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Fireweed Frescoes Chamber Trio

You will not want to miss our fundraising performance coming up this Saturday, February 16th at 4:00 p.m. in Homer. The concert provides a unique opportunity for family and community members to hear a high-caliber chamber ensemble at a low cost, with the money raised going to support youth string programs here on the peninsula.

Daniel Perry (violin), Susan Wingrove-Reed (piano), and Mannfried Funk (cello), collaborate for a chamber concert to benefit the new youth string initiative named OPUS, *Orchestral Programs Unified Steering*. OPUS aspires to help coordinate funding, education, and advocacy for all the youth ensemble programs in the community and will integrate programs such as Fireweed Frescoes, Paul Banks Preludes, and the Homer Youth String Orchestra Club (HYSOC).

Susan is the pianist for the Anchorage Symphony Orchestra (ASO), produces program notes and preconcert lectures for ASO and the Sitka Summer Music Festival and is a staff pianist at the Sitka Fine Arts Camp. She adjudicates at music festivals, accompanies Alaska Chamber Singers, and is a former choir and drama teacher at Bartlett High School in Anchorage. Susan also tours and performs with Zuill Bailey and colleagues at the Sitka Summer Music Festival, Autumn Classics.

Mannfried has played professionally all over the world, including with the Seattle Symphony, Seattle Opera and National Symphony of Colombia. He has his own piano trio, Trio Seattle, and performs with and manages two Pacific Northwest orchestras.

Daniel plays with the Anchorage Symphony, maintains an active teaching studio and is music director of the Homer Youth String Orchestra Club. He is also part of the founding team of community string leaders that has helped more than 200 young elementary students in Homer begin learning the violin as part of El Sistema inspired programs.

Upcoming Events

Fireweed Frescoes Chamber Trio: Saturday, February 16 at Bunnell Street Arts Center in Homer, 4:00 p.m.

KPO Beer Fundraiser: Sunday, May 5 at the Kenai Fine Art Center

Soldotna Chamber Concert: Friday, August 2 at Christ Lutheran Church, 7:30 p.m.

Homer Chamber Concert: Sunday, August 4 at Faith Lutheran Church, 7:30 p.m.

Homer Gala Performance: Friday, August 9 at Mariner Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

Kenai Gala Performance: Saturday, August 10 at Renee C. Henderson Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Evening of Classics: Friday, October 4 at Christ Lutheran Church in Soldotna, 7:30 p.m.

Evening of Christmas: Friday, December 13 at Renee C. Henderson Auditorium in Kenai, 7:30 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE: KPO BEER FUNDRAISER

On Sunday, May 5th the Kenai River Brewing Company will be unveiling a new saison beer in honor of the KPO!

Sunday, May 5th - Live Music - Hors D'oeuvres

Art by Alanna DeRocchi and Jonathan S. Green

<http://alannaderocchi.com/> - <https://www.jonathansgreen.com/>



Changing Tides: KPO's Board Members

It is with sadness and profound gratitude that we say farewell to some of KPO's most impactful board members: Mary Broderick, Linda Reinhart and Tracy Curtin. Mary and Linda have each served three, consecutive three-year terms, the maximum allowed by KPO's by-laws. They served as officers and, most recently, as President and Treasurer, respectively. Their heartfelt leadership was especially crucial in times of financial hardship, during which KPO continued to grow and prosper under their guidance. We are beyond grateful for their passion for music and for KPO through the years. They will be dearly missed.

Tracy served for three years and has played a vital role in social media and outreach and has volunteered countless hours to ensure KPO concerts and rehearsals run smoothly. From preparing programs and designing posters to selling tickets and keeping our Facebook page running, Tracy has been a pillar in our musical community and on the KPO board. Her efforts are greatly appreciated and will also be dearly missed.

As we thank our previous board members for their service and dedication to KPO, it is with great excitement that we announce the new members elected to the board: Olya Silver, Betsy Vanek and Cathy Wilmeth. Our new officers include Scott Bartlett, President, and Olya Silver, Treasurer. Jane Parrish has also become KPO's new manager. We are thrilled to have such an excellent board that works tirelessly for the KPO and music community here on the Peninsula. We could not be in better hands and have yet another wonderful music season in store for you!

Concert Highlight: Trio Con Brio

Trio Con Brio performed at Charis Place in Kenai on Thursday, January 31st. Flutist Mi'shell French, clarinetist Tammy Vollom-Matturro, and bassoonist Jane Parrish played woodwind trios for approximately 16 residents and their guests during the dinner hour. The Trio performed music from Bizet's *Carmen*, *Galop* by Offenbach (also known as the Can Can), along with works by Schubert, Mozart, Beethoven, and Devienne. The trio closed the program with Elizabeth Tang's *Blues for Woodwinds*.