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Willy Sucre and Friends Play Piano Quartets

On Sunday, March 25th, 2012, the Placitas Artists Series will present **Willy Sucre and Friends Playing Piano Quartets** with Krzysztof Zimowski - violin; Willy Sucre – viola; James Holland - cello; and Deborah Wagner - piano

The program could contain Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's *Piano Quartet in G minor, K 478*, Frank Bridge's "*Fantasy*" for violin, viola, cello, and piano in *F sharp minor*, and Robert Schumann's *Piano Quartet in E flat Major, Op. 47*.

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 his wife, Urzula, also a musician, and their son.

Cellist James Holland began cello studies at the age of nine in his hometown of Pensacola, Florida. He earned a Bachelor of Music Degree in Cello Performance from the University of Alabama and a Master of Music Degree from the Eastman School of Music. Upon completion of his Master's Degree, Holland was invited to become a member of the Miami-based New World Symphony, where for two years he performed, toured, and recorded under the baton of Michael Tilson Thomas. In 1996, he successfully auditioned to become Principal Cellist for the Charleston Symphony Orchestra and cellist for the Charleston Symphony String Quartet, a position he held until 2007. For many years he has been an active, enthusiastic cello teacher and chamber music coach. He lives in Albuquerque with his wife, violinist Megan Holland.

Pianist Deborah Wagner is a native of Las Vegas, Nevada. She completed her Doctorate of Musical Arts in Piano Performance at Arizona State University. Dr. Wagner has earned degrees from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and Northwestern University. Since moving to Santa Fe in 2006, she has performed with Santa Fe New Music, the Santa Fe Symphony, and the Santa Fe Desert Chorale. In addition to teaching and playing, she regularly works with singers and instrumentalists in the Santa Fe area and has toured with soloists and choirs throughout the country.

The concert is generously sponsored by **Joan Jander** and **Simon Shima**.

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

Preceding the concert, a reception will be held for March exhibiting visual artist David Cramer's Photography Retrospective.

The concert will take place at 3:00 pm on March 25, 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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