



IN CONCERT

Classical Music in the Valley

Presents

QUARTETTO
GELATO

2:00 PM - SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2007

Jones Theater

Westcliffe Center for the Performing Arts

Westcliffe, Colorado

QUARTETTO GELATO TRAVELS

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LONDON	Slow Train	FLANDERS/SWANN Arr. Steljes/DeSotto
PARIS	Under Paris Skies (Sous le Ciel de Paris)	GANNON/GIRAUD Arr. Bill Bridges
	Tombeau de Couperin Prelude; Rigaudon; Minuet	MAURICE RAVEL Arr. Raymond Luedeke
	La Vie en Rose	PIAF/LOUIGUY Arr. Shelly
Berger MUNICH	Konzertstück Opus 79 Finale: The Feast	C.M. VON WEBER Arr. De Sotto/Sevastian
	Rondo Alla Zingarese	JOHANNES BRAHMS Arr. Charles T. Cozens

INTERMISSION

HALVORSEN	Passacaglia	HANDEL/
BUDAPEST	Hungaria	KOSSOVITS/TRADITIONAL Arr. Peter DeSotto
	Dein Ist Mein Ganzes Herz (My Heart is Yours Alone)	FRANZ LEHAR Arr. Eric Robertson
	Kállai Kettós	ZOLTAN KODALY Arr. Howard Cable
BUCHAREST	Romanian Caravan	VARIOUS Arr. Abramovitch/Sevastian/DeSotto

Program subject to change.

Quartetto Gelato will perform for students
at the Custer County School on Monday, March 5.

*You are invited to meet the performers at a reception following the concert.
View an art exhibit by the Westcliffe Art Guild in Studio Two.*

Classical in intent, eclectic by design, **QUARTETTO GELATO** thrills its audiences with the mastery of eight instruments. For over a decade, this dazzling ensemble has enchanted audiences and critics worldwide with their exotic blend of musical virtuosity, artistic passion, and charismatic presence.

The 2005-2006 season featured over 100 concerts in recital and with orchestra throughout the U.S., Canada and Europe. Classical radio listeners across the continent know Quartetto Gelato by their instantly recognizable sound, which is broadcast frequently on the CBC, PRI and NPR networks.

Peter DeSotto (tenor, violin, mandolin) is a remarkable talent who combines the facilities to perform as a gypsy virtuoso and a refined classical violinist who played with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra for ten years. Peter also has the vocal prowess to sing a full range of repertoire from familiar folk songs to the great Italian operatic arias.

Shalom Bard (clarinet) was born in Haifa, Israel and immigrated to Canada in 1990. He studied at the University of Toronto and graduated with a Master of Music Degree from the University of California's School of Music. Shalom is equally at home as a soloist, chamber musician and orchestral player. He is currently on the faculty of the Glenn Gould Professional School and the Community School at the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto.

Alexander Sevastian (accordion, piano, bandoneon) was born in Minsk, Belarus. He attended the Glinka Musical College in Minsk, with advanced studies at the Gnessin Academy of Music in Moscow where he received his Masters in Performance degree. He began his professional career in Moscow in 1996. Alex and his family moved to Canada in April 2001.

Elinor Frey (cello) is a native of Seattle. She has studied in Philadelphia, New York, and Chicago. She is an active recitalist, chamber musician and teacher. An advocate of new music, Elinor served a cellist of the Aspen Music Festival Contemporary Ensemble in 2004 and 2005. Elinor performs on a 115 year old French cello on loan to her as the winner of the Virtu Foundation competition.

Cynthia Steljes 1960-2006 (oboe, English horn) Unfortunately, 2006 finished on a sad note for both the quartet and fans alike. In spite of a valiant attempt at overcoming a form of rare cancer, oboist and founding member of Quartetto Gelato Cynthia Steljes lost her battle with malignant mesothelioma in late December. Cynthia was a special soul whose contributions to the arts and to the lives of all who knew her were too many to count.

Even in her final days, Cynthia made certain that Quartetto Gelato will go on! True to Cynthia's reputation for her attention to detail, when she was diagnosed with the cancer, Cynthia actually hand picked her own substitute/successor: virtuoso clarinetist Shalom Bard.



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IN CONCERT: *Classical Music in the Valley* was formed in 2003 to support and promote classical music in the Wet Mountain Valley. The mission of the group is to provide cultural and educational opportunities for residents of the area by presenting an annual series of live classical music performances and youth workshops. IN CONCERT is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. Contributions are tax deductible.

Join us for our next concert:

Pikes Peak Ringers, Sunday, April 22, 2007 - 3:30 PM (note time change)

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