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**Central Library Celebrates the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Concert Series**

**SAN DIEGO** – The San Diego Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacob Common is pleased to announce the schedule for the Fall 2015 Concert Series and celebrates 60 years of free, live performances of chamber music to the public. The concerts began in the mid-1950s, shortly after the opening of the “new” Central Library at 820 E Street. Decades later, the Series has continued with numerous concerts each season highlighting talented musicians throughout San Diego and Southern California as well as guest artists from around the world.

The Fall 2015 Concert Series will include additional performances, award-winning musicians and ensembles, and a new “opening weekend” format. The Villa Musica Summer Orchestra will kick off the Series with an evening performance on Friday, September 11, 2015 at 8 p.m. in the Shiley Special Events Suite. This full-orchestra performance will include works by Beethoven, Mendelssohn, and John Williams. Opening weekend will continue with a performance by the Ian Tordella Group on Sunday September 13 at 2:30 p.m. in the Neil Morgan Auditorium, featuring jazz standards and original works performed by some of San Diego’s top jazz musicians.

The Series will also feature performances by two highly acclaimed pianists. Virtuoso Jessie Chang returns, this time with the award-winning Formosa Quartet, on October 25. This performance, presented by the San Diego Library Foundation, San Diego Central Library, and the Friends of the Central Library, will include works by Mozart and Brahms. Seating will be limited for this event, please RSVP at <http://bit.ly/1Mg2IuZ>. On November 22, the Library welcomes San Diego native and internationally renowned pianist Gustavo Romero, who will make his new Central Library debut.

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Saxophonist Matthew Ennis returns on November 15 with original arrangements and compositions, and flutist Lori Bell will perform American standards, original works, and more with pianist Mikan Zlatkovich on October 4. Talented local ensembles MandoBasso (October 11) and Duetto (September 20) also make their new Central Library debuts, and the Series welcomes the return of *Opera Exposed*, a partnership with the San Diego Opera, which will feature local young and talented vocalists singing opera and Broadway highlights. The Series will conclude with a holiday music performance for the whole family by The Pacific Coast Chorale on December 13.

Please see the schedule below for more details on the Fall 2015 season.

### **2015 Fall Concert Series Schedule**

*All concerts are held on Sundays at 2:30 p.m. in the  
Neil Morgan Auditorium, unless otherwise noted  
(Programs and artists are subject to change)*

- September 11**  
8:00 p.m.      **Villa Musica Summer Orchestra**  
*Shiley Special Events Suite, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor*  
Join us for the first concert of the season and our “opening weekend!”  
The Villa Musica Summer Orchestra’s performance will feature:  
Beethoven- Overture to Fidelio, Op.72  
Mendelssohn- Symphony No. 4 in A major, Op.90, "Italian"  
John Williams- Suite from Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone
- September 13      **The Ian Tordella Group**  
Ian Tordella (saxophone), Bobby Cressey (organ), Joey Carano (guitar),  
Curtis Taylor (trumpet), Charles Weller (drums)  
Top San Diego jazz performers will perform original works and jazz standards
- September 20      **Duetto**  
Bernardo Bermudez (baritone), Victoria Robertson (soprano),  
with Vernon Snyder (piano)  
Featuring musical theatre and operatic duets
- October 4      **Lori Bell (flute) and Mikan Zlatkovich (piano)**  
Featuring American songbook standards, originals, and Brazilian compositions
- October 11      **MandoBasso**  
Gunnar Biggs (bass), Bill Bradbury (mandolin)  
New compositions and arrangements of traditional music, classical music, jazz,  
and ragtime.

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- October 18                   **Opera Exposed! hosted by Nicolas Reveles**  
Opera Exposed! singers return to the Central Library with a program of arias and ensembles by composers Handel, Mozart, Puccini, Bizet, Gershwin, and more.
- October 25\*                   **Jessie and Friends**  
Jessie Chang (piano) with Jasmine Lin (violin), Wayne Lee (violin), Che-Yen Chen (viola), Ru-Pei Yeh (cello)  
Acclaimed pianist Jessie Chang joins the award-winning Formosa Quartet for a special event presented by the San Diego Library Foundation, San Diego Public Library, and the Friends of the Central Library. Ms. Chang and the Formosa Quartet will perform works by Mozart and Brahms. This performance will include a short intermission.  
\* *Seating is limited, please RSVP at <http://bit.ly/1Mg2luZ>*
- November 15               **Matthew Ennis (saxophone)**  
Mr. Ennis returns with a concert of original, contemporary, and classical pieces that showcase the full range of the saxophone.
- November 22               **Gustavo Romero (piano)**  
Dallas-based San Diego native and internationally renowned pianist makes his Central Library debut.
- December 13               **Pacific Coast Chorale**  
Directed by Jim Tompkins-MacLaine  
*Shiley Special Events Suite, 9<sup>th</sup> floor*  
Fall Series finale. A performance of holiday music for the whole family!  
This performance will include an intermission.

The Concert Series is made possible by the Friends of the Central Library, the San Diego Public Library matching fund program, the San Diego Library Foundation, and public and private donations. All programs are FREE and open to the public. Most Concert Series programs are approximately one hour long with no intermission and, unless otherwise noted, are held at 2:30 p.m. in the Neil Morgan Auditorium at the Central Library, 330 Park Blvd., downtown in East Village, San Diego. For more information, call the Central Library's Art, Music and Recreation Section at 619-236-5800 or visit the Library's website at [www.sandiegolibrary.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org).

Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library's Central Library and 35 branch libraries, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's online catalog at [www.sandiegolibrary.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org).

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