

Classical Crossroads, Inc.

and FirstServe Community Services of the South Bay, Inc. present two concert series

The Interludes

Beverly Hills National Auditions Winners at First Lutheran Church & School in Torrance!
(also presented Fridays at Encinitas Public Library and Sundays in 2019 at Beverly Hills' Greystone Mansion)
Free, donations welcome

Saturday, September 15, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

Formed at Cal State Northridge, the **ACE Trio** — clarinetist **Ryan Glass**, flutist, **Shannon Canchola**, and pianist **Jason Stoll** — was described by Beverly Hills National Auditions selection committee as “An engaging, virtuosic ensemble, with clever selections of repertoire from Romantic to tango to modern.”

Saturday, October 20, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

Mezzo-soprano **Michelle Rice** and soprano **Camila Lima** were standouts among the numerous talented singers at the Auditions, About Michelle: “She stood out among all vocal applicants with presence/voice in all selections performed,” and about Camila: “Beautiful, very artistic, clear operatic soprano, extensive repertoire.”

Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

The **Quinta Essentia Brazilian Recorder Quartet** is among the world's leading chamber music ensembles today and promotes Brazilian culture and chamber music worldwide.

Saturday, January 19, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

The **Los Angeles Ensemble**, violinist **Joanna Lee**, violist **Tanner Menees** and cellist **Bingxia Lu**, along with its pianist **Sung Chang** and his duo-piano partner **Esther Lee**, swept multiple categories of the Beverly Hills National Auditions, and all will be on full display in this concert extravaganza.

Saturday, February 16, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

Romantic Pairings — The Guitarist and The Soprano
Guitarist **Aaron Haas** & Soprano **Anastasia Malliaras**
Guitarist **Jaxon Williams** & Soprano **Laurel Irene**
All of these fast-rising artists are currently or recently in USC's renowned Thornton School of Music graduate programs.

Saturday, March 16, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

LATSOS PIANO DUO — Individually, **Anna Fedorova** from Russia and **Giorgi Latso** from Tbilisi, Georgia are highly regarded piano virtuosos on the international classical music scene. Together, this husband-and-wife duo based in Vienna, Austria, are brilliant and have issued their first recording.

Saturday, April 20, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

Micah Wright clarinet/saxophone/piano with Friends
Espen Nystog Aas clarinet, **Alen Hon** cello, and **Hui Wu** piano — “This diverse ensemble showcases both the classic piano/clarinet/cello trio and Jazzy/virtuosic selections with clarinet/sax/piano.”

Saturday, May 18, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

Prize-winning *iPalpiti* artists — violist **Adelya Shagidullina** from Tatarstan and violinist **Azer Damirov** from Azerbaijan — from the studio of renowned Maestro **Eduard Schmieder** at Temple University's Boyer College of Music

Saturday, June 15, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

The chamber ensemble **DELIRIUM MUSICUM**, founded by and under the artistic direction of Midori student **Etienne Gara**, is dedicated to providing impassioned and engaging musical performances by a young generation of top Los Angeles artists.

First Fridays at First! ~ fff

The finest artists from Southern California and around the World in lunchtime recitals at First Lutheran Church & School in Torrance. A reception with the artists follow each concert.

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Friday, September 7, 2018 at 12:15 p.m.

A favorite on the series, organist of Westwood Presbyterian Church **Namhee Han** returns for her fifth appearance.

Friday, October 5, 2018 at 12:15 p.m.

Internationally renowned violinist **Ken Aiso** and consummate collaborative pianist **Valeria Morgovskaya**.

Friday, November 2, 2018 at 12:15 p.m.

HAUSMANN QUARTET — Isaac Allen & Bram Goldstein violins, Angela Choong viola, Alex Greenbaum cello — in-residence at San Diego State University, continue its Haydn quartet cycle.

Friday, December 7, 2018 at 12:15 p.m.

