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Texas Gypsies Play Holiday Music Program

On Sunday December 4, 2011, The Placitas Artists Series will present the Texas Gypsies as the fourth concert in the celebration of their 25th Anniversary Season. The Texas Gypsies are: Steve Curry-guitar, vocals; John Hewitt-bass, vocals; Mike Sizer-clarinet/sax; Gordon Mcleod-violin; and Andrew Griffith-drums. They will play a Holiday Music Program.

The Texas Gypsies are an award winning band with a unique and eclectic style and sound all their own. Able to mix violin, winds, guitars, and drums, their music is a mix and influence of: Classic Big Band Swing music, Gypsy Jazz, New Orleans, Pop Classics, Western Swing, Rockabilly and more.

The Texas Gypsies have been together for 7 years and in that time they have won several awards, been featured in many newspapers and magazines, performed live on TV many times and have made 2 commercials for Fox TV. They have performed at hundreds of public and private events from headlining concerts to street festivals to corporate events and weddings. They were chosen to represent Texas as an official TCA Touring Roster act twice from 2008-2011 — This music makes you feel alive! The Texas Gypsies perform almost 150 shows a year from regional to international.

The Texas Gypsies have recently been accepted into three prestigious arts programs — the National Endowment for the Arts American Masterpieces touring program, the Mid-America Arts Alliance, and the Touring Artist Program of the Texas Commission on the Arts. Some other honors are:

- Their original song "Maxwell Swing" was used in the movie "The Smell of Success" (starring Billy Bob Thornton and Tea Leoni)
- Featured in Downbeat Magazine of December, 2009
- Named "Best Western Swing Group" by the Academy of Western Artists
- Named "Best Band 2010" by Wedding Wire
- The Texas Gypsies Theme Song included in "Texas Music Project/Don't Mess With Texas, Vol. 3" CD

For a more complete description of the concert and the musicians, please refer to this link:
www.PlacitasArtistsSeries.org/decemberc.html .

The concert is generously sponsored by Claudia Moraga.

Preceding the concert, a reception will be held for December exhibiting visual artists Barbara Belknap, Diana Martin, Susan Reid, Laura Robbins, and Judith Roderick.

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The concert will take place at 3:00 PM on December 4, 2011, at Las Placitas Presbyterian Church; the artists' reception begins at 2:00. Tickets for the concert will be available at the door one hour before the concert, or may be purchased in advance at La Bonne Vie Salon and Day Spa in Homestead Village Shopping Center in Placitas, Ah! Capelli Salon & Color Studio in Enchanted Hills Plaza, Rio Rancho or on-line at www.PlacitasArtistsSeries.org. Prices are \$20 in advance. At the door prices are General Admission: \$20 and Students: \$15.

This project is made possible in part by New Mexico Arts, a division of the Department of Cultural Affairs, and the National Endowment for the Arts. The facility is completely accessible, and free child care is provided for families with children under six. Las Placitas Presbyterian Church is located six miles east of I-25 on NM 165 (Exit 242.) For more information call 867-8080 or visit www.PlacitasArtistsSeries.org.

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