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The Evening for Guitar & Strings to Benefit Bread & Roses

Bread & Roses and String Letter Publishing will present *The Evening for Guitar & Strings* at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, at the Herbst Theatre, 401 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco. This magnificent evening of world-class music – classical, new acoustic, jazz and tango – will benefit **Bread & Roses, Guitars in the Classroom (GITC)** and **The String Projects**.

The Evening for Guitar & Strings features GRAMMY®-winning classical guitarist **Sharon Isbin**; fingerstyle guitar innovator **Alex de Grassi**; the **Quartet San Francisco** with **Jeremy Cohen**; and the **San Domenico Orchestra da Camera**, winners of the 2005 **National Orchestra Festival Competition**.

The musical highlight of the evening will be the world premiere of the concerto

3 Movements for steel-string guitar, string quartet and string orchestra.

“Those who are familiar with Bread & Roses’ legendary shows will be thrilled with this world-class lineup of artists and the premiere of an innovative and totally engaging concerto,” said **Cassandra Flipper**, Executive Director for Bread & Roses

“Everyone at String Letter Publishing is delighted to help benefit three wonderful non-profit music organizations by presenting these outstanding artists in a unique concert format,” said **David A. Lusterman**, Publisher.

To learn more about sponsorships benefiting Bread & Roses, please visit www.breadandroses.org or call (415) 945-7120. These include a post-show celebrity



Photo by J. Henry Fair

Sharon Isbin, featured classical guitarist at the May 2 Herbst Theatre benefit.

reception with the artists in the Green Room.

General seating tickets (\$35 to \$125) are available through City Box Office at www.cityboxoffice.com or by phone at (415) 392-4400.



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The Magic of Performer Recruiting

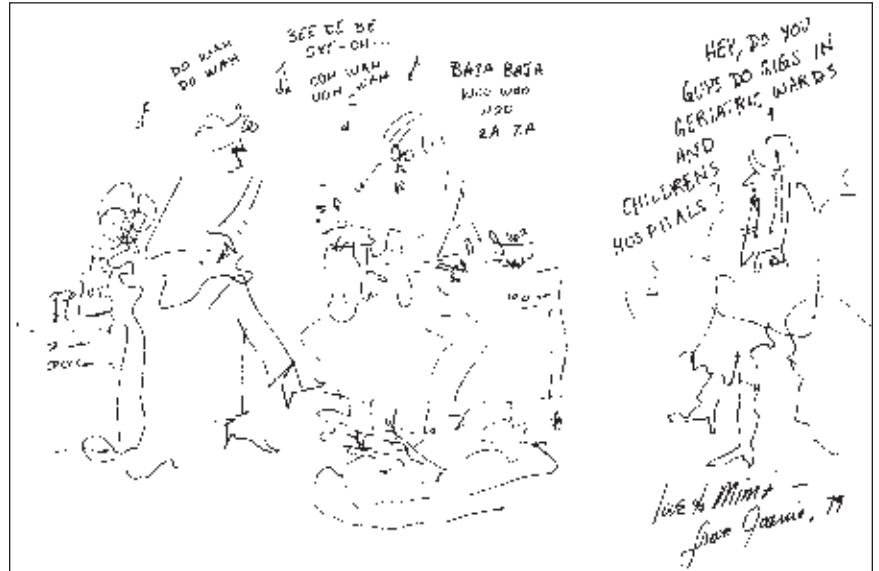
By Carole Robinson and Marian Hubler

Staff members, board members, friends and volunteers are always looking for and recruiting volunteer performers. The cartoon (right) that was done by **Joan Baez** for her sister and our beloved founder, the late **Mimi Fariña**, is apt.

Today, Bread & Roses has more than 1,400 professional or professional-level performers who volunteer to entertain and educate audiences of all kinds and ages: magicians, jugglers, dancers, taiko drummers, beat boxers, storytellers, jazz singers and instrumentalists, blues bands, classical musicians, choirs, old time or modern rock and roll, folk, Americana, contemporary and gospel.

There is definitely some magic and serendipity to the process of performer recruiting. And there is often some luck with all the performers who hear about Bread & Roses through our website or in other ways and contact us directly.

