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Willy Sucre & Friends Play String Quartets

On Sunday, January 22, the Placitas Artists Series will present the fifth concert of its Silver Anniversary Season. Willy Sucre & Friends - Krzysztof Zimowski & Julianie Collier Lee, violins; Joan Zucker, cello; and Willy Sucre, viola will be playing String Quartets. The program should include John Bullock's – Silver Anniversary Overture or Pomp and Circumstances Beyond My Control; Mikhail Glinka's - String Quartet in F; and Ludwig van Beethoven's - String Quartet No. 6 Op. 18.

Violinist Krzysztof Zimowski was the Concertmaster and featured soloist of the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra for more than a decade. Born in Wroclaw, Poland, he began his musical studies at the age of six. In 1977, Zimowski received his Master's Degree with honors from the Academy of Music in Wroclaw. After participating in the 1978 Carl Flesch International Violin Competition, he continued his studies at the Morley College of Music in London. Having been Concertmaster of the State Opera Orchestra in Wroclaw, Zimowski joined the Mexico City Philharmonic Orchestra in 1981. In 1985, he was appointed Concertmaster of this orchestra which toured Europe, South America, and the U. S. He moved to New Mexico in 1986 to help form the Helios String Quartet, the ensemble-in-residence of Placitas Artists Series from 1987 until 1997. Zimowski lives in Albuquerque with wife, Urzula, also a musician, and their son.

Violinist Julianie Collier Lee began playing at the age of five in Lexington, Kentucky. She attended Converse College in Spartanburg, South Carolina, and received a B. A. in Music from the University of Cincinnati. Lee is a registered teacher with the Suzuki Association of the America; she has taught and played in various orchestras and summer festivals across the country. Formerly a member of the Epcot Center All-American College Orchestra in Orlando, Florida, she also spent three summers as a member of the National Repertory Orchestra touring with them in Korea, Japan, and Taiwan. Lee moved to Albuquerque in 1989 and joined the New Mexico Symphony Orchestra and the Chamber Orchestra of Albuquerque. She is a founding member of the New Life Symphony Orchestra Southwest. Lee and her husband, Jae, serve as co-presidents of the Albuquerque Youth Symphony Parent Association.

Cellist Joan Zucker, the former New Mexico Symphony Orchestra's Principal Cellist, is a native New Yorker who holds music degrees from Bennington and Ithaca Colleges. She was first heard by New Mexicans in the mid-seventies, as jazz cellist with the Johnny Gilbert Quartet and Principal Cellist of the Orchestra of Santa Fe. Since then she has performed in many of New Mexico's ensembles from the Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival and Opera, to Willy Sucre and Friends, and the Santa Fe Chorale. She has performed with numerous chamber groups, orchestras, and festivals in the United States and in Venezuela, her home for four years. A versatile musician, she has taught extensively (cello, recorder, voice, orchestra, chamber music, theory, composition and improvisation), both privately and at various institutions including UC Santa Cruz, Ithaca College, and University of New Mexico. Zucker plays a Benjamin Banks cello made in Salisbury, England in 1788.

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

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Preceding the concert, a reception will be held for January exhibiting visual artists Sonya Coppo, Patricia Gould, Sarah Hartshorne, and Dana Patterson Roth.

For more information concerning ticket sales, times and location, please see page 2

The concert will take place at 3:00 PM on January 22, 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 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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