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SAN FRANCISCO PERFORMANCES' 2009-2010 SALON SERIES HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Guitarists, Adler Fellows and a holiday program with Le Jazz Hot featured in after-work concerts at the Hotel Rex

San Francisco, CA – A big hit last season, the Gypsy Swing combo Le Jazz Hot returns with a holiday program based on their CD “Cool Yule” as part of San Francisco Performances 2009-2010 Salons at the Rex Series, which runs October 7 through May 5, 2010.

Rising classical artists, two pairs of San Francisco Opera Adler Fellows and guitar masters complete the line-up for these intimate concerts, which are offered at the clubby Hotel Rex one block from Union Square. Concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. on various Wednesdays, last about an hour, and attendees are welcome to purchase a glass of wine or a cocktail at the hotel bar to bring into the Salon.

Here is the complete lineup:

FALL SALONS

October 7

Katona Twins, guitars

Now based in Liverpool, Peter and Zoltán Katona continue to expand their range, from classical to tango and flamenco music, to their own arrangements of Beatles tunes and “Bohemian Rhapsody.”

November 4

Alek Shrader, tenor and Austin Kness, baritone

These two rising San Francisco Opera Adler Fellows offer a bel-canto evening. Join us for a program of introspective songs and thrilling duets. (Kness replaces mezzo-soprano Daniela Mack, who withdrew due to a major opera engagement in Berlin.)

December 2

Ji Young Yang, soprano and Gerald Thompson, countertenor

Experience the brilliant clarity of the highest voices when these former Adler Fellows present an evening of solos and duets by Handel, Mozart and Monteverdi, also folk songs.

December 16

Le Jazz Hot with special guest vocalist Isabelle Fontaine

Le Jazz Hot ushers in the holiday season with music from their newest CD, *Cool Yule*. The last appearance by these modern interpreters of Gypsy Swing was standing-room only.

SPRING SALONS

January 20, 2010

Cypress String Quartet

Salon favorite Jennifer Kloetzel is the founding cellist of this highly regarded ensemble. Noted for their spirited musicality, the Cypress will perform works by Debussy, Schulhoff and Higdon.

February 24, 2010

Thomas Viloteau, guitar

Having recently completed his studies in San Francisco, this Parisian virtuoso's parting gift will be this elegant Salon evoking both the Old World origins and New World directions of the classical guitar.

March 17, 2010

Real Vocal String Quartet

These classically trained, expert improvisers draw inspiration from sources as diverse as traditional American string-band music, Brazilian folk rhythms and hypnotic meditations from West Africa.

May 5, 2010

Hausmann Quartet

Newly arrived in San Francisco, the Hausmann is eager to make an impression in this chamber music mecca. The young group's musical personality is described as "a rare mixture of power and sensitivity."

Salons at the Rex take place at the Hotel Rex, 562 Sutter Street (at Powell) in San Francisco. Performances begin at 6:30 p.m. on various Wednesdays, and last about one hour. Individual tickets \$20; Fall or Spring Series (four performances) \$72; entire eight-salon Series \$144. Call (415) 398-6449 or visit www.performances.org.

ABOUT SAN FRANCISCO PERFORMANCES

Founded in 1979 by Artistic Director Ruth Felt, San Francisco Performances is the city's pre-eminent presenter of world-renowned and emerging artists in chamber music, vocal and instrumental recitals, jazz and contemporary dance. Through innovative programming, SFP brings audiences and artists together in unique ways, with more than 100 premieres and San Francisco debuts to its credit, including composer/pianist Thomas Adès, cellist Yo-Yo Ma and violinist Anne-Sophie Mutter; and dance companies Batsheva from Israel and Compañía Nacional de Danza from Spain.

