LAAC Opens 2017 Arts Season

by Patrick Neher

Hello and welcome to the 50th year of the Los Alamos Arts Council’s season of presentations and program sponsorships.

Sec Sandoval Chalk Walk
We opened the season with an inspiring sidewalk painting by We Talk Chalk of a canoe floating down a river, with suds and rocks, to kick-off our Sec Sandoval Chalk Walk, July 15, 2017. Held during Science Fest, the LAAC provided chalk and 23 spaces on the sidewalk at Ashley Pond. These spaces quickly became filled with wonderful imagery, created by chalk artists of all ages. For our contest, the winner of 1st place in the adult category was Carla Gachupin from the Jemez Pueblo. In the 8-12yo category, Camyl Santhos was our 1st place winner. There were other “place” prizes in a total of four categories. See more images by following the links on the right hand side of this Newsletter.

Missoula Children’s Theatre Residency
MCT has been providing a children’s theatre residency in Los Alamos for four decades, at least, and this year’s set of rehearsals, workshops, and performance really set the bar high for all future residencies. The talents of 62 children were enjoyed by an audience at Crossroads Bible Church of around 245. The participants in the play Aladdin were simply extraordinary! The directors from MCT were especially impressed with Los Alamos’ kids and said they excitedly look forward to next year’s production and working with the talented Los Alamos students.

Brown Bag Performance Series
The 2017 Brown Bag Performances, held usually on the third Wednesday of every month from September to June, begin Sept. 6th with Bethany Filer, soprano and Nathan Salazar, piano. Then, continue with Jan McDonald on Oct. 4, Brian Newnam and Piano Quartet on Nov. 1, Kathy McIntosh, Kay Newnam, and Patrick Neher on Dec. 6. See the complete and updated schedule online at losalamosartscouncil.org/brown-bag-performances

This season’s schedule of Brown Bag Performances is sure to delight a wide range of audiences. Bring your lunch and enjoy the free concerts. Always free and always at noon at Fuller Lodge.

2017 MCT Residency “Aladdin”
Aladdin was produced by Missoula Children's Theatre and 62 Los Alamos children, August 7 – 12, 2017 at Crossroads Bible Church

Rosalie Heller Annual Memorial Lecture
Dr. Leon Heller has donated start-up capital to create The Rosalie Heller Annual Memorial Lecture Series in Music
Your Arts Council

Introducing Patrick Neher, your New Executive Director

Dear Members,

I am very grateful to have the opportunity to serve Los Alamos in the capacity as the LAAC Executive Director. I’m really excited about what LAAC does and about the new programs and sponsorships we have in the works for this season and future seasons. Having a direct hand in the arts in Los Alamos, is the cap-stone on my 43-year career as a performing artist. My years concertizing around the globe and teaching at university, have given me a perspective that I hope will help inform all arts activity in Los Alamos. At LAAC, I’m fortunate to be in a place where I can realize my aspirations as a facilitator of artistic expression, and where I can assist the careers of artists throughout New Mexico.

Los Alamos is uniquely situated, provides unique perspective, and is uniquely creative. Los Alamos’ residents are well poised to create in both the sciences and the arts. I endeavor to make the Los Alamos Arts Council a major catalyst for all creative activity in the area, crossing disciplines and media. In addition, we endeavor to make membership in our organization truly gratifying for all, with special programs, notifications, and discounts exclusively for members. Please accept our emails (from laarts@rt66.com) and keep your information up to date!

Finally, our 50th year celebrations will begin in the spring of 2018. We hope to acknowledge our past with stories and anecdotes from you, our Members. If you have had an experience, from as far back as 1967 to the present, where the Los Alamos Arts Council “made a difference” for you, your art, and in your appreciation for life and the arts, I hope you will share it with me.

Merger with FLAC Approved

by Patrick Neher & Ken Nebel

The Board of Directors of Los Alamos Arts Council and the staff of The Fuller Lodge Art Center have come to an agreement that a merger of our two organizations would benefit the community of Los Alamos, the County of Los Alamos, the artists that the two organizations support, you – our Members, and of course the two organizations themselves. We are excited that by merging, many creative possibilities will be presented. Both organizations are endlessly grateful for the support we have received from the community. The merger will allow the Art Center to operate as a non-profit, we will collaborate on all programs that the two entities now produce, and we will have more creative brains working on all future’s offerings. Our image (or “brand”) will be consistent and concise, and by merging, artist communities throughout New Mexico will no longer be confused about who is producing what.

