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Series subscriptions provide four exceptional listening experiences. Youth welcome.

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[The Catalyst Quartet](#) April 27, 2-4 PM



Tango, Gumboots and Clarinet!

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

Karla Donehew Perez, violin
 Abi Fayette, violin
 Paul Laraia, viola
 Karlos Rodriguez, cello
 with guest artist, TODD PALMER, clarinet



FOR YOUR LISTENING PLEASURE: In the 2025 Series, Tahoe Music Alive is pleased to introduce program notes by the well-known music commentator, Chris Morrison.

READ how Piazzolla revolutionized the "nuevo tango," behind-the-scenes on Coleridge-Taylor, and the backstory on "Gumboots."

Or **LISTEN** here.

Reserve Your Seats. Come with friends and family.

This program highlights each musician's virtuosity as well as the ensemble's precision and expression, including the following superb listening experiences.

Suite del Angel, ASTOR PIAZZOLLA

Introduction (arr. Catalyst Quartet)
Milonga
Muerte del Angel
Resurrection

Clarinet Quintet in f-sharp minor, Op. 10, SAMUEL COLERIDGE-TAYLOR

Allegro
Larghetto affettuoso
Scherzo: Allegro leggiero
Allegro agitato – Un poco più moderato – Vivace

Gumboots, DAVID BRUCE

Part One
Dance I
Dance II
Dance III
Dance IV
Dance V

The 2025 TMA Chamber Music Series - NOW!

2025 Series Tickets are on sale until April 27

Mark your calendar for these Tahoe Music Alive chamber music concerts.
Purchase tickets for all FOUR chamber music concerts in the 2025 Series to ensure seating in these limited-capacity venues - and save money. *Discounts for youth.*

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

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

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

October 10: **Yamazalde Trio** - Violin, Cello, Piano

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

Please continue to support Tahoe Music Alive!
Bring your friends and family.
Stay tuned for the 2025 JAZZ events.

Tap the Wisdom of Leaders



Master Class with Rafael Aguirre on Jun 11 - save the date.

That's what happens in a master class. It's an interactive session with the Master.

How it works:

- Guitarists perform a piece in front of Mr. Aguirre (2 spaces remain)
- The master provides feedback, including suggestions for improvement
- The guitarist performs the piece again, incorporating the feedback

Who attends:

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

In this Truckee **masterclass**, the Rafael will address each performer, as well as the attendees, with comments that inform and inspire everyone present.

Guitarists: If you are interested in playing for Mr. Aguirre or attending the Truckee master class, please send inquiry to: tahoemusicalive@gmail.com.

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

TMA's Outreach Continues . . . Thank you!

Thank you, Friends! Thank you, Frederick!

Friends of Tahoe Music Alive gathered for Tahoe Music Alive's first Salon Concert. Contributions will support two of Tahoe Music Alive's 2025 educational outreach activities. After their April 27 concert, the Catalyst Quartet will play at North Tahoe High School, Todd Palmer will play at Alder Creek Middle School, and in October, the Yamazalde Trio will play at a local school.

Frederick Chen, an 11-year-old piano prodigy, performed a benefit concert for Friends of Tahoe Music Alive.

An elite athlete and ski racer on the **Palisades ski** team, and prize winner at the recent Takamatsu International Concert Competition, Frederick performed pieces by Bach, Schubert, Mozart, Beethoven, and Chopin in support of Tahoe Music Alive's outreach objectives.

Little bird Music founder, Alice Cotter, and Alder Creek Middle School Music Director, Natalia Tomasello, spoke about the impact of TMA's 2024 outreach activities on their young musicians.

It was especially fun to have Ella Nishimori and Grant Supan, pianists in Tim Woolsey's master class November 2024, volunteering at the event, in addition to Nancy Himmelstein and Heidi Doyle.



Perspectives from Tahoe Music Alive



David W. Nelson, Advisor

Unlike its counterpart in Europe, classical music in the United States is often missing from the public school curricula, especially in rural America. It is for these very reasons that organizations like Tahoe Music Alive are essential in bringing world class classical music to communities in the Lake Tahoe area and local schools. Indeed, without TMA the transformative power of classical music would be relegated to larger population centers.

David Nelson earned a Ph.D. in music theory/composition ('79) from the University of California at Santa Barbara. As a

professor at Cerritos College in the Los Angeles area for over twenty-five years, he taught music theory, music history, composition, violin, piano, guitar, recording arts, and computer-generated music.

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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Olympic Valley

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