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BRINGING JOY TO NORTH TAHOE

A Community-Centered Vision

We are enabling the spread of great expectations.

By bringing world-class musicians into intimate, community-centered venues, Tahoe Music Alive enriches daily life, inspires local youth and bolsters regional economy.

Each event affirms that music is more than an art form. It is a vital force for Tahoe's cultural vitality, community connections and sustainable tourism.

How TMA Concerts Work

Tahoe Music Alive concerts are more than performances — they are community experiences that unfold in three stages. Each event begins with pre-concert outreach and education, continues with a world-class live performance in an intimate local venue, and concludes with post-concert engagement that strengthens connections between artists, audiences, and the broader Tahoe community. This **full-circle approach** ensures that every TMA concert not only enriches cultural life but also supports local businesses, inspires students, and deepens the region's sense of shared identity through music.

There's more to come.

The 2026 Series will; be announced in 2026. We are in discussions with artists about events on these dates. **Please mark your 2026 calendars!**

Monday, April 20

Sunday, May 3

Saturday, May 30

Early August

Friday, September 11

We thank you!

THREE ARTISTS, ONE VOICE

The Yamazalde Trio: Breath-taking Virtuosity



On a crisp October 11 autumn afternoon, the Yamazalde Trio enchanted a full house at the Olympic Valley Chapel.

What made this performance so mesmerizing was not only the technical mastery — though all three musicians displayed it in abundance — but the profound sense of shared musical identity. Yamamoto brought a violinist's elegance and intensity honed through decades of quartet playing; Zalkind contributed a cello sound that combined warmth with architectural clarity; and Elizalde, at once anchor and catalyst, animated the ensemble with his rhythmic command and imaginative color palette.

In Haydn's sparkling "Gypsy" Trio, their precision and humor dazzled; Schoenfield's jazzy Café Music burst with color and swing; and Mendelssohn's D minor Trio glowed with lyricism and fire.

The chapel's perfect acoustics amplified every nuance of their seamless interplay and expressive warmth. Individually brilliant yet united in vision, the trio transformed the chilly Sierra day into a radiant celebration of chamber music's vitality, intimacy, and timeless joy, which the audience rewarded with an extended standing ovation.

[READ](#) about the musicians and the program.

[LISTEN](#) to the musical backgrounds of these three acclaimed musicians and enjoy a narrative preview of Haydn's "Gypsy Sonata," Schoenfield's high-octane Café Music, and Mendelssohn's crown jewel of the piano trio literature in this interview by Chris Morrison.

INSPIRING LOCAL MUSICIANS

Young & Young in Spirit



Because of you we can bring the world's greatest artist to the Tahoe Doorstep.

Live music has the power to build community and transform lives - but only when it's accessible and ticket prices are affordable. Each event is far more than a performance; it is a full ecosystem of education, outreach, artistry, and collaboration.

Educators consistently report that TMA's artist visits energize their programs and expand students' sense of possibility.

From the student engagements, where young musicians have described the experience as "eye-opening" and "motivating," to the pre-concert seminars, which draw community members eager to learn about chamber music, every element works together to deepen Tahoe's cultural life.



Church of the Mountains; Alder Creek Middle School, Incline Village High School, North Tahoe High School, Tahoe Truckee High School

MUSIC IN FRIENDLY SPACES

We're selective in choosing locations for Tahoe Music Alive concerts. Listening is the focus. Music is in the foreground, rather than the background.

We look for indoor spaces with superb acoustics; each chamber music instrument must be heard, and instruments with treasure value must be protected from the outdoor elements. We look for comfortable seating for 90 to 150 people - seating that stays comfortable for the 70 to 90 minute durations of most performances. We look for friendly spaces for personal connections with the musicians and socialization with other attendees, before and after the concerts.

We are profoundly grateful to our venue collaborators! Both chamber musicians and audiences have voiced their pleasure for Olympic Valley Chapel, North Tahoe Hebrew Congregation Community Center, Cornerstone Church, St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, and Church of the Mountains.

Recently, the Board of Tahoe Music Alive endorsed Truckee's Measure G, which passed this week and will open the door to an additional community venue in Truckee - a new Library. We celebrate the many friends whose vision and hard work is bringing this to North Tahoe and look forward to hearing music there.

With very strong interest for Tahoe Music Alive jazz concerts, we continue to experiment with the larger spaces afforded by local resorts. We're always learning. Thank you for your feedback. Keep it coming.



TELL US What YOU Think - Leave A Review

VOLUNTEER

We love Friends of Tahoe Music Alive!

You, too, can be a part of this community.

We're soliciting participation for a variety of roles and accepting new Friends, Volunteers and Board Members.

[Let us know](#) you'd like to help - and what you have in mind.

Join Friends of Tahoe Music Alive

DONATE

You are the reason for our success. Thank you for your interest, attendance, and support! Together, with superb music, we are building community in greater North Tahoe!

Please continue to support Tahoe Music Alive!

Donate to Support the 2026 Programs

Thank you, TMA Advisors and Board

Tahoe Music Alive's Board and Advisors are dedicated to providing extraordinary listening experiences by world-class chamber musicians in intimate North Tahoe spaces.

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