One of the best sources is other performers who recommend artists they admire, or colleagues with whom they have performed. **Jimmy Dillon**, founder of **Blue Star Music**



Joan Baez drew this cartoon for her sister, Mimi Fariña, in 1979.

Camps, recently referred youth performer **Paris Hayes** to Bread & Roses. Paris and **Kristine Nowlain** were valued interns and volunteer performers at Bread & Roses last fall through **TEAM at Tamiscal**, a special program that is part of the **Tamalpais High School District** in Marin.

Bread & Roses staff may cultivate a performer they hear on the radio or see in a public or private venue. At the **Dar Williams** concert last fall at the **Fillmore**, staff producers were lucky enough to meet a wonderful artist, **Jane Chen**, who is part of a comedic mother-daughter **Chinese Clown Cabaret** act. They were big hit

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Photo by Ken Friedman

Ozzie Ahlers, Paris Hayes, Jimmy Dillon and Reggie Shell (left to right) after a recent concert at Walden House Buena Vista in San Francisco.

Bread & Roses Program Statistics for 2005

Volunteer Hosts	35
Shows Hosted by Volunteers	51% (262 out of 502)
Performers	More than 1,400
Performing Acts	396
Youth Performers	316
Multi-Ethnic Performing Acts	86

at a recent institutional show with Cantonese- and Russian-speaking senior clients.

Artists who come to the Bay Area to tour are sometimes contacted with a request to add a Bread & Roses show to their calendar. Some, like blues musician **Walker T. Ryan** from Eugene, Oregon, delighted Laguna Honda residents with his tales from the road.

Sometimes performers find us in unexpected ways. **Mary Alice Kirincic**, one of our high-energy hosts, was helping a 12-piece jazz band from **Lick Wilmerding High School** unload instruments at the **St. Anthony Foundation** in the Tenderloin for a lunchtime Bread & Roses concert.

Performer **Michael Parsons** said: “I was walking to work and came across a van full of high school kids moving their instruments quickly into St. Anthony’s.

Bread & Roses has a particular need for performers for children and teens – more than a quarter of our shows serve youth audiences. To make a referral or to obtain an application, call Kurt Huget, 945-7120, ext. 110, or visit: www.breadandroses.org

“I noticed a woman with a clipboard near the kids, keeping order. I asked what was going on. She told me it was a Bread & Roses concert. So I asked for contact information ...”

Michael has since done 10 Bread & Roses shows in the past two years.

He is a superb jazz, classical and be-bop pianist who has been playing since he was 10, appearing at the North Beach Jazz Festival, Sacramento Jazz Jubilee, Fillmore Street Jazz Festival, and many clubs.

His Bread & Roses shows are very popular and often feature a dynamic, sultry and sassy vocalist, **Milla**, whom he also recruited to sing for Bread & Roses.



Pianist Michael Parsons with Charles Bocchetti on bass at San Francisco General Hospital.

A Note from Cassandra Flipper

Executive Director, Bread & Roses

In serving many types of institutions over time, Bread & Roses sees some individuals in multiple settings. A



Photo by Nita Winter

teenager in a juvenile facility may report having seen a Bread & Roses show in a special needs school weeks before. A person in a drug and alcohol rehabilitation facility may share that he or she has seen a Bread & Roses show in a homeless shelter just a few months ago.

On the one hand, this makes us sad. It reminds us how difficult it is for some of our neighbors to get out of the cycle of poverty or ill-health and out of the institutional quagmire.

On the other hand, we at Bread & Roses often feel that we are helping to create a sense of community for people with multiple needs and serious personal issues.

There is no quick fix for the medical, psychological, economic and social challenges our audiences face. Nevertheless, our volunteer performers and hosts are able to remind them that there are many people who care about them, and who come to lift their spirits – without charge, with no strings attached. In this way, we acknowledge these audience members as a part of, not apart from, our community.

We encourage you to learn about the institutions in your neighborhood. In addition to supporting Bread & Roses, find out what you can do to let those residents or clients know that they are not forgotten.

Cassandra

Holiday Benefit for Bread & Roses



Photo by Andrew de Lory

Sara Lemesh (left), Joan Baez and Sudha Pennathur at the St. Francis Yacht Club event in San Francisco. See story, page 6.

