

Center Stage Strings music camp returns to 3R



The rise of Three Rivers in the universe of classical music continues this June when Center Stage Strings returns for its third annual prodigy strings camp and chamber music festival.

This year's camp begins June 17 and runs through July 1, hosting students and faculty who hail from both coasts and from places as distant as Bulgaria and Taiwan.

Notable faculty members include David Requiro, winner of the prestigious Naumberg Prize

for cello; Sarah Sutton, who studied for years with legendary violinist Yehudi Menuhin; chamber music expert Diego Miralles; Jennie Jung, whose excellence as a collaborative pianist and sometime soloist has already worked her considerable talent and charm on Three Rivers; and, of course, Sphinx Competition winner and founder of Center Stage Strings Danielle Belen.

Also returning is internationally recognized master violin teacher Robert Lipsett. Professor Lipsett holds the coveted Jascha Heifetz Distinguished Violin Chair at the Colburn School of the Performing Arts and has been honored with the Distinguished Teachers Award from the White

House Commission for Presidential Scholars. His former students read like a Who's Who of major orchestra concertmasters and acclaimed soloists.


For the last two years, the student music camp has been accompanied by a high-powered festival of chamber music and virtuoso solo performances. That fine tradition continues with two faculty and one faculty/student concerts given in the evening, plus two Brown Bag Lunch concerts and a violin master class with free admission.

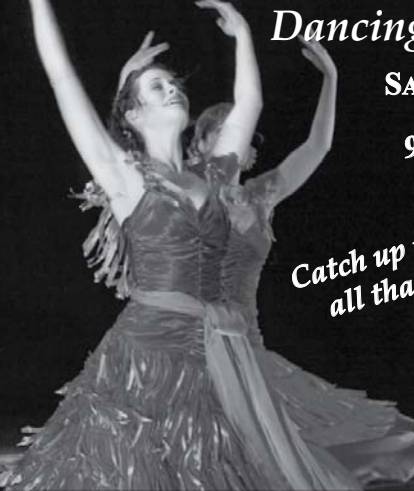
This year, CSS has made an effort to reduce the temperature in the church during concerts. Screens will be mounted on the outside of the building to prevent sunlight from beaming into the hall. Three portable air conditioners have been rented, totaling over 50,000 BTUs of cooling power. And all concerts will start an hour later, at 8 p.m.

For a complete concert schedule and more information, visit www.centerstagestrings.com. Tickets for the four evening concerts are \$12 each or \$40 for the Series and are available online or from Chumps DVDs.

Wedding Bells

Jaclyn Weeks and Carl Tuttle Jr., both of Exeter, announce their engagement. Jaclyn is the daughter of Dennis and Barbara Weeks of Woodlake. Carl is the son of Carl Sr. and Brenda Tuttle of Exeter. A May 2013 wedding is planned.





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Neighbor Profile



IRENE BARBA

FAMILY: "I came back to California in October 2000. I started building a home in Three Rivers in 2001 and was able to move in before the year was over. I have a daughter, Becky Griswold, and my son, Lyell Griswold, both in college."

OCCUPATION: Irene is an Education Specialist with the Tulare County Office of Education and works with students with intellectual disabilities. "I have been a teacher since 1991. My first year teaching was as a fifth-grade teacher in Maui. My former husband Steve Griswold worked with the National Park Service and via his mobility I ended up certifying in five states as we moved from Haleakala National Park on Maui to Big Bend NP in Texas, Rocky Mountain NP in Colorado, and then on to Olympic NP in Washington. I started working with children with intellectual disabilities while in Big Bend on a generic special education certification. I then enrolled in a Master's Program in Special Education: Severe Cognitive Needs at the University of Northern Colorado while working as a teacher for a Resource II classroom at Estes Park Elementary School. I have been working with students with intellectual disabilities since 1997."

FAVORITE FOOD: "On my visits home to see Mom over the years and prior to her passing, it seems I was always asking for her to make 'chorizo with papas.' That would be my comfort food, and every once in awhile I'll indulge."

FAVORITE MOVIE: "Several come to mind: My first ever movie at the Fox Theater in Visalia, *Swiss Family Robinson*; two with Robert Duvall, *Second Hand Lions* and *Lonesome Dove*; and the only one I ever went back to see more than a couple times at a theater was *Avatar*."

FAVORITE BOOK/AUTHOR: "My all-time favorites are Cormac McCarthy's *All the Pretty Horses*, Wally Lamb's *She's Come Undone*, Celeste DeBlasis's *Proud Breed*, and Michelle Magorian's *Good Night, Mr. Tom*."

HOBBIES / FAVORITE PASTIMES: "My absolute passion is telemark skiing. I love the bumps and can be found on winter weekends under chair two at China Peak. I wish management would leave more of the terrain bumped up and then I would venture away to other runs. Another favorite, and a lot closer to home on a fresh powder day, is to go up to Giant Forest and do Trail of the Sequoias."

GOALS: "A primary goal is to get a pep squad back at Woodlake High School. I am presently volunteering as stipends, budgets, and an official position are re-established with the district. Longer term goals would include staying fit, being fiscally responsible, and to be blessed with the gift of time to enjoy my children and when they see fit, their children."

HERO / MOST INFLUENTIAL PERSON: "Although I greatly appreciate the hard work, love, and determination shown by both of my parents to raise us well, a greater influence on my journey has been my brother