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## **Jason Vieaux, Guitar**

On Sunday, February 12, 2012, the Placitas Artists Series will present Jason Vieaux, guitar, as the sixth concert in its Silver Anniversary Season. Mr. Vieaux is considered one of the “youngest stars of the guitar world” (New York Times, 2010). He is a musician regularly noted for his engaging and virtuosic live performances, imaginative programming, and uncommon communicative gifts. Recent concert highlights include recitals for Lincoln Center and 92nd St. Y in New York, Dumbarton Oaks Series in Washington DC, a return to the Music@Menlo festival, a debut with the Charlotte Symphony, and recitals for Spivey Hall and Indiana University. Vieaux's upcoming concerto performances include works of Rodrigo, Villa-Lobos, Piazzolla and Roberto Sierra for the Chautauqua Music Festival, the symphonies of Mexico City, Ft. Worth, Grand Rapids, Illinois, Williamsburg, Reading, and Dubuque, as well as Boston's A Far Cry Chamber Orchestra. His current chamber music collaborations with the Escher Quartet, flutist Gary Schocker, and bandoneon/accordion virtuoso Julien Labro continue to display Vieaux's extensive range of musical interests. As one of the “leading guitarists of his generation” (Absolute Sound, 2009), Jason Vieaux has established a lasting connection with his audiences, as evidenced by numerous return invitations in 2010-2011 to series in Toronto, Cleveland, Michigan and North Carolina. In October, Mr. Vieaux received a 2010 Salon De Virtuosi Career Grant and performed with mezzo-soprano Sasha Cooke at the Kennedy Center.

Mr. Vieaux is a frequent guest with orchestras across the United States. He has performed as concerto soloist with, among many others, the Cleveland Orchestra, Ft. Worth Symphony, San Diego Symphony, the Florida Orchestra, the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, Orchestra 2001, IRIS Chamber Orchestra, and the Auckland Philharmonia in New Zealand, while working with such renowned conductors as Miguel Harth-Bedoya, David Robertson, Michael Stern, Jahja Ling, Stefan Sanderling and Alasdair Neale. Vieaux's triumphant programs and collaborations for Music@Menlo, Strings Music Festival, Grand Teton, Jupiter Chamber Players, and others, have forged his reputation as a first-rate chamber musician. As a passionate advocate of new music, Vieaux has premiered new pieces by Jerod Impichchaachaaha' Tate, José Luis Merlin, Eric Sessler, Arthur Hernandez, Gary Schocker, Fazil Say, and he frequently plays works by Mario Davidovsky, Roberto Sierra, and John Corigliano. Jason Vieaux appears by arrangement with JonathanWentworth Assoc. Ltd. [www.jwentworth.com](http://www.jwentworth.com).

For a more complete description of the concert and the musician, please refer to this link: [www.PlacitasArtistsSeries.org/februaryc.html](http://www.PlacitasArtistsSeries.org/februaryc.html).

The concert is generously sponsored by **Sally and Jack Curro**.

Preceding the concert, a reception will be held for February exhibiting visual artists Marjie Bassler, acrylic & mixed media; Ilena Grayson, acrylic on textured board; Katherine Irish Henry, pastel; and Karl & Mary Hofmann, pottery.

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The concert will take place at 3:00 pm on February 12, 2012, 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 The Merc Grocery Store in Homestead Village in Placitas, Ah! Capelli Salon & Color Studio in Enchanted Hills Plaza, Rio Rancho, or on-line at [www.PlacitasArtistsSeries.org](http://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](http://www.PlacitasArtistsSeries.org).

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