Bread & Roses board member **Sudha Pennathur**, who designs and imports items from India and other countries for her company, **The House of Pennathur**, found a special way to support Bread & Roses – a pre-holiday sale in November.

Sudha sold a selection of scarves, jewelry, unusual gifts and other items at wholesale prices. The sale took place in a Larkspur building graciously donated for the weekend by board member **Susan Gilardi** and her husband, **Dennis Gilardi**.

Sudha also donated a Christmas tree, which was purchased by Board Chairman **David A. Lusterman**. David provided a string trio to entertain shoppers during the Saturday afternoon

Thank you, Sudha, David, Susan and all those who supported this delightful fundraising event.



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member of the Development Committee and helped Bread & Roses successfully transition from a founder-led organization to the non-profit organization it is today.

Joni Beemsterboer has been a board member for nine years. In her most recent tenure, she served as Board Secretary and an active member of the Executive Committee and the Development Committee on which she still serves.

Mary Doan, former board chair and vice-chair, also served as chair of the PR & Marketing Committee. In addition, she was a key organizer of a private fundraising concert for Bread & Roses with **Wesla Whitfield** in San Francisco.

Christian Erdman continues to serve as a member of the Finance and Investment Committee, where he has been treasurer and chair for the last three years. He has been instrumental in helping Bread & Roses significantly grow and manage its endowment fund.

Mark Nelson served as chair and vice-chair of the board as well as co-chair for gala fundraising events. His contributions have greatly enhanced Bread & Roses' success in fundraising and outreach. He served on the Development Committee and continues to serve on the Benefit Events Committee.

Staff News

Staff producer **Marian Hubler** is celebrating 10 years of producing shows for Bread & Roses and will be a featured vocalist in a special evening concert with "A Circle of Friends" at the **Larkspur Café Theatre**, 500 Magnolia Avenue, Larkspur, on Saturday, May 27, at 7:30 p.m.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and tickets are \$20. A portion of the proceeds will benefit **Bread & Roses** and the **Arete Scholarship Fund**. For tickets, please call (415) 924-6107 or visit www.larkspurcafe theatre.com.

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We Welcome Your Notes and Wishes as Well as Your Gifts

Among the many gifts we receive are little notes of encouragement from you, our donors.

Says one supporter, “Your work is so important, I only wish I could give more.” Echoes another, “Keep up the wonderful work! I promise you’ll hear from me again next year.”

These expressions of your support uplift us and truly do make a difference. It is our privilege to offer heartfelt thanks to all whose gifts sustained our work from July 1, 2005, through January 31, 2006.

Every gift, large or small, makes a difference in the lives of isolated children and adults.

Fall Appeal Yields Abundant Harvest

Our deepest thanks to **Pegi and Neil Young** for expressing their committed support for our work in our Fall 2005 appeal letter.

Neil was among the first celebrity performers to perform for Bread & Roses. In 1980 at the Greek Theater and in 1986 at the Great American Music Hall, Neil became part of the Bread & Roses legend and lore.

Together, Pegi and Neil have raised awareness worldwide of the vital healing power of live music for decades and we

thank them wholeheartedly for sharing their time, talent and generous spirits with all of us.

A very special thanks to **Phil Campbell, Polly and Randy Cherner, Concepción and Irwin Federman, Martha and Roger Fleischmann, Cathy and Gary Spratling, Diane Wilsey** and all of you who made generous gifts in support of this campaign.

New Friends at St. Francis Yacht Club

Photo by Andrew de Lory



Dean Alan Jones

Long-time Bread & Roses supporters will be thrilled to hear that our “new friends” cultivation event at the **St. Francis Yacht Club** was a huge and glorious success.

Your belief in us was validated by an unprecedented number of new supporters who made multi-year pledges of support to us at this luncheon.

We are deeply indebted to **Dean Alan Jones** of **Grace Cathedral** in San Francisco, **Joan Baez, Michael Pritchard,** youth volunteer **Sara Lemesh,** and volunteer photographer **Peter Merts** for helping us share the Bread & Roses

essence, story and song. We thank **Christian Erdman** for generously hosting Bread & Roses at the St. Francis Yacht Club and to **Susan Gilardi** for braving her inaugural voyage as Event Chair.