Rising star on New York City's music scene, cellist **Ben Capps** has appeared at Carnegie Hall, at Lincoln Center's Avery Fisher & Alice Tully Halls, and at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C.

Friday, January 4, 2019 at 12:15 p.m.

CANTILENA TRIO — tenor **Jon Lee Keenan**, flutist **Susan Greenberg**, and guitarist **Kenton Youngstrom** — “Consummate artists present creative arrangements for this unique combination.”

Friday, February 1, 2019 at 12:15 p.m.

Beverly Hills National Audition winners, mezzo-soprano **Katarzyna Sadej**, violist **Alma Lisa Fernandez**, & pianist **Basia Bochenek**, perform a program featuring Brahms' “Viola Songs”

Friday, March 1, 2019 at 12:15 p.m.

TRIO ONDINE — **Bogłárka Kiss**, **Alma Lisa Fernandez**, and **Alison Bjorkedal**, — explore the repertoire for flute, viola, & harp.

Friday, April 5, 2019 at 12:15 p.m.

Pianist **Steven Vanhauwaert** — Grand-Prize winner of the Los Angeles International Liszt Competition and two-time winner of the Beverly Hills National Auditions.

Friday, May 3, 2019 at 12:15 p.m.

Winner of Peninsula Symphony's 2019 Knox Competition

Friday, June 7, 2019 at 12:15 p.m.

The acclaimed **DSCH - SHOSTAKOVICH ENSEMBLE**, comprising Portuguese pianist **Filipe Pinto-Ribeiro**, Canadian violinist **Corey Cerovsek**, and English cellist **Adrian Brendel**, is a Lisbon-based Portuguese project with an international dimension.

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- Providing well-paid performance and educational opportunities to talented professional and student artists who have devoted their lives to the art of classical music,
- Pursuing outreach opportunities to present concerts to members of the community who may have little access to live classical music.

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2018-2019 Concert Series at First Lutheran Church & School – Torrance

Dear Friends,

I'm delighted to announce Classical Crossroads' sixth season at First Lutheran Church & School, Torrance, where we've been warmly welcomed with gracious hospitality. The beautiful sanctuary and superb acoustics combine with the artists' exceptional musicianship to make the concerts welcome reminders that classical music is one of humankind's greatest artistic achievements. And, the good news is that it is thriving in Southern California, as Classical Crossroads' ever-growing, enthusiastic and supportive audiences attest.

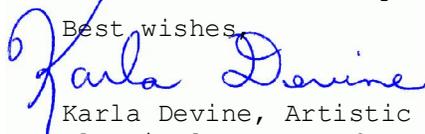
Classical Crossroads comprises two series. "The Interludes" presents winners of the prestigious Beverly Hills National Auditions in monthly concerts on Saturdays at 3:00 p.m. These are presented the previous evenings by the City of Encinitas in its splendid library, and after the first of the year, on the following Sundays in the City of Beverly Hills' historic Greystone Mansion.

The second is the "First Fridays at First!~ *fff*" series. The finest Southland professional artists perform half-hour recitals at 12:15 p.m. on first Fridays from September through June.

Your financial contribution is essential - freewill donations at the concerts fall far short of concert expenses. Please mail your tax-deductible donation to Classical Crossroads, Inc., P.O. Box 1822, Manhattan Beach CA 90266. Or, make an easy and secure online contribution at www.PalosVerdes.com/ClassicalCrossroads. Your contributions are gratefully acknowledged in all of the printed concert programs, and you'll have the opportunity to increase your contribution throughout the year at the concerts. You'll be pleased to know that your contributions supported, in addition to our yearly assembly at First Lutheran School, a very successful concert for the Boys and Girls Club in Harbor City. We're thrilled to share classical music with these enthusiastic young audiences! Please support Classical Crossroads both financially and with your presence at the concerts.

Those of us at Classical Crossroads hope to be on the top of your list of concert venues this season. Artistic quality is always our first consideration. We hope to see you soon!

Best wishes,



Karla Devine, Artistic Director
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