

World-class chamber music returns to Shuler

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RATON – Tuesday night's chamber music concert at the Shuler Theater marks the renowned Music from Angel Fire's 30th anniversary season. The all-Schubert program at the Shuler presents a pair of performing ensembles, including the Harlem Quartet. Though tickets to other concerts in the annual three-week series cost \$30, the Raton performance each August is presented free of charge as a gift to the community from the Angel Fire program.

This year's anniversary season features jazz icon Chick Corea as 2013 Composer-in-Residence; Corea will join performances at Angel Fire and Taos. Other concerts are presented in Albuquerque and Las Vegas, New Mexico.

This year's Raton concert is titled "A Sublime Schubert" and features a

performance of Schubert's Quintet in C Major for Strings by the Harlem Quartet, including Ilmar Gavilán and Melissa White playing violins, Jaime Amador playing viola and Matthew Zalkind playing cello. Fred Sherry will join them as guest cellist.

The concert will open with Schubert's Quartet in A Minor for Strings, performed by the Rosamunde String Quartet with Katya Poplyansky and Lifan Zhu on violins, Sung Jin Lee on viola and Summer Hu on cello.

Music from Angel Fire Artistic Director Ida Kavafian says of the program, "The wonderful Shuler Theater is the venue for a concert of all Schubert, arguably one of the most sublime chamber music composers of all time. One of the greatest and most universally loved works, the Cello Quintet, will close the program, featuring the fabulous Harlem Quartet with the superb

veteran guest cellist Fred Sherry.

"The first half of the concert is devoted to one of the finest works for string quartet, the A minor, subtitled 'Rosamunde,' named for the theme in the second movement, which is based on Schubert's music for the play with the same name. Schubert dedicated the quartet to the iconic violinist Ignaz Schuppanzigh, who premiered this work, as well as many of the quartets of Beethoven. Four of our Young Artists who have made a yearlong, in-depth study of the Rosamunde Quartet will perform it and have even named their group after the quartet they so love."

Tuesday night's Music from Angel Fire concert begins at 7:00 p.m. at the Shuler Theater. General admission seating is free on a first-come, first-served basis. Information is available from the Shuler Theater, (575) 445-4746, and at MusicfromAngelFire.org.



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Tuesday night the Shuler Theater will once again present chamber music, featuring two world-renowned performing ensembles – the Harlem Quartet and the Rosamunde String Quartet – in an all-Schubert program. Although most shows cost \$30, the annual Raton concert is presented without charge.



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Raton Middle School teacher Deia Williams (left) raced her green "Dizzy Deere" mud bog truck, then got married to Darren Craig in the arena at the intermission between races. Trinidad's Kathy Howe takes the plunge in her pink SUV named "Poopsie," competing in Saturday's mud bog racing at the Raton rodeo arena.

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