

Chamber Music Series Presents Tao Lin in a Piano Concert Sunday, October 15 at 4 p.m.

Tao Lin's appearances in Asia, North America and Europe have brought unanimous critical accolades and praise for his subtle, intimate pianism and brilliant technique. Born into a musical family in Shanghai, China, Tao Lin was admitted to the Shanghai Conservatory at eight, where his progress was rapid and resulted in his winning prizes in numerous competitions, including the Alexander Tcherepnin Award.



As a soloist, he has performed with the Winnipeg Symphony, Miami Chamber Orchestra, Knoxville Civic Orchestra, and University of Miami Symphony. A devoted chamber musician, Mr. Lin is a founding member, along with the Jacques Thibaud String Trio, of the Berlin Piano Quartet, and has been featured as guest artist with many distinguished string quartets. He has also collaborated with esteemed soloists such as Ida Haendel, Charles Castleman, Roberta Peters, Eugenia Zukerman, Philip Quint, and Sergiu Schwartz.

Mr. Lin was awarded top prizes in the competitions of the National Society of Arts and Letters, the Music Teacher's National Association, and the Palm Beach International Invitational, among others. He was also a finalist in the 1st International Piano e-Competition and the 1st Osaka International Chamber Music Competition as a member of the Shanghai Trio.

Mr. Lin's program will include the Piano Sonata in C major, Hoboken XVI:50 by Joseph Haydn; Piano Sonata No.3 in B minor, Op 58 and Four Mazurkas, Op. 68 by Frédéric Chopin; Impromptu Op. 142 No.3 in B flat major by Franz Schubert; and Islamey by Mily Balakirev.

Award Ceremony for Creative Writers Contest Winners Wednesday, October 11 at 7 p.m.

Last month Gualala Arts sponsored a short story contest open to all full-time and part-time coastal residents from Timber Cove to Elk. The contest had two categories – one for adults eighteen and older, and one for contestants ages twelve to seventeen.

In each category, the first prize is \$250 and publication in the *Redwood Coast Review*. Second and third prizes are \$150 and \$100 respectively in each category. Funds for the prizes were donated by the Gualala Rotary Club and The Sea Ranch Foundation.

Winners will be presented their checks with due ceremony and honored with the first public reading of their works. Please come to support our next generation of local writers.

The judges were Carolyn Cooke, Janet Gage, Stephen Kessler, George Rathmell and David Skibbins.

Carolyn Cooke is the award-winning author of the short story collection, *The Bostons*.

Janet Gage, former high school and college writing instructor, was a judge for the National Council of Teachers of English Writing Contest.

Stephen Kessler is the editor of the *Redwood Coast Review* and author of seventeen books.

George Rathmell is a staff writer for *The Nob Hill Gazette* and author of the novel, *The Pickle Girl*.

David Skibbins is the author of *Working Clean and Sober* and the Tarot Card Mystery series, *Eight of Swords* and *High Priestess*.

Celebrate with the 2006 Earth Fair Saturday, October 7 from 10 – 3 p.m.

Matrix of Change and Gualala Arts proudly present the 2006 Earth Fair in the Coleman Auditorium.

This year, Earth Fair will conduct one workshop and one forum. One will be on solar energy and the other on growing your own food.

The solar energy workshop will focus on teaching the attendee to identify the system components needed and how to do the preliminary research and design for a cost-effectiveness evaluation on the type of system desired.

As October has been declared "Eat Local Foods Month," we will celebrate by holding The First Annual Farmers Forum. It is designed as a panel discussion with reference displays, and will focus on what it takes to start and maintain a personal or community garden.

Those attending the Earth Fair workshop and forum will be given several opportunities to view the exhibits.

Earth Fair's focus is Sustainability and Local Self-sufficiency. Each year we bring to the public displays, vendors, and educational opportunities focusing on solar energy, energy conservation, environmental issues, goods produced locally, and community support organizations.

The opening ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. with the blessing of the fair. Displays, vendors, and workshops will begin at 10:30 am and will carry on as late as 3 p.m. There is no entry fee but we will let your conscience be your guide as to the size of your donation based on your Earth Fair experience.