

Beyond Art in the Redwoods – Don't miss these upcoming events!

The events calendar for the last half of 2011 illustrates how much Gualala Arts has expanded its activities over the past 50 years.

Besides the Festival of Trees and the art exhibits, the calendar includes two fall concerts from the chamber music series. There are also several Local Eyes, Global Harmony series and Lecture series dates, special events and holiday celebrations.

The fall calendar kicks off with a special dinner co-sponsored by Gualala Rotary, Gualala Arts, and St. Orres. Chef Rosemary Campiformio will prepare a variety of seafoods and seasonal accompaniments with a vegetarian option and a selection of compatible wines. Seating is limited with a cost of \$100 a person or \$600 for a table of eight. This joint fundraiser benefits local students and raises money for scholarships.

Although musical performances were always a part of Gualala Arts, the construction of the current facility provided a venue for a variety of regularly scheduled series. One of the first groups formed was the Chamber Music Series. The Cavani String Quartet takes place on Sunday, Oct. 9 when four talented musicians, who have performed at both Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center, come to Gualala.

The final 2011 performance, *Trio Voce*, is on Sunday, Nov. 13. The three musicians on piano, cello and violin communicate with one voice ("voce" in Italian), whether they are performing the repertoire of Hayden or that of the present day. Tickets for both concerts are \$25 in advance and \$5 more the day of the concert.

After a summer hiatus the lecture series resumes on Monday, Sept. 12 when Dave Griffin recounts his story of how he and his wife gave up a prosperous careers in Boulder to take up ranching in a remote Colorado valley nestled in the Rockies. On Monday, Sept. 19, Dave Blume discusses alcohol as a fuel source that is a viable alternative to oil.

On Monday, Oct. 3, Sarah Allen explores the lives and habitat of marine mammals. She provides an intimate description of these magnificent creatures many see from their living rooms or while walking the bluff trails. On Monday, Oct. 17, Doug Le Du shares his research on the most effective and safe investment opportunities.

The last lecture on Monday, Nov. 7, is a description of Richard Kuehn's journey to remote areas of Central Asia along the fabled Silk Road. A \$5 admission will be collected at the door.

Local Eyes headlines top talent from the community.

Teo's 5 Deuce's Nightclub starts the fall shows on Saturday, Sept. 24, and Sunday, Sept. 25, with Tony Ariola aka Teo performing a musical review of Broadway hits in Coleman Auditorium transformed into a prohibition speakeasy. He will be joined by cast members from *Ain't Misbehavin'* and backed by a live band. A scrumptious plate of homemade food comes with the ticket.

Gualala Arts will have a vocal recital *An die Musik* — To Music with Michael Wolohan Bierbaum and Renata Yardumian featuring the music of Franz Schubert, Maurice Ravel, Elizabethan and Edwardian composers and a new work, "An Irish Song Cycle" on Sunday, Oct. 2 at 2 p.m.

Gualala Arts Global Harmony Series, encouraging global harmony by sharing culture through the arts, will open up this year with Diwali: Festival of Lights celebration on Saturday, Oct. 22. Offering starting at 5:30 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. and appetizers and a dance performance will be at 6 p.m., traditional dinner buffet at 7 p.m. with dessert and the fashion show and sale at 8 p.m. At 9 p.m. there will be a dandia ras (open dance.)

Next up in the series, back by popular demand, Willson and McKee, a nationally touring duo specializing in traditional Irish, Scottish and original acoustic music, will perform on Friday, Oct. 28. The combination of blazing instrumentals, warm harmony vocals, a lot of laughter and a ceilidh dance or two translates into never a dull moment.

On Sunday, Oct. 30, *Bells Ringing in the Empty Sky* with the Anchor Bay Children's Choir and Ernest Bloch Bell Ringers with Karl Young on the shakuhachi, the Japanese flute, will round out the Global harmony series. The highlight of the concert will be the world premiere of a new piece written for the hand bells and children's choir by composer Marty Regan.

Gualala Arts is delighted to present the second Dance in the Redwoods on Saturday and Sunday Nov. 5 and 6 featuring young dancers from the San Francisco Ballet School Trainee Program.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, Local Eyes presents *Laura Leigh, Stepping into the Light* in an evening of varied musical numbers that reflect the life and talents of this amazing woman. Songs tell a story, and Laura has a story to tell. Gloria Wood will accompany her on the piano. Tickets are \$10 advance sale and \$5 more the day of the event.

The Christmas season starts with the seventh Festival of Trees over the Thanksgiving weekend on Nov. 25

and 26. Each year this bazaar of handcrafted holiday gift items, confections and baked goods has grown. Once again the Magical Gingerbread House will entertain the children, Santa will make a daily appearance and the Fantasy Forest will display a creative selection of decorated trees. Admission is free.

Holiday Concert for the Coast will be the event on Saturday, Dec. 3 with seasonal music and audience sing-along. The Bloch Bell Ringers return with Eric Kritz and Karl Young on the shakuhachi. The Redwood Trio — Cassy Grossman, Sabina Walla and Sita Milchev — will also perform. Advanced tickets are \$10 and \$5 more the day of the concert.

Plans are also in the works for a New York New Year's Eve party complete with a meal, champagne, and entertainment. The countdown for the dropping of the ball in Times Square ensures that participants can ring in the new year and still get a full night's sleep,

Tickets for all Gualala Arts events can be purchased on-line from Brown Paper tickets or locally at either The Dolphin or Gualala Arts. More details on all these events, on other activities planned for the rest of the year and on what is coming in 2012 can be found on-line at gualalaarts.org.



The Ernest Bloch Bell Ringers will perform at Art in the Redwoods, and also several other times during the year at the Gualala Arts Center.

Plan a visit for next year's
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