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THE ARTS COUNCIL PRESNETS

Barrage



This time of year what you might expect to come out of central Canada is a cold, cold Alberta clipper rushing southward but don't get out the heavy coats and hats just yet, as The Arts Council is presenting a smoldering show to get rid of those winter time blues... **Barrage** - A high-octane string group that features an international, multi-talented cast performing an eclectic mix of music, song and dance that is all light and heat, warmth and pure joy. Barrage will make its debut in Gainesville

on **Monday, March 30, 2009** at the Georgia Mountains Center.

2006 marked the end of Barrage's first decade in which Barrage entertained millions of people around the globe. Their second decade began with a series of new tours around the world. In 2008/2009 Barrage will complete over 200 performances in the USA, Europe, Asia and Canada. Fans will enjoy Barrage at International Festivals, Theatrical Presentations, Concert Performances, Educational Events, Special Events and TV appearances.

The new **Barrage** performance "*High Strung*" offers up a diverse fusion of cultures, musical styles and incredible performance vitality. The music of Barrage continues to evolve - combining contemporary world music influences, layered vocal arrangements and pulsating modern beats and rhythms. The cast delivers the new show with amazing energy and musical virtuosity that will take your breath away.

Since its creation in Calgary, Canada in 1996, **Barrage** has been featured many times at events worldwide having played for many Presidents, Prime Ministers and Princes. Barrage has also had their television productions aired on several international TV networks including the PBS network in the USA, the BBC in the UK and CBC in Canada and has performed live shows in New Zealand, Singapore, Guatemala, Taiwan, China, Canada, Finland, Sweden, Ireland, Denmark, Poland, Germany, Norway, Monaco, the USA and the UK.

The cast of **Barrage** features five violinists/vocalists, drummer, bass player, and guitarist. Marc Shulgold in the Denver Rocky Mountains News writes, "*these attractive young violinists...or if the music demands-fiddlers perform with smiles on their faces as they engage in choreographed maneuvers while they crank out a jig or reel, a big-band classic, a rockin' instrumental or a plaintive sung ballad. They post, they step-dance, they strut, they frolic. And, all the while, they play.*" Cast members include Annette Homann - Violin/Vocals; Charles Bullough, Drums; Hidayat Honari - Guitar; Jason Hurwitz-Violin/Fiddle; Kristina Bauch - Violin/Fiddle; Sarah Bennett-Violin/Fiddle; Taylor Morris-Violin/vocals and Tim Harley - Bass Guitar.

Tickets for the **March 30 only** performance by **Barrage** are \$35 for adults and \$32 for seniors and students. Price of ticket includes a BBQ dinner served by Johnny's BBQ. Beverages of choice will also be available for purchase. Order your tickets today online at www.theartscouncil.net or call us at 770-534-2787.

JOHN McANDREW TRIO PERFORMS AT EVENINGS OF INTIMATE JAZZ - MARCH 14TH

On **March 14th** the **John McAndrew Trio** will make their debut at Evenings of Intimate Jazz. John McAndrew is a storyteller. He draws pictures on water like an ancient calligrapher. The lyrics float up and into your musical psyche. Describe him as Paul Simon with a smidgen of Harry Chapin and a dollop of Jimmy Webb. John McAndrew is a piano player. He's a singer. And to complete the picture-throw in songwriter. It's a unique combination that makes John's music. Lyrics are power, says McAndrew. John's "Back When We Rocked and Rolled" is a song that would appeal to 'boomers'.

Individual tickets are **\$25** per person. To order your 2008-2009 tickets you may order online at www.theartscouncil.net and click on Evenings of Intimate Jazz or you can call us at 770-534-2787. As always complimentary glasses, ice, set-ups, coffee and light snacks will be available.



ARTS CALENDAR MARCH 2009

PERFORMANCES/CLASSES

Mar 7 LILIES OF THE VALLEY performing at the Sautee Nacoochee historic gym featuring powerful and vibrant female singers from NE Georgia. Performance: 8pm. Tickets: \$15 members; \$20 non-members; \$8 children 6-17. Information: 706-878-3300 or www.snca.org.

MAR 10 "LA CATRINA: STRING QUARTER" Gainesville ProMusica Concert Series



spring Concert presented at Brenau University Pearce Auditorium. Artist: La Catrina Quartet and Boris Allakhverdyan - Clarinetist.

Performance: 7:30pm. Tickets: \$15 at the door students free with ID. Information: 770-535-7342 or www.gainesvillepromusica.com.

