

quartet

Thursday, August 13, a special set will be played
for those attending the Top Hat Dinner

Concert: Saturday, August 15;
Performance at 6:00 p.m.,
Doors open 5:00 p.m.
Tickets: General admission \$45;
Premium cabaret table seating \$95 (includes \$50 donation).

why gualala?

It all began four years ago over a glass of wine before dinner. They were watching the sun set from their hosts' deck and nibbling appetizers. She mentioned volunteering for the Chamber Music Committee; he mentioned volunteering for the Board of the Kronos Quartet. There was conversation about the string quartet's commitment to new music and the group's international travel and mention that Kronos is resident in the Bay area. With no real expectations, she said, "We'd love to have Kronos play at Gualala Arts." And he said, "OK, we'll make it happen."

Over the months and years and many dinner parties that followed, she learned that not just one, but two members of the Board of Directors of the Kronos Quartet had homes at The Sea Ranch. They had been tossing around the idea of inviting Kronos to do a concert somewhere in the area, and had placed it on the Kronos Board agenda. But Kronos is a very busy string quartet, and the north coast concert idea kept getting tabled.

Then one Kronos Board member held a private Kronos listening party at his Bay area home, and the Chamber Music volunteer met Laird, the Publicity Director for Kronos. They talked about the possibility of Kronos coming to the coast, and she naively suggested that Kronos could be part of the Chamber Music Season and offered to compensate them at their usual rate. Laird very politely demurred, gently mentioning that Kronos is the mostly highly paid string quartet in the music world today. Well, perhaps the Chamber Music Committee budget and local donors were not quite ready for that.

Then the stars began to align favorably. Kronos had received a grant to bring their music to under represented areas - like Gualala. A local Kronos concert might be affordable, after all. Two members of their Board of Directors were eager to make it all happen. The Chamber Music Committee was supportive, and so was Sus, who thought the bigger umbrella of Gualala Arts might make it feasible.

The other Kronos Board member initiated a call to the Chamber Music volunteer, and over coffee they discussed details of how to put together a Kronos concert on the north coast. He asked the Kronos Managing Director, Janet, to give the Chamber Music volunteer a call. The Chamber Music volunteer suggested they include Sus as Executive Director of Gualala Arts. Thus began a series of emails and phone conversations among the two Kronos Board members, the Chamber Music Committee volunteer, the Managing Director of the Kronos Quartet, and Sus.

They discussed the logistics of putting on a Kronos Concert in Gualala. There were nagging questions. Would the Coleman auditorium be large enough? How would the Gualala Arts Center schedule and the Kronos schedule ever mesh? Could Gualala Arts afford this? But Sus, ever optimistic, with a can-do attitude, knew he could make it a reality. Everything else just sort of fell into place, when, miraculously, the perfect date for Gualala Arts and for Kronos was the middle of August 2009 - the weekend of Art in the Redwoods!

And so, Kronos will pay a first time visit to Gualala this August. Many local folks will be in the audience to support the concert, along with a Chamber Music volunteer, two Kronos Board Members, and the Executive Director of Gualala Arts. They will experience music from a world class string quartet under the redwood trees in Gualala and know that volunteering for the arts is a powerful calling.

A Chamber Music Committee Volunteer

| 2009 KRONOS Quartet Season | |
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| Jan 23, 2009 | Calgary, Canada |
| Feb 01, 2009 | Berkeley, California |
| Feb 20, 2009 | Stanford, California |
| Mar 07, 2009 | San Francisco, California |
| Mar 11, 2009 | Cincinnati, Ohio |
| Mar 12, 2009 | Cincinnati, Ohio |
| Mar 15, 2009 | Rotterdam, Netherlands |
| Mar 27, 2009 | Notre Dame, Indiana |
| Mar 28, 2009 | Notre Dame, Indiana |
| Apr 14, 2009 | Sacramento, California |
| Apr 22, 2009 | Chicago, Illinois |
| Apr 24, 2009 | New York, New York |
| Apr 26, 2009 | Norfolk, Virginia |
| May 01, 2009 | Gateshead, England |
| May 04, 2009 | Paris, France |
| May 08, 2009 | Speyer, Germany |
| May 10, 2009 | London, England |
| Jun 05, 2009 | Sydney, Australia |
| Jun 06, 2009 | Melbourne, Australia |
| Jul 05, 2009 | Duisburg, Germany |
| Jul 07, 2009 | Lyon, France |
| Jul 09, 2009 | Szczecin, Poland |
| Jul 11, 2009 | Dalheim, Germany |
| Jul 13, 2009 | Louth, Ireland |
| Jul 14, 2009 | Galway, Ireland |
| Jul 16, 2009 | Brooklyn, NY |
| Aug 15, 2009 | Gualala, California |