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## **A History of First Thursdays and Special Performances by the Cultural Arts Committee of the Del Mar Foundation**

**On January 26, 2000, the Cultural Arts Committee met for the first time in the newly opened Powerhouse Community Center. Ideas for lectures and music came from everyone! We settled on a Series format which would feature eclectic music in the Spring, lectures in the Fall, and classical music during the Winter. Each series could be subscribed to separately. A special Holiday Concert at St. Peters could be purchased in addition. The next year we added special concerts like Mainly Mozart, Night at the Summer Pops, etc. By 2003, while we realized we had a winner with all three types of First Thursdays, we had a nightmare with bookkeeping and publicity costs. We made the decision to go with a once-a-year opportunity to subscribe to a year-long group of programs which has proved so much easier on all!**

### **Spring Music Series 2000**

May 4, 2000 – Jeanne Carney – Ballads and Bluegrass from the Southern Uplands  
June 1, 2000 – Peter Popping Quartet “Samba Nights”  
July 6, 2000 – Ensemble Elan “Chamber Music Concert”

### **Fall Lecture Series 2000**

September 7, 2000 – Steven Scheuer “Close Encounters with the Famous Kind”  
October 5, 2000 - Michael Robertson, Bob Bingham, Charlie Gaylord, Bob Petcovich on High Tech  
November 2, 2000 – Dr. Larry Schneiderman & friends on medical ethics  
December 7, 2000 – Jerry Hirschberg “Making Believe & Making Beliefs”

**Holiday Concert** on December 10, 2000 was held at St. Peter’s church with Pat O’Brian’s daughter Mauvoreen and her singing entourage. They were followed by a Brass Quintet.

### **Winter Classical Music Series 2001**

January 4, 2001 – Brandenburg Concerto with Fairbanks School of Performing Arts  
February 1, 2001 – California Quartet  
March 1, 2001 – Jung Ho Pak on “Breaking the Mold”

**Mainly Mozart Concert** on February 15, 2001 – internationally famous quartet played in the Powerhouse to a sold-out crowd.

### **Spring Music Series 2001**

April 5, 2001 – Tinku Peruvian Music  
May 3, 2001 – Chris Klich Trio  
June 7, 2001 – Fred Benedetti & George Svoboda

**“Del Mar Night at the Pops”** August 18, 2001 - We put a bus together and saw the San Diego Symphony Pops concert at Navy Pier. A fabulous night of George Gershwin!

### **Fall Lecture Series 2001**

September 6, 2001 – Sandra Dijkstra “The Truth about Publishing”

October 4, 2001 – Rob Quigley “Public Spaces and Private Places”

November 1, 2001 - William Murray, author, tales from the Del Mar Track

December 6, 2001 – Alice Sullivan panel on “Privacy, Security & the Internet”

**Holiday Concert** on December 16, 2001 – Cappella Gloriana performed in St. Peter’s

### **Winter Classical Music Series 2002**

January 3, 2002 – Camarada Chamber Ensemble

February 7, 2002 – Fairbanks School of Performing Arts

March 7, 2002 – Celino Romero

**Mainly Mozart Concert** on February 17, 2002 – Cuarteto Latino Americano

### **Spring Music Series 2002**

April 4, 2002 – Laura Preble Band & Chris Klich Quintet

May 2, 2002 – Burt Turetzky & The Tango Project “The Music of Astor Piazzolla”

June 6, 2002 – Steve Feierabend Band & the Powerhouse Allstars

**Saluzzo Music Festival Concert** on April 18, 2002 by Fairbanks School of Performing Arts

### **Fall Lecture Series 2002**

September 5, 2002 – Herb Turner “My Way” talks about his painting & architecture

October 3, 2002 – Zandra Rhodes “Turning Points” Fashion Design

November 7, 2002 – Joe Harper “Growing up in Hollywood & Tales from the Track”

