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THE ARTS COUNCIL'S 2009-2010 EVENINGS OF INTIMATE JAZZ

On **Saturday, November 14th** the Arts Council ushers in its 13th Season of Evenings of Intimate Jazz. The 2009-2010 season will open with Pruet/Davis and Friends. Rick Pruet first played at Evenings of Intimate Jazz in the 1999-2000 season; a mere ten years back.

The guitar duo of Pruet & Davis offers instrumental music that combines Latin, Classical and Jazz Fusion to spice up their sound. Rick reunites with his long time musical partner, Mark Davis to bring Gainesville the guitar magic that has graced stages from Las Vegas to Montreux, Switzerland. Pruet & Davis has performed with a wide variety of renowned artists including, Herbie Hancock, Spyro Gyra, Fourplay, Acoustic Alcemy, George Duke, Chicago, John McLaughlin, Styx, the Steve Morse Band, The Dixie Dregs and Asia (featuring Steve Howe). In 1993, Pruet & Davis performed by personal invitation of legendary Claude Nobs at the Montreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland. Several 'friends' will join Rick and Mark on stage including an Evenings of Intimate Jazz favorite Maria Howell, the child star of "The Color Purple."



Gainesville, Georgia's own Larry Barker is a jazz pianist with an eclectic musical background. Barker and his jazz ensemble will perform on **Saturday, January 9, 2010**.

Originally from St. Louis, Missouri, Barker has performed and/or recorded with Charles Glenn, the U. S. Army Band, the Glenn Miller Band, Tom Kennedy, Theo Peoples, Peter Mayer, The Drifters, and numerous others. For years, Mr. Barker has collaborated most often with vocalist Charles Glenn, resulting in one CD release (Offerings) and countless memorable jazz club performances. Since moving to Georgia in 2006, Larry has performed with Atlanta Acoustic Jazz, Atlanta Beat, Sam Skelton, Ken Watters, the Sweet Lu Quartet, FootLights. Barker's influences on jazz piano include Oscar Peterson, Gene Harris, Michel Petrucciani, Bill Evans, Fred Hersch, George Shearing, Dave McKenna, Nat King Cole, Ray Kennedy, and Kenny Barron. He prefers not to play "outside" in the manner of many jazz musicians, rather Mr. Barker finds ways to explore his way "inside" the music. His approach keeps audiences engaged with each song. Barker will be joined by Ken Watters on trumpet and Neal Starkey on bass.

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. Sandy will make her *Evenings of Intimate Jazz* debut on **Saturday, February 13, 2010**. 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.

Kastel is currently putting the finishing touches on her eagerly anticipated recording, a tribute to the glorious entertainers who have defined the Vegas legend over the years. Putting her own unique spins on songs that continue to transfix our imaginations decades after we first heard them, the singer pays homage to, among others, Frank Sinatra (a medley of "All Of Me," "I've Got You Under My Skin" and "Just One Of Those Things," plus "Luck Be A Lady"), Wayne Newton ("Danke Schoen"), Peggy Lee ("Fever," "Come Back To Me"), Johnny Mathis ("Misty"), Dinah Washington/Celine Dion ("When I Fall In Love") and Judy Garland ("Over The Rainbow").



The remaining performances of the 2009-2010 Evenings of Intimate Jazz season are **Lynne Arriale on Saturday, March 20th; the Diane Marino Trio on Friday, April 16th** and the season finale is the **Sam Skelton All Star Quartet on Saturday, May 8th**. Season tickets for the 2009-2010 series are \$150 which is a \$30 savings over individual ticket prices. 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 season tickets or individual performance tickets please call the Arts Council at 770-534-2787 or online www.theartscouncil.net.

ARTS CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2009

PERFORMANCES/CLASSES

NOV 10-21 THE WEDDING SINGER is a GTA MainStage performance in the Hosch Theatre-Brenau University.

Admission: TBA. Performances: TBA. Information: 770-717-3624 or www.gainesvilletheatrealliance.org.

NOV 14 EVENINGS OF INTIMATE JAZZ FEATURING RICK PRUETT, MARK DAVIS AND FRIENDS is presented at the Arts Council's Smithgall Arts Center. Performance: 8pm.

Tickets: \$25 per person. Information: 770-534-2787 or online www.theartscouncil.net.

DEC 3 A NORTHWINDS CHRISTMAS is presented by the Northwinds Symphonic Band at Lakewood Baptist Church. Performance: 7:30pm.

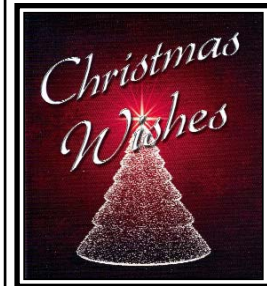
Admission: Free, donations appreciated. Information: www.northwinds-band.com.

DEC 4-5 CHRISTMAS WISHES is a holiday concert presented by the Voices of North Georgia at the St. Paul United Methodist Church Washington St. Program includes "Carols and Lullabys: Christmas in the Southwest" by Conrad Susa.

Performance: 7:30pm nightly. Admission: \$15 adult, \$12 senior/students and \$5 children under 11. Information: 678-943-7255 or www.voicesofnorthgeorgia.com.

DEC 4-6 THE NUTCRACKER is presented by the Gainesville Ballet Company at Pearce Auditorium Brenau University. Performances: Evening performances Fri-Sat 7:30pm; and matinee performances Sat-Sun 2pm. Tickets: \$24 adults, \$20 seniors; \$16 students and children, Brenau faculty, staff and students free with valid ID. Information: 770-532-4241 or www.gainesvilleballet.org.

DEC 8 MESSIAH SING-ALONG is presented by the Lanier Chamber Singers and the Gainesville Symphony Orchestra at Pearce Auditorium - Brenau University. To honor the 250th anniversary of Handel's death, the Lanier Chamber Singers will be joined by the Gainesville Symphony Orchestra in the Christmas portion of Handel's



Messiah. Performance: 7:30pm. Tickets: \$30 adults, \$27 seniors and \$12 students/children. Information: 770-532-5727 or www.lanierchamber-singers.org or www.gainesvillesymphony.com.

EXHIBITS/OPEN HOUSES

OCT 15-DEC 6 62ND ANNUAL MEMBERS' EXHIBITION is at the Quinlan Visual Arts Center.

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.

OCT 27-DEC 11 FOUND OBJECTS is an exhibition in the Sellars Gallery-Simmons Visual Arts Center Brenau University.

Exhibit will feature works by Loren Schwend, Donna Mintz and Pam Longobardi. Exhibit Reception: Nov

19 from 6:30pm to 8pm. Admission: Free: Gallery Hours: call 770-534-6263. Information: 770-534-6263 or www.brenau.edu. (Closed: November 25-29)

NOV 5-DEC 4 GEORGIA ARTISTS WITH DISABILITIES EXHIBIT at the Arts Council Smithgall Arts Center. 40 works on exhibit from the 25th Annual Exhibit tour. Admission: Free. Gallery Hours: Mon-Fri from 9am to 4pm. Information: 770-534-2787

NOV 17-JAN 17 ELEGANCE AND STRENGTH: COUTURE DESIGNS BY YUKINARI YAO is an exhibition in

the Leo Castelli Art Gallery of the John S. Burd Performing Arts Center Brenau University. Exhibit Reception & "Catwalk" Fashion Show : Nov 19 from 6pm.

Admission: Free: Gallery Hours: call 770-534-6263. Information: 770-534-6263 or www.brenau.edu. (Closed: November 25-29 & Dec 11-Jan 5)