MAR 13 & 15 LANIER SINGERS SPRING CONCERT is presented at Grace Episcopal Church. Admission: \$10. Performance: 8pm Mar 13 and 4pm Mar 15. Information: www.lanierchambersingers.org.

MAR 14 JAZZ DEPOT...EVENINGS OF INTIMATE JAZZ is presented by the Arts Council at the Smithgall Arts Center. Artist: John McAndrew Trio. Performance: 8PM. Tickets: \$25 Information: 770.534.2787 or www.theartscouncil.net

MAR 20-22 THE BROWN VELVETEEN RABBIT is presented by the Gainesville Ballet Company in Pearce Auditorium-Brenau University. Performances: 7:30pm Fri & Sat; 2:00pm Sat & Sun. Tickets: \$24 adults, \$20 seniors, \$16 students/children, \$5 Brenau faculty, staff and students with valid ID. Information: 770-532-4241 or www.gainesvilleballet.org.

MAR 28 MICK KINNEY in concert at the Sautee Nacoochee Center Theatre whose compositions are grounded in early 20th century ragtime. Performance: 8pm. Tickets: \$15 members; \$20 non-members; \$8 children 6-17. Information: 706-878-3300 or www.snca.org.

MAR 30 BARRAGE an Arts Council 2009 Arts Council Pearce Seires presentation at the Georgia Mountains Center Arena. Tickets: \$35 adults, \$32 seniors/students and includes BBQ dinner. Performance: 7:30pm. Information: 770-534-2787 or www.theartscouncil.net.

APR 17 JAZZ DEPOT...EVENINGS OF INTIMATE JAZZ is presented by the Arts Council at the Smithgall Arts Center. Artist: **Joe Grandsen Quartet**. Performance: 8PM. Tickets: \$25 Information: 770.534.2787 or www.theartscouncil.net

APR 18 COWBOY ENVY in concert at the Sautee Nacoochee Center Theatre. Performance: 8pm. Tickets: \$15 members; \$20 non-members; \$8 children 6-17. Information: 706-878-3300 or www.snca.org.

APR 25 GAINESVILLE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA SPRING CLASSICAL CONCERT: FANTASTIC FINALES is presented in Pearce Auditorium-Brenau University. Conductor: Gregory Pritchard. Performance: 7:30pm. Tickets: \$30 adult; \$27 senior adult; \$12 student. Information: 770-532-5727 or www.gainesvillesymphony.com.

EXHIBITS/OPEN HOUSES

JAN 27-MAR 29 EMILY GRIGSBY: DRIVEN is an exhibit in the Simmons Visual Arts Center -

President's Reception: Feb 19 6:30pm to 8pm. Gallery. Admission: Free: Gallery Hours: call 770-534-6263.



Information: 770-534-6263 or www.brenau.edu. (Closed: Mar 1-8 & Mar 21-23)

FEB 3-MAR 29 LILIANA PORTER creates works that reflect her desire to communicate a story to the viewer. Exhibited in the Simmons Visual Arts Center- Sellar's Gallery. Reception: Feb 19 6:30pm to 8pm. Admission: Free: Gallery Hours: call 770-534-6263. Information: 770-534-6263 or www.brenau.edu. (Closed: Mar 1-8 Mar 21-23)

FEB 10-MAR 29 PRAGMATIC MUSE: SCIENTIFIC EXPLORATIONS IN ART is exhibited in the Leo Castelli Gallery John S. Burd Performing Arts Center. Reception: Feb 19 6:30pm to 8pm. Admission: Free: Gallery Hours: call 770-534-6263. Information: 770-534-6263 or www.brenau.edu. (Closed: Mar 1-8 & Mar 21-23)

MAR 7 31ST ANNUAL QUINLAN GALA ART AUCTION is presented by the Quinlan Visual Arts Center. Extravagant black tie event and both a live and a silent auction. The proceeds from the auction will directly fund Quinlan programming, including classes, exhibitions and community outreach. Tickets are \$125 per person, \$250 a couple. Call the Quinlan for reservations or reserve tickets online. GALA Art Auction preview party is on **March 5th at 6:30pm**. Tickets for the preview party are \$10. Information: 770-536-2575 or online www.quinlanartscenter.org.

MAR 18-29 YOUTH ART MONTH is annual exhibition featuring artwork from local middle and high school students and is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club. Winners of this competition will receive scholarship awards from the Charles J. Thurmond Youth Art Scholarship fund. 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.