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Rafael Aguirre Solo Concert and Master Class



A rare concert opportunity - June 10 - [get tickets soon.](#)

This is a very rare opportunity to hear classical guitarist Rafael Aguirre in solo concert.

Rafael Aguirre is one of the most sought-after guitarists at an international level, having received 13 top First Prizes for his instrument such as the Tárrega Competition and also obtaining important awards in all instrumental categories such as the Pro Musicis in New

York. He was named Associate of the Royal Academy of Music in London (ARAM), in recognition of his international career and he received the National Award “Cultura Viva” in Madrid. He has performed in 46 countries. He comes to North Tahoe in June.

Rafael Aguirre's program includes:

Grande ouverture.....M.Giuliani
Chaconne BWV 1004....J.S.Bach
Barcarolla veneziana.....F.Mendelssohn Bartholdy
Danza.....T.Múgica
La Catedral.....A. Barrios
Prelude "Raindrop"F.Chopin.
Reflejo de Luna (Granaína)
Guajiras de Lucía.....P.de Lucía
Passeio no Rio.....L.Bonfá
Alma llanera.....P. Elías Gutiérrez
Granada.....A.Lara

Reserve Your Seats. Come with friends and family.

And even rarer - a master class - Jun 11 - save the date.

A master class is an interactive session with the Master.

How it works:

- Guitarist performs a piece for Mr. Aguirre (4 performers total)
- The master provides feedback, including suggestions for improvement
- The guitarist performs the piece again, incorporating the feedback

Who attends (space is limited):

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

In this Truckee **master class**, 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, please send inquiry to: tahoemusicalive@gmail.com. Reserve a seat at the master class [HERE](#).

Summer Jazz Concert, August 17



Bill Charlap and Renee Rosnes, jazz pianos

One of the finest and most empathetic piano duos in jazz history. Grammy-award-winning jazz pianists, Bill Charlap and Renee Rosnes, will perform a sparkling set of four-hand piano duets - on two grand pianos. Their performance will traverse many of the couple's musical touchstones in jazz. Their music flows with the casual and organic quality of musicians with an uncommon simpatico, in life as well as in art.

Each was featured recently in *Downbeat* magazine. During The Jazz Cruise 2025 sailing in February, Renee Rosnes & Bill Charlap were both inducted into the Jazz Cruise Hall of Fame, by co-hosts Emmet Cohen and Christian McBride.

Tickets [now available](#).

Tahoe heard Tango, Clarinet, and Gumboots!



After a mesmerizing performance of their arrangement of Piazzolla's *Milonga del Angel*, the Grammy Award-winning Catalyst Quartet featured clarinetist Todd Palmer in Samuel Coleridge-Taylor's *Clarinet Quintet in f-sharp minor* and David Bruce's rollicking *GUMBOOTS*. The audience responded with two enthusiastic standing ovations and overflowing joy!

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

Continue the Listening Experience

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.

Enjoy Chris Morrison's interviews with Catalyst Quartet musicians, Abi Fayette and Karla Donehew Perez, [HERE](#).

Learn about Todd Palmer's adventures as a clarinetist [HERE](#).

The 2025 TMA Series Continues!

Mark your calendar for these Tahoe Music Alive chamber music concerts.
Purchase tickets to ensure seating in these limited-capacity venues.

June 10: **Rafael Aguirre** - From Spain - Classical Solo Guitar
Generously underwritten by William A. Douglass

August 17, **Bill Charlap and Renee Rosnes** - jazz piano

Supported by NTCA-TBID grant

Granlibakken Resort, 7-9PM

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

Supported by NTCA-TBID grant

In collaboration with Arts for the Schools

Fox Cultural Hall, Kings Beach, CA, 4-6PM

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

Olympic Valley Chapel, Olympic Valley, CA, 4-6PM

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.

TMA's Outreach at North Tahoe Middle School

Thank you, Lena Meyer and Todd Holway, music directors of North Tahoe Middle and High School, respectively, for welcoming the Catalyst Quartet (Abi, Karla, Paul, Karlos) and Todd Palmer for an in-school performance. The Q&A sessions that were interspersed with the music delved into the musicians' early instruction, alternative instruments, and practice time.



Perspectives from Tahoe Music Alive



Eric Smith, Advisor

Sunday's performance was an amazing kickoff to the new season of Tahoe Music Alive events. The Catalyst Quartet and Todd Palmer enthralled regular concert goers, newbies and even a former and current mayor of Truckee! Kudos all around!

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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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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