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# ARTS CALENDAR MAY 2010

## PERFORMANCES/CLASSES

**Apr 30-May 1 THE LORD NELSON MASS** is presented by the Voices of North Georgia at the Lakewood Baptist Church. Performance: 7:30pm nightly. Admission: \$15 General Admission, \$12 seniors/students and \$5 children under 11. Information: 678-943-7255 or [www.voicesofnorthgeorgia.com](http://www.voicesofnorthgeorgia.com).

**MAY 7 FLIGHTS OF FANCY:** Elachee's Annual Spring Benefit is at the Elachee Nature Science Center beginning at 6:30pm. Tickets: \$35 per person, sponsorships available. Information: 770-535-1976 or [www.elachee.org](http://www.elachee.org).

**MAY 7-8 DANCING AT DUSK** is presented by the Gainesville Ballet Company at the Brenau University Amphitheater. Performance: 6:30pm. Tickets: \$15 adults, \$10 children/students. Information: 770-532-4241 or [www.gainesvilleballet.org](http://www.gainesvilleballet.org).

**MAY 8 EVENINGS OF INTIMATE JAZZ FEATURING SAM SKELTON: ATLANTA ALL STAR JAZZ QUARTET** is presented at the Arts Council's Smithgall Arts Center. Performance: 8pm. Tickets: \$30 per person. Information: 770-534-2787 or online [www.theartscouncil.net](http://www.theartscouncil.net).

**MAY 14 ROCK IN THE SPRING CONCERT:** Challenged Child and Friends at Brenau Amphitheater at 7:00pm. Tickets: \$20 and up. Information: 770-535-8372 or [www.challengedchild.org](http://www.challengedchild.org).

**MAY 20 DANIEL RODRIGUEZ: THE NYC SINGING COP** is presented by the Arts Council's Arts Council Pearce Series in the Georgia Mountains Center Theater. Performance: 8PM. Tickets: \$25 per person. Information: 770-534-2787 or online [www.theartscouncil.net](http://www.theartscouncil.net)

**MAY 28-29 BRENAU BARBECUE CHAMPIONSHIP** is on the Brenau campus and Brenau Amphitheater. Preview party May 28 from 5pm-10p in conjunction with John

Jarrard Foundation featuring Kimberly Clark and Sons of Sailors. Tickets: \$10. May 29 10am to 6pm, tickets \$5. Information: [www.brenau.edu/bbp](http://www.brenau.edu/bbp).

**MAY 31 STAR SPANGLED SALUTE TO AMERICAN HEROES** is a concert presented by the Northwinds Symphonic Band at Gainesville's First Baptist Church. Performance: 7:30pm. Admission: Free. Information: [www.northwindsband.com](http://www.northwindsband.com).

## EXHIBITS/OPEN HOUSES

**APR 1-MAY 29 GEORGIA WATERCOLOR SOCIETY EXHIBITION** is at the Bowen Arts Center Dawsonville. Exhibit reception: April 17 2pm to 4pm. Admission: Free. Gallery Hours: Tues-Friday 10am to 4pm; Saturday 12pm to 4pm. Information: 706-216-2787 or [www.dawsonarts.org](http://www.dawsonarts.org).

**APR 8-MAY 30 "BIRDS NEST INVITATIONAL" AND THE "COLORED PENCIL SOCIETY OF AMERICA"** exhibits are at the Quinlan Visual Arts Center. Additional artists exhibiting: Nancy Dusenberry and ceramic artists Jennifer Graff. 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](http://www.quinlanartscenter.org).

**APR 16- MAY 23 RAIN OR SHINE** exhibition is at the Sautee Nacoochee Center Gallery. Artist reception: Apr 16 from 6:30pm to 8pm. Admission: Free. Gallery Hours: Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm; Sat 10am to 5pm and Sun 1pm to 5pm. Information: 706-878-3300 or [www.snca.org](http://www.snca.org).

**MAY 28-JUL 3 AMAZING(LY) GRACE(FUL)** exhibition is at the Sautee Nacoochee Center Gallery. Artist reception: May 29th from 6:30pm to 8pm. Admission: Free. Gallery Hours: Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm; Sat 10am to 5pm and Sun 1pm to 5pm. Information: 706-878-3300 or [www.snca.org](http://www.snca.org).

## THE ARTS COUNCIL'S 2010 ARTS COUNCIL PEARCE SERIES "DANIEL RODRIGUEZ"

The 2010 Arts Council Pearce Series will continue on **Thursday, May 20, 2010 with Daniel Rodriguez**. Although well-known from New York to Washington, D.C., as one of NYPD's official singers, the 10-year police veteran gained national and international recognition for his renditions of the national anthem and "God Bless America" at memorial services after the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Rodriguez has performed internationally, including at the 2002 Winter Olympics and other sporting events. He starred in the PBS Memorial Day Concert in Washington, D.C., and President George W. Bush's Celebration of Freedom inauguration concert. He has appeared on "The Late Show with David Letterman," "Larry King Live," "Live with Regis and Kelly" and "Oprah."



