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Calendar Item

“Forever Christmas.” Grammy-Nominated Virtuoso David Lanz and special guest vocalist Kristin Amarie. Beloved “Cristofori’s Dream” pianist returns to the Firehouse with a very special Holiday Concert on Friday, December 12, 8:00 p.m. Contemporary instrumental legend whose deeply-felt compositions helped forge the New Age music movement. An evening of transcendent music with the Maestro. Reserved seating tickets are \$18-\$28. Tickets available at www.firehousearts.org, 925-931-4848, or at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton.

Press Release

Forever Christmas featuring Grammy-Nominated Virtuoso David Lanz Beloved “Cristofori’s Dream” Pianist with Special Guest Vocalist Kristin Amarie

Pleasanton, Calif. Grammy nominated pianist David Lanz has enthralled music lovers around the world for decades with his engaging playing style and original compositions. Always a sell-out, Lanz returns to the Firehouse Arts Center this season with a very special Holiday Concert titled “Forever Christmas,” featuring his beloved classics such as ‘A Whiter Shade of Pale,’ ‘Cristofori’s Dream,’ and ‘Dark Horse,’ plus wonderful newly composed and arranged pieces especially for the holidays.

Concert: Friday, December 12, 8:00 p.m. Reserved seating tickets are \$18-\$28. Tickets can be purchased online at www.firehousearts.org, by calling 925-931-4848, and in person at the Firehouse Arts Center Box Office, 4444 Railroad Avenue, Pleasanton. Box Office hours are

Wednesday - Friday 12:00 noon-6:00pm and Saturdays 10:00am-4:00pm, and 2 hours prior to performances.

Joining Lanz for this special holiday concert is the angelic-voiced Kristin Amarie, for whom he has composed a number of works. He calls her “my muse,” and notes her voice is the perfect vehicle for his music.

David Lanz is of course a contemporary instrumental legend, whose deeply-felt compositions helped forge the New Age music movement. With a unique impressionistic style emulated by countless pianists, his compositions and arrangements are studied and performed by students everywhere.

Journalists have tried to define his style, calling it classical crossover, contemporary instrumental, and adult alternative. But Lanz has his own favorite tongue-in-cheek catchphrase that suits his sound perfectly: “heavy mellow.” His music defines heart, soul, guts, splendor, musicality, humanity, meaning, depth and all the other things that really matter. Through his music Lanz connects intimately with his audiences like an old friend, which is what he has become to so many around the globe.

Lanz’s early musical resume is an eclectic one, including gigs playing rock, funk and even disco. Then came, in his words, the epiphany: “I had been doing yoga and meditating and getting into Eastern philosophy, and slowly I started thinking about how music could help. By the early ’80s I was really into the idea that this kind of music would be an interesting path to take...I’d always had this secret melodic, easy side,” Lanz says.

Lanz’s big commercial breakthrough happened in 1988 with Cristofori’s Dream, which immediately topped the Billboard charts, and stayed there for a remarkable 27 weeks. The album’s title track has never dropped from the airwaves, and the rest is magical music history.

The Firehouse Arts Center hosts David Lanz in one performance only...an evening of transcendent music with the Maestro!

The Firehouse Arts Center is dedicated to inspiring passion through the arts. The center is comprised of the 227-seat Firehouse Theater, the 2000 square foot Harrington Gallery, classrooms and rehearsal space, the grand atrium lobby, and the famous interior glass bridge. With world-class performing and visual arts, exciting interactive programs for all ages, and a state-of-the-art venue which opened in 2010, we combine the sophistication of the culturally rich Bay Area arts landscape with the hospitality and intimacy of our own home town. The Firehouse Arts Center is located at 4444 Railroad Avenue in downtown Pleasanton. Media: Jane Onojafe, jonojafe@cityofpleasantonca.gov, or 925-931-4855

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