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TODD PALMER  
Clarinet



CATALYST QUARTET  
String Quartet

**2025 Series Tickets go on sale March 8**

## Outreach and Impact

The 2025 Tahoe Music Alive Concert Series will begin on April 27th.  
Series tickets go on sale March 8.

Purchase tickets for the entire 2025 Series to assure seating in these limited capacity venues - and save money.

In advance, to give you some dates for your calendar, Tahoe Music Alive will offer these chamber music concerts. Stay tuned for the 2025 JAZZ events.

- April 27: **The Catalyst String Quartet with Todd Palmer, clarinet.**  
Generously underwritten by Ernie Grossman  
Generously underwritten by the Banzett Fund for Musical Arts  
North Tahoe Hebrew Congregation Community Center, Tahoe Vista, 2-4PM

Hailed by The New York Times at its Carnegie Hall debut as “invariably energetic and finely burnished … playing with earthy vigor,” the Grammy Award-winning Catalyst Quartet features clarinetist Todd Palmer, a three-time Grammy nominated artist. The ensemble comes to Tahoe on tour after performances in San Francisco.

- June 10: **Rafael Aguirre - From Spain - Classical Solo Guitar**  
Generously underwritten by William A. Douglass  
St. Patrick's Church, Incline Village, NV, 6-8PM

Rafael Aguirre is one of the most sought-after guitarists at an international level, having received 13 top First Prizes for his instrument. He comes to North Tahoe for a solo concert after a featured performance with the San Jose Symphony.

- September 13: **Haruka Fujii with the Musubi Trio - Marimba, Flute, Violin, Percussion**

In collaboration with Arts for the Schools  
Fox Cultural Hall, Kings Beach, CA, 4-6PM

Multi-percussionist Haruka Fujii has become one of the most prominent solo percussionists in the area. With her will be Beni Shinohara on violin and Rayo Furuta on flute (returning to Tahoe from his July 2024 performance with Carol Wincenc.) The musicians will also perform for Arts for the Schools.

- October 10: **Yamazalde Trio - Violin, Cello, Piano**  
Olympic Valley Chapel, Olympic Valley, CA, 4-6PM

Prepare to be mesmerized by Sandy Yamamoto on violin, Matthew Zalkind on cello, and Julio Elizalde on piano. Described by the New York Times as playing with “explosive vigor and technical finesse,” this experienced trio brings decades of performance experience to the stage. Their program will feature the timeless works of Haydn, Mendelssohn, and Schoenfeld, promising a remarkable musical experience you won't want to miss!

Thank you for your support! Together we are bringing chamber music alive in greater North Tahoe!

Please continue to support Tahoe Music Alive!  
Bring your friends and family.



## Master Class by Rafael Aguirre on Jun 11

An interactive session with the Master.

How it works:

- Selected guitarists perform a piece in front of Mr. Aguirre
- The master provides feedback, including suggestions for improvement
- The guitarist performs the piece again, incorporating the feedback

Who attends:

- Guitatists - intermediate or advanced
- Spectators, including other music students, faculty, and musicians

In a **masterclass** situation, the artist will address the performer as well as the attendees, with comments that involve and inform everyone present.

Guitarists: If you are interested in playing for Mr. Aguirre or attending the master class, please send inquiry to: [tahomusicalive@gmail.com](mailto:tahomusicalive@gmail.com).

Listen to [this interview](#) with Rafael.

## TMA Board Plans for the Future

Now in our third series, the Tahoe Music Alive Board of Directors has completed in-depth planning for the future.

Our mission is **to inspire, educate and celebrate musical excellence in greater North Tahoe.**

Our **goals** for the coming years - in addition to extraordinary performances - include:

- Recognition in greater North Tahoe for leadership in providing classical chamber music and jazz concerts.

- Offering inspiration to adults and youth for appreciation and proficiency in classical chamber music and jazz.
- Achieving a sustainable operations model.

Thank you for your participation in Tahoe Music Alive's quest to create a sustainable impact in North Tahoe.



### Join Friends of Tahoe Music Alive

Whether it's a greeting at the door, finding your reservation, or hosting the refreshments at intermission, Friends and Volunteers serve as TMA ambassadors to keep things flowing.

We love Friends of Tahoe Music Alive!  
 You, too, can be a part of this community. We're soliciting and accepting new Friends, Volunteers and Board Members. **Let us know** you'd like to help.

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### Thanks to 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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