December 5, 2002 – Des McAnuff , writer & director

**Holiday Concert** on December 15, 2002 featuring Peter Puppig Quartet at St. Peter’s

### **Winter Classical Music Series 2003**

January 2, 2003 – Westwind Brass Quintet

February 6, 2003 - San Diego Opera Ensemble

March 6, 2003 – Musica Angelica

**Mainly Mozart Concert** on January 23, 2003 at the Powerhouse - Chamber Music Quartet

### **Spring Music Series 2003**

April 3, 2003 – “Cabaret” at North Coast Rep. Theatre

May 1, 2003 - Chunky Sanchez & Margarita Night

June 5, 2003 – Mark Lessman & Peter Sprague

### **“Shakespeare in the Plaza”**

August 5, 2003 – A Midsummer Night’s Dream and Pre-theatre dinner party

### **First Thursdays 2003-2004 Series**

September 4, 2003 – Arthur Wagner on theater

October 2, 2003 – Hutchins Consort – 8 scaled violins

November 6, 2003 – Flamenco Night at St. Peters

December 4, 2003 – Richard Lederer on linguistic joys of Christmas

December 14, 2003 – Mira Costa College Chorus at St. Peters

January 8, 2004 – San Diego Saxophone Quartet

February 5, 2004 – Mary Walshok on How a City Reinvents Itself

February 20, 2004 - Mainly Mozart Concert – TBA

March 4, 2004 – SDSU Faculty Chamber Players –String Quartet with Clarinet

April 1, 2004 – Cabaret Night at L’Auberge with Ruby & Red Hots

May 6, 2004 – Ivan Gayler & Bill Wheeler on Endangered Lands, Endangered Peoples

June 3, 2004 – Celino and Lito Romero on guitar

### **“The Fantastiks” at North Coast Rep**

April 15, 2004 – we took over the theatre and had a special Del Mar Night

### **“Phillips, Grier, & Flinger” at the Powerhouse (with guest: Gabe Witcher)**

January 18, 2004 – 2 concerts with San Diego Bluegrass Society

### **Burt Bacharach at the Summer Pops**

August 28, 2004 – Bus, Dinner, and Burt on the Embarcadero!

### **First Thursdays 2004 – 2005 Series**

September 2, 2004 – Logan Jenkins on a Perspective on North County

October 7, 2004 – San Diego Lyric Opera

November 4, 2004 – Peter Jensen speaks on Del Mar Houses

December 2, 2004 – North Coast Chorale at St. Peters

January 6, 2005 – Mary Lou Metzger & her one woman show

February 10, 2005 – Mainly Mozart Chamber Music Ensemble

March 3, 2005 – Al & Stephanie Tarkington tell about 10,000 bike trip

April 7, 2005 – California String Quartet

May 5, 2005 – African Drum and Dance

June 2, 2005 – Westwind Brass

### **Chinese New Year at the Powerhouse**

February 6, 2005 – Chinese Lion Dancers and food!

### **Prague Symphony Orchestra at Ca. Center For the Arts**

March 20, 2005 – This event was cancelled because not enough participants to fill the bus

### **Laurie Lewis & Tom Rozum & the Guest House Band**

August 12, 2005 – St. Peters with the San Diego Bluegrass Society

### **First Thursday 2005 – 2006 Series**

September 1, 2005 - Millenia Too! Renaissance & Baroque Tapestries

October 6, 2005 – Pat Launer “Stage Whispers” on theater

November 3, 2005 – Cecil Lytle (Ryder Davidson & Alan Huang originally scheduled)

December 1, 2005 – Rick Rosenberg speaks on “Behind the Scenes”

December 11, 2005 - Pacific Coast Harmony at St. Peters

January 5, 2006 – Gary Lefebvre Jazz Quartet

February 3, 2006 – Camarada “Flute & Guitar”

March 2, 2006 – Billy Watson & Band

April 6, 2006 – Harry Katz “Eyes of the Nation: A Visual History of the U.S.”