"For me, life is an experience, life is a ride. You can't say, 'I'm going to take this road and that's it,'" says Rodriguez. "There have always been doors that open for me, and it's having the courage to walk through them and experience what's behind them that has made life interesting and has gotten me where I am."

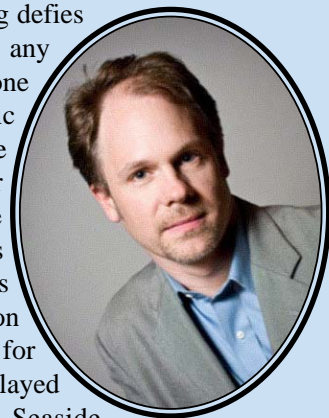
Tickets for Daniel Rodriguez are \$25 per person. Daniel Rodriguez will perform May 20th in the Georgia Mountains Center Theater 100 Main Street in downtown Gainesville.

The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra will close out the series outdoors at the Arts Council Smithgall Arts Center on Friday, July 30th. This season marks the ASO's 35th annual performance for our Gainesville and North Georgia audience. Tickets for the 8pm performance are \$35 adults, \$32 seniors and \$28 students/children. For more information regarding the 2010 series and to purchase tickets visit our website at [www.theartscouncil.net](http://www.theartscouncil.net).

## SAX-MAN SAM SKELTON RETURNS TO EVENINGS OF INTIMATE JAZZ

On **Saturday, May 8th** the Arts Council's 2010 Evenings of Intimate Jazz will present the season finale performance by the **Sam Skelton Atlanta All Star Jazz Quartet**.

As a woodwind doubler, Sam Skelton's playing defies categorization, except that he is well versed in any genre of music. His classical influence results in one of the richest and cleanest tones on the local music scene, readily recognizable in recording and live performance. Sam has played the saxophone and/or soloed with the London Symphony Orchestra, The Atlanta Symphony, The Atlanta Ballet Orchestra as well as numerous local ensembles. World Premieres include James Oliverio's Children of A Common Mother, Lee Johnson's Ora Pro Mi: Concerto for Winds Soloist and Seaside Symphony. Sam also played the premiere recording of Ora Pro Mi and Seaside Symphony with the London Symphony Orchestra. With a discography of over 70 compact discs, Skelton remains very active in the studio and can be heard on recordings by such artists as: Sir Elton John, Decemberadio, Babbie Mason, Matchbox 20, Train, The Gap Band and The Ohio Players. Sam is Professor of Saxophone at Georgia State University and Kennesaw State University and is a Yamaha Performing Artist.



Joining Sam at Evenings of Intimate Jazz are Tyrone Jackson on piano, Justin Varnes on drums and Ramon Pooser on stand up bass. All members of the quartet have performed at Evenings of Intimate Jazz previously with other groups. 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](http://www.theartscouncil.net).

## THE SWINGIN' MEDALLIONS TO OPEN THE 2010 ARTS COUNCIL/SMITHGALL ARTS CENTER SUMMER MUSICFEST

The 2010 Arts Council Smithgall Arts Center Summer MusicFest opens with one of your beach music favorites The Swingin' Medallions on **Friday, June 4th** at 8pm.

The Swingin' Medallions have been based out of the Greenwood South Carolina area, since the early 1960's. Their musical roots came from listening to the early rhythm and blues acts. The music most often associated with the band is beach music, frat rock, R&B, or shaggin' music. After a few years of touring colleges from the Carolinas to the Louisiana Bayou, John McElrath took the group to Arthur Smith's Studio in Charlotte North Carolina, to record "Double Shot (of My Baby's Love)". The song became a million-seller in 1966, and has been a party classic for college students for decades. "She Drives Me Out Of My Mind" and "Hey, Hey, Baby" were top 40 hits in 1966 and 1967, but "Double Shot" remains the signature song of the Swingin' Medallions. The song, in fact, continues to demonstrate its own timeless quality on television and in motion pictures. The cast of the hit television series Aly McBeal sang along with the original recording in a 1998 episode. In 1999, it was again featured in the NBC miniseries The 60s. And last year it was heard on the big screen in the movie Sorority Boys. Bruce Springsteen once labeled it "the greatest fraternity rock song of all time" and includes it in many of his concerts.



The personnel of the Swingin' Medallions have always included around eight members with at least a four piece horn section. The high-energy party style stage performance of the first Medallions has been passed down to the band that performs today. The present Medallions stage show has coined them the name "The Party Band of the South." Rain date for the Swingin' Medallions is August 12th. Individual tickets are \$25 per person, a table for 8 is \$240.00. To order your individual performance tickets call the Arts Council at 770-534-2787 or online [www.theartscouncil.net](http://www.theartscouncil.net).