



Florida Chamber Music Project Debuts At Ponte Vedra Hall

Ensemble Brings Classical Music, Education To St. Johns County Nov. 10

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla., October 15, 2013 – The Florida Chamber Music Project, in partnership with St. Johns County, recently announced a series of new Sunday afternoon concerts, beginning with the debut performance on Nov. 10 at its host venue, the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall.

The resident professional chamber music ensemble will play one-hour performances, all on Sundays beginning at 3 p.m., focusing on various composers. They will also interact with attendees regarding interesting aspects of the music and their initiative to bring classical music to St. Johns County and into the schools, which are rated No. 1 in Florida. The program will also support attending Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra performances in downtown Jacksonville.

“With fully two-thirds of the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra season subscribers residing at the beaches, we felt it would be beneficial to bring their music to the people,” said Danny Berenberg, the President of the Florida Chamber Music Project. “Families have become a growing sector of the chamber music fan base and we invite them to this new and more intimate setting. We also want to reach the talented group of student musicians in St. Johns County and let them appreciate classical music more deeply.”

The Nov. 10 performance will be the world premiere of “To The Shore,” an original piece written for St. Johns County by Piotr Szewczyk, a Polish-born composer and violinist with the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra.

The Florida Chamber Music Project includes Susan Pardue, the Artistic Director and violist; Patrice Evans, the Director of Music Education and violinist; violinists Anna Genest and Annie Morris; and Cellist Laurie Casseday. All are members of the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra and on the Board of Directors for the Florida Chamber Music Project.

For the series, approximately 100 of the seats will be made available by organizers free of charge to St. Johns County students who are heavily involved in their school music programs. Evans is an organizer of the Jacksonville Urban Music Program (JUMP) in Duval County and hopes to help identify promising musicians in St. Johns County who may be interested in a classical music education beyond high school.

The debut season concert schedule includes:

- Nov. 10, 2013: Szewczyk - To the Shore (world premiere). Beethoven - Quartet, Opus 18 #4 and Quartet, Opus 74, "The Harp"
- Feb. 9, 2014: Schubert – Quartettsatz and Quartet "Death and the Maiden"
- May 4, 2014: Mozart - Quartet in G Major, K. 387. Prokofiev - Quartet No. 2
- June 8, 2014: Piazzolla - Four for Tango and Tango Ballet. Dvorak - Quartet No 12 in F Major, Opus 96, "American"

Tickets are a \$100 for a series subscription and \$25 for individual performances.

To purchase tickets, and for more information, visit flchambermusic.org, pontevedraconcerthall.com or findmytix.com. Tickets are also available at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall Box Office Thursday and Friday (10 a.m.-6 p.m.) and Saturday (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) and daily at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre.

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