May 4, 2006 – Chunky Sanchez & Los Alacranes

June 1, 2006 – Doug Myers “Latest News from the Zoo”

### **Claire Lynch Band at the Powerhouse**

April 23, 2006 in conjunction with the San Diego Bluegrass Society

### **First Thursdays Series 2006 – 2007**

September 7, 2006 – Camarada “Amadeus and Friends”

October 5, 2006 – New Village Arts Staged Readings

November 2, 2006 – Rack of Bones: Trombonists

December 7, 2006 – Early Music Ensemble

January 4, 2007 – Howard and Michelle Hall “Making IMAX Films”

February 1, 2007 – San Diego Chamber Orchestra

March 1, 2007 – Talya Ferro sings “Harlem Haunts My Mind”  
April 5, 2007 – Paul Ponganis “Emperors of Antarctica”  
May 3, 2007 – Chris Klich Jazz Quintet  
June 7, 2007 – Anne Marie Gabriele “Chamber Music for Oboe & Strings”

### **First Thursdays Series 2007 – 2008**

September 6, 2007 – Javid & New Flamenco Music & Dance  
October 4, 2007 – Cecil Lytle & Art Wagner “An Evening of Gershwin” St. Peters  
November 1, 2007 – Manuelita Brown & Lana Wilson on Bronze & Clay  
December 6, 2007 – Pacific Coast Harmony at St. Peters  
January 3, 2008 – Rob Ickes & Joe Craven, bluegrass  
February 7, 2008 – Bach Collegium: Music from 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Centuries  
March 6, 2008 – Dirk Sutro, author, San Diego Architecture  
April 3, 2008 – Rosina Reynolds, “Eleanor” A One-Woman Show  
May 1, 2008 – Luna Llena: Music from Cuba  
June 5, 2008 – Camarada “Musica Dolce”

### **Rob Ickes & Joe Craven at the Powerhouse**

January 4, 2009 in conjunction with the San Diego Bluegrass Society

### **The Infamous Stringdusters at the Powerhouse**

March 21, 2008 in conjunction with the San Diego Bluegrass Society

### **First Thursdays Series 2008 – 2009**

September 4, 2008 – Nick Revelas from SD Opera  
October 2, 2008 – Richard Lederer “Presidential Trivia”  
November 6, 2008 – California String Quartet “Bohemian Rhapsody”  
December 4, 2008 – Westwind Brass on Music of the Holidays  
January 8, 2009 – Fred Benedetti & George Svoboda, Classical, Flamenco, & Gypsy Guitar  
February 5, 2009 - Scott Martin Latin Soul Band  
March 5, 2009 – Peter Sprague String Consort  
April 2, 2009 – Holly Hoffman & Mike Wofford Jazz Ensemble  
May 7, 2009 – Chunky Sanchez & Chicano-Barrio Folklore Music  
June 4, 2009 – Arthur Dong, filmmaker

### **Missy Raines and the New Hip at the Powerhouse**

February 22, 2009 in conjunction with the San Diego Bluegrass Society

### **The Claire Lynch Band at the Powerhouse**

March 19, 2009 – in conjunction with the San Diego Bluegrass Society

### **First Thursdays Series 2009 – 2010**

September 3, 2009 – Camarada “Tango Nuevo”  
October 1, 2009 – Mark Lessman & Jazz Group  
November 5, 2009 - Gustavo Romero at St. Peters  
December 3, 2009 – Pacific Coast Harmony  
January 7, 2010 – Keeling Family Hour, classical & eclectic music  
February 4, 2010 – Judith Rosenberg & Mai-Lon Gittelsohn on Silent Film  
March 4, 2010 – Marion Liebowitz, clarinet with strings  
April 1, 2010 – Billy Watson Band, harmonica-driven blues  
May 6, 2010 – Playwright’s Project, “Three Short Plays”  
June 3, 2010 – Randy Fontaine & the Swingers: Swing Era Music

### **The Romeros at the Powerhouse – Celebrating 50 Years!**

November 21, 2009

**Bluegrass Concerts at the Powerhouse 2010**

January 17, 2010 – John Jorgensen Quintet

March 21, 2010 – The Gibson Brothers

May 16, 2010 – Laurie Lewis & The Right Hands

**First Thursdays Series 2010-2011**

September 2, 2010 – Bert Turetzky with the Wethersfield Trio

October 7, 2010 – Coral McFarland Thuet & Steven Cassedy

November 4, 2010 – Gustavo Romero

December 2, 2010 – Early Music Ensemble

January 6, 2011 – Eve Selis Band

February 3, 2011 – Malashock Dance

March 3, 2011 – red fish blue fish

April 7, 2011 – String Quartet from Orchestra Nova

May 5, 2011 – Seema Sueko

June 2, 2011 – Adrienne Nims and the Spirit Wind