The process for the merger will require the assistance of lawyers. We are seeking help from lawyers with corporate experience. We are also seeking members’ comments, throughout the process – which is expected to take about a year. If you wish to comment or would like to suggest a lawyer, please contact us directly at laarts@rt66.com or 505-663-0477.

Again, both Ken and I thank you for your unwavering support for the arts and for innovative arts activities in Los Alamos. More information on the merger will be in future Newsletters.
Photos of the 2017 Sec Sandoval Chalk Walk
Photos of the 2017 Missoula Children’s Theatre Residency
The Rosalie Heller Annual Memorial Lecture in Music

By way of a very generous gift from Dr. Leon Heller, the inaugural Rosalie Heller Annual Memorial Lecture in classical music will be presented in September of 2018. The series will annually present a celebrated classical music musician in a 1.5 hour formal lecture/demonstration. Preceding each lecture, the evening before, will be a dinner-soiree where audience can mingle with the lecturer, get to know the personality behind the lecture, and support the program. We endeavor to model the Rosalie Heller Annual Memorial Lecture series on the popular and sophisticated Oppenheimer Lectures.

Nominations for the inaugural lecturer (open to all professional musicians) will begin immediately and will be accepted until January 2018. After that, a committee will be formed that will identify three people from the nominations. These three names and their CVs will be presented to Dr. Heller for his recommendation. The committee will decide who is to be the inaugural presenter, and it will be announced to the public as soon as March, 2018.

Proposed Event Schedule (dates and program to be established by next Newsletter):

"The First Rosalie Heller Annual Memorial Lecture in Music"
September (9), 2018, 6:00 – 8:00pm, Fuller Lodge: Introductory Dinner and Soiree with Guest Lecturer, scholarship students of music, LAAC Board members, patrons, Lecturer Search Cmt., Honored Guests.
$50 (catered by Blue Window or other)

September (10), 2018, 7:30pm – 9:00pm, Fuller Lodge, No Admission Charge (free to all):

Our Guest Music Professional, Dr. [name], will present a lecture and multimedia demonstration on his/her research into/on the subject of (a classical music composer, performer, researcher, specific time in music history, etc.) for one and ½ hours. This energetic presentation will not only be innovative education, but will be exciting entertainment as well. The lecturer’s books and/or CDs will be available for sale to the audience.

Dear Members,

Many of you knew Rosalie Heller. She was one of the founders of the Los Alamos Arts Council. She was a staunch supporter of the arts and arts education, and gave numerous years of her time to LAAC. Please share your experiences with/about Rosalie and any comments and/or recommendations you may have regarding this new lecture series: please email to me at: laarts@rt66.com

We hope to make this series exciting and popular. I hope you will support its mission to bring truly professional music lectures to Los Alamos that will not only entertain and engage the community, but will also be a wonderful social and educational event for all ages.

~ Patrick Neher
### LAAC Schedule of Events, Sept, 2017 – June, 2018

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<td>6:00pm – 9:00pm, FREE. Fuller Lodge and the Arts District. Pick up a program card from the Lodge, then walk to venues within the Arts District for performances, exhibitions, poetry and dance performances. The evening is a cooperative project of numerous organizations throughout Los Alamos and within the Arts District. The Evening of Arts and Culture is to encourage awareness of the National Month of Arts and Culture.</td>
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<td><strong>Scarecrow Contest</strong></td>
<td>To celebrate October and the fall, Los Alamos Arts Council sponsors a scarecrow contest (October 21 – 29 - <a href="#">click here for application</a>) and a pumpkin carving and glow (afternoon and evening of October 28)</td>
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<td>Annual fair at the middle school, featuring numerous artists presenting their original fine art work for sale.</td>
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<td><strong>Coffeehouse Concert Series</strong></td>
<td>Organized by Kay Newnam and Patrick Neher, this series has been on hiatus for a couple of seasons. It will return with extraordinary musicians performing well-loved repertory. The first concert is poised for the winter or early spring</td>
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<td><strong>Tom Robak Piano Recital</strong></td>
<td>April 12, 2018, 7:00pm, Fuller Lodge. Gen Adm $15/$10 student up to 18 years old. Members: $10/$5. Classical piano recital</td>
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<td>Only the most celebrated lecturers in music will present annually in honor of and in memorial to Rosalie Heller. Sponsored by Dr. Leon Heller</td>
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Please make your check out to “Los Alamos Arts Council”
Your support makes arts events happen in Los Alamos. Without YOUR Membership, we really struggle to make available such programs as the Brown Bag concerts, Missoula Children’s Theatre, Senior Recitals, the Chalk Walk, and more. Please contribute time and money. We gleefully accept both, and the community benefits greatly. 😊