

PERFORMER INFORMATION
GARDENS OF LAKE MERRITT
June 6, 2010

From Karen Arlen

CEDAR TRIO

The **Cedar Trio** is comprised of three musicians: **Beth Conklin, violin; Jo Bauen, flute; Donna Viscuso, flute.** Their repertoire is Early, Classical and Contemporary Chamber music. **Violinist Beth Conklin** has a classical background, for a time played fiddle with local bluegrass bands, and has now returned to her classical roots with the Cedar Trio. Oakland flautist **Jo Bauen** also has a classical background and now performs with Latin groups Nosotras and Rosa Los Santos as well as the Cedar Trio. **Flautist Donna Viscuso** is a professional Latin/Jazz musician who plays flute, sax and harmonica with several Bay Area bands including the Vnote Ensemble, the Venezuelan Music Project and Chelle + Friends.

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Time: 1:00-1:45, Bay Friendly Demo Garden

KAILA FLEXER STUDIO

Kaila Flexer, is a well-known Oakland violinist, composer and music educator. The great-granddaughter of Polish klezmer musicians, she is best known for her productions of the Bay Area's annual Jewish Festival Klezmer Mania! Kaila is Artistic Director of worldview Cultural Performances, a non-profit arts organization of which Klezmer Mania is a project. Through Ms. Flexer's teaching and workshops she has created groups of young and older fiddlers, often incorporating harp and sometimes accordion. This Music In The Gardens of Lake Merritt performance will include music from around the world.

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Time: 2:00-2:45, Bay Friendly Demo Garden

KLEZMER THREE

The Klezmer Three offer their own take on this special type of Jewish folk music. In his other life, **Joseph Liebling**, electronic keyboard, is the retired director of the Oakland symphony chorus. He improvises brilliant accompaniments in the true style of old Klezmer, creating the whole band from nothing but the salvaged first violin part. **Robin Goodfellow**, flute, teaches music and art in her home studio in Oakland and collects and plays many different instruments. She is also a skilled artisan whose specialty is origami paper animals. **Jim Harris**, clarinet, has come all the way from Sacramento for this performance. He improvises rich harmonies to the melodies Joseph dreams up.

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Time: 1:00-2:00 Garden Center

MASAYUKI KOGA

Masayuki Koga is a master **shakuhachi** (Japanese flute) player and teacher, who lives in Berkeley. He studied Kinko shakuhachi with his father Kichi Koga and Tozan school with Kazan Saki in Tokyo. He founded the Japanese Music Institute of America in 1981. Mr. Koga will perform in the Bonsai garden with his students.

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Time: 12:00-1:00, Bonsai Garden

PACIFIC BOYCHOIR

Cantori and **Trouvere** are the performing groups of the **Pacific Boychoir** led by musical director, **Brandon Adams**. The Pacific Boychoir was founded by artistic director, Kevin Fox. It is modelled after European boy choirs. The Pacific Boychoir Academy is a Middle School program for boys, which immerses them in extensive musical training as well as a full educational program

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Time: 11:30 – 12:15. Garden Center

NEW QUEEN'S HA'PENNY CONSORT.

The New Queen's Ha'Penny Consort is a group of Bay Area musicians, primarily recorder players and singers who enjoy performing early music. They perform in costume at many renaissance faires and other events in Northern California. Performing at Music in the Gardens will be **Mary Myers** and **Lisa Schultz**.

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Facebook: New Queen's Ha-Penny Consort

Time 2:00-3:00 Sensory Garden or 3 Trees Garden

REBECCA SKAGGS, flute

Rebecca Skaggs performs as a harpist at various events in the Bay Area. She also plays violin and harp in the Patten Symphonette and violin with the Oakland Public Conservatory. Rebecca is a Professor of New Testament and Greek at Patten University in Oakland.

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Time: 1:00-2:00, Mediterranean Garden

S.O.N.G - STRINGS OF A NUBIAN GROOVE

S.O.N.G is comprised of three very talented musicians: **Destiny, harp; Vince Tolliver, viola** and **Tarika Lewis, violin**. They perform at various events in the Oakland Area and bring a cool, new wave twist to the old classics. Their sound is a fusion of classical music, spirituals, folk and jazz.

Destiny, who describes herself as Harpist from the Hood, is a harpist and vocalist. **Vincent Tolliver** is a talented and charismatic performer, who is comfortable in any genre of music. His main instrument is viola (classical to jazz) but he plays many others as well and performs solo or with jazz groups.. An experienced teacher, he is currently on the Music Faculty of Skyline High School, Oakland, where he is Director of the Instrumental Music Department – orchestra, jazz band and marching band. **Tarika Lewis** teaches both classical and jazz violin to inner-city Oakland children. Not only is she a talented and well known violinist and performer but she is also a multi-talented artist.

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Time: 3:00 –4:00 Garden Center

WAXWING JOHN & MILLER

Waxwing John, (John Cowan) sings and plays the early blues in the styles in which they were created. This Oakland resident plays on guitars as old as the recordings he has mined for his material. For this Music In The Gardens of Lake Merritt performance, he will be joined by his friend Dr. Miller Wise, who accompanies him on vintage mandolins and guitars and may sing a few numbers himself. If the mood is right, they will strap on jug and kazoo and delight the audience with some two-man, four instrument jug band music

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Time: 12:00-1:00, Community Garden