

Dear Friends of the Arts,

Welcome to our thirty-sixth season of fine art and music in the foothills of the Sandias. We are thankful to begin this season without pandemic constraints and look forward to seeing more of our long-time patrons, as well as new ones, in person for our concerts and art exhibitions.

You may not be aware that the traditional template we use to organize our nine-concert season calls for five performances that feature out-of-state musicians of international renown, plus four concerts that are organized by New Mexico-resident performers. For 2022-23, we are pleased to welcome several performers and ensembles new to our series: Wei Luo, solo piano; enhakē, strings, clarinet, and piano; Mark Kaplan and David Kaplan, violin and piano; and the Matt Savage Trio, jazz. We also feature a return performance by the popular guitar virtuoso, Aniello Desiderio.

While our local chamber music organizers may be familiar to PAS audiences, each has a knack for creating programs that feature new and perhaps less well-known work. From these organizers—who include violist Kim Fredenburgh; cellist James Holland and violinist Megan Holland; and violinist David Felberg—and their selected musician colleagues, we can expect innovative programming. We also anticipate another exciting performance by the always-popular La Catrina Quartet from Las Cruces.

Also important to the PAS mission are our monthly visual arts exhibitions that showcase the work of well-known, as well as up-and-coming, New Mexico artists. Dozens of artists apply for roughly 45 opportunities to show their work. Exhibitions are displayed in the Fellowship Hall at Las Placitas Presbyterian Church, where receptions for the artists are held beginning at 2:00 pm on concert dates. All artwork is for sale, with proceeds helping support the artists, PAS, and the church.

We welcome youths of all ages to our concerts and encourage adults to invite young family members and friends to experience our performances and art installations. K-12 students are admitted free of charge when accompanied by a paying adult, and reduced-price tickets are available to all students with a valid ID.

The artistic experiences you will enjoy this season are organized by a small group of hard-working board members and volunteers. We welcome *you* to consider joining our board or serving as a volunteer in a capacity that leverages your talents and interests. Please see me or any other board member about how you can help guide PAS today and into the future. And, of course, we ask for your continued financial support through concert sponsorships, general donations, and contributions to our endowment fund.

Sincerely,

Allen Bourne
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