturday, Mar 20th, the Diane Marino Trio on Friday, April 16th** and the season finale is the **Sam Skelton All Star Quartet on Saturday, May 8th**. Individual performance ticket prices remain \$30 per person or \$25 each for a group of 6 or more. As always, complimentary glasses, ice, set-ups, coffee and light snacks are included in all Evenings of Intimate Jazz indoor events.

To order your individual performance tickets call the Arts Council at 770-534-2787 or online www.theartscouncil.net.

