

SEAc coast to present eclectic Quartetto Gelato

FLORENCE — Classical in training, eclectic by design, the dazzling ensemble Quartetto Gelato has become an international favorite with sold-out repeat performances in New York, Washington, Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles, Toronto, Calgary, Tokyo, Seoul, Hong Kong and elsewhere.

They will bring their world-class talents to the Florence Events Center Friday, April 17, at 7 p.m.

For nearly two decades Quartetto Gelato has won the hearts of audiences worldwide with its unique blend of musical finesse, pyrotechnical solos, blazing gypsy show pieces, multi-instrument mastery and dynamic humor.

Their musical repertoire spans the globe to include Russian, Irish, South American and Italian influences; classical masterworks, operatic arias, the sizzling energy of tangos, gypsy and folk songs. As a bonus, the group's theatrical stage presence and relaxed humor establishes an intimate rapport with their audience.

If that weren't enough, they boast a World Accordion Champion and a brilliant operatic tenor as members of the group. They've been featured on PBS Television and have won the honor of



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Best Classical Ensemble at Canada's 2010 INDIE awards.

In winning National Public Radio's "NPR Performance Debut Artist of the Year," they were celebrated as "an amaz-

ing ensemble that achieves the nearly impossible: they play salon music with real style, and classical music with real precision with great chops and a commitment in all that they play."

The sheer variety of musical instruments on stage will impress any concertgoer: accordion, piano, bandoneon, oboe, violin, viola, cello, clarinet, English horn, five-string banjo, acoustic/electric bass, piano, saxophone, flute, guitar, mandolin and musical saw.

The group will also give a pre-concert talk at 6:15 p.m. the evening of the show, giving the public an opportunity to meet the members.

SEAc coast's season of seven high-caliber performances wraps up on Friday, May 15, at 7 p.m., when the Eugene Symphony returns to present a special Florence-only "Orchestra Showcase."

This unique, one-time concert will include the music of Barber, Haydn, and Strauss; and feature symphony principal cellist Anne Ridlington. They will host a pre-concert talk at 6:15 p.m.

Individual tickets for concerts are \$30 per adult and \$10 for those under 18.

Tickets are available online at SEAc coastEA.org or at the Florence Events Center box office, 715 Quince St.; or by phone at 541-997-1994.

Artist profiles, video clips and more information are available at www.SeacoastEA.org.

Peace Harbor to host benefit concert for 'Leave a Legacy'

FLORENCE — A free benefit concert to raise funds for the Peace Harbor Medical Center Emergency Department, "Leave A Legacy: Save a Life" campaign, will be held at the Florence Events Center on April 24, at 7 p.m.

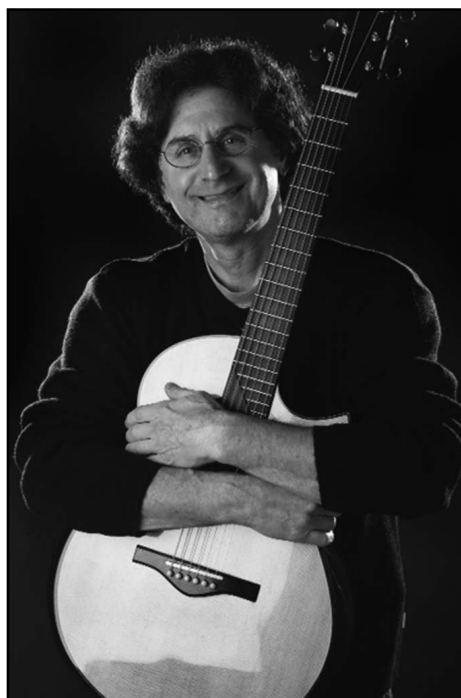
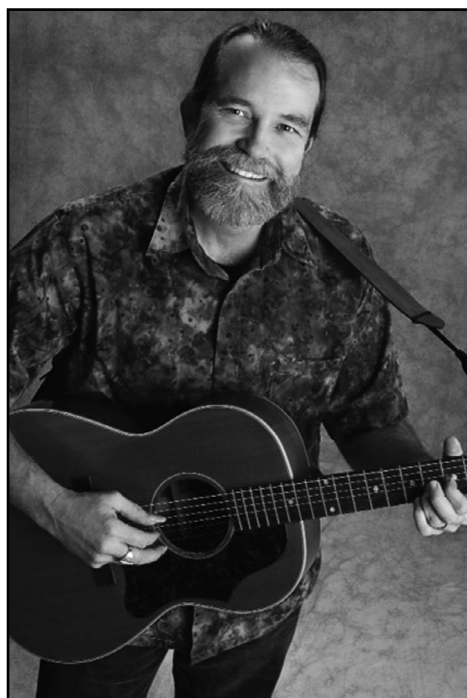
Suggested tax-deductible donation is \$25.

Tickets will be available at the door and performers will include:

- Larry Pattis, an accomplished guitarist named one of the "Top 10 Best Acoustic Music Artists of the Decade" by the International Acoustic Music Awards. He has been a featured headline performer at such illustrious venues as the Montreal International Jazz Festival and the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Millennium Stage in Washington DC.

He also tours as part of the American Guitar Masters Concert Series.

- C. Daniel Boling is a Kerrville New Folk and Woody Guthrie Folk Festival Award-winning singer-songwriter. From Albuquerque, N.M., Boling has per-



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C. Daniel Boling and Larry Pattis will be among the musicians performing at the April 24 benefit concert.

formed at the Florence Winter Folk Festival in previous years. Boling will perform original songs and guitar playing.

- Mike and Carleen McCornack have been wowing audiences for more than 40 years with an engaging musical style that blends clear, expressive, harmonious vocals with sparkling acoustic instrumental accompaniments.

They have been winners of the Winter Folk Festival People's Choice award, Parent's Choice Gold Award winners and Parent's Guide Honors.

- The New Folksters are a group of folk singers from Eugene, who combine strong harmony with instrumentals.

Their performances are fun and include '60s folk songs, contemporary tunes and rollicking ragtime ditties.

Some members have been part of the folk singing community since the '60s. Band members include Hal Weiner (guitar, banjo, uke, vocals), Beverly Schriver (vocals, kazoo), Keith Barr (6- and 12-string guitar, vocals) and Ken Luse (bass).