The success we enjoyed is in large part thanks to the day’s Table Captains: **Joni Beemsterboer • Francisco Castillo • Mary Doan • Christian Erdman • Jane and**

Douglas Ferguson • Ginny Fifield • Cassandra Flipper • Carolyn Gauthier • Susan Gilardi • Zane Gresham • Nancy and Kirke Hasson • Marian Hubler • David A. Lusterman • Laurie Angel McGuinness • Toby Nady • Mark Nelson • Dennis Parsons • Sudha Pennathur • Carole Robinson • Marty Rubino • Amy Skewes-Cox.

Finally, our deepest thanks to all those who came with open minds and blessed us with their time and generosity.

This one-hour event was delicious, free, exciting and fun, and we encourage you to contact us if you would like to learn about being a table captain at a future event.

Benefit Concert 2006

Take note! The date for the Bread & Roses Benefit Concert 2006 has been moved to May 2, 2006.

We are thrilled to thank **NelsonJobs.com**, Platinum Sponsor of the Bread & Roses 2006 Benefit Concert at the Herbst Theatre in San Francisco, and Gold Sponsors **Susan and Dennis Gilardi**. Special thanks also to Bronze Sponsors: **ELSA L. Inc., Marcia and John Goldman, Ambassador James Hormel, House of Pennathur**; Crystal Sponsors: **Suzanne Badenhoop and Guy Lampard, Zane Gresham, Laurie Angel McGuinness, The Pasha Group**; and Patrons: **Bank of America, Bank of Marin, Concepción and Irwin Federman, David A. Lusterman, Debbie Matthies, Dennis and Kathrin Parsons, Tucky Pogue, Vineyard Bank and Warren Levinson.**

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Our deepest gratitude to the following foundations and corporations for

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Photo by Greg Hamming



Peter Maync and Nancy McGregor perform at Marin Convalescent in Tiburon. Peter and his wife, Rene, were guests at the St. Francis luncheon in September.

BREAD & ROSES' FIRST FAMILY FESTIVAL



Photo by Peter Merts



Photo by Peter Merts

At Bread & Roses Live! A Festival of Family Entertainment at the Bay Area Discovery Museum, Super Gigi does face painting (left photo). At right, Derique has fun with the audience. The event at the Discovery Museum, in Sausalito, was attended by more than 800 people.

More than 800 people – parents, grandparents, children and their friends – learned about our work on October 16, 2005, a sunny fall day at the Bay Area Discovery Museum in Sausalito, where Bread & Roses hosted its first-ever Family Festival.

In between Nick Barone's wonderful puppet show in the theatre, guests were treated to Peter Merts' slide presentation of photos taken at Bread & Roses shows serving institutionalized children and families.

The Prescott Circus Theatre drew the biggest crowds outside on the plaza for their wonderful stilt-walking and colorful costumed

tricks. Derique delighted all with his friendly "rubber chicken" and amazing "ham-bone" body movement and percussion. Super Gigi's beautiful face painting transformed children into the animated likenesses of their favorite animals. Miss Kitty did a lovely and gracious job of emceeing the entire event.

Bread & Roses continues its work of reaching out to build support among younger audiences. Please help us by cultivating the next generation to support our mission. Our next Family Festival will be at the Bay Area Discovery Museum on August 19, 2006. Please check our website for updates.

Bread & Roses Reaches Out in New Ways

Bread & Roses is reaching out in new ways through a variety of community events.

Our "Nights in the Neighborhood" are continuing with a Bread & Roses presence at a number of shows hosted by our

volunteer performers throughout the Bay Area.

At these different venues, Bread & Roses recruits new volunteers and supporters by handing out literature, selling merchandise,



Photo by Andrew de Lory

Hyim performs at Ashkenaz in Berkeley

conducting raffles and making promotional

announcements from the stage.

The following groups hosted Bread & Roses over the past few months: Hyim and the La Peña Chorus at Ashkenaz in Berkeley on October 7; Matt Nathanson at the Great American Music Hall in San Francisco on October 11; Ian Dogole and Hemispheres at 142 Throckmorton Theatre in Mill Valley on January 13.

We thank all of these artists for sharing their shows with us. And thanks to all of our volunteer performers who do such spectacular shows for Bread & Roses institutional audiences day in and day out throughout the year.



Photo by Peter Merts

Ian Dogole teaches percussion to a student at James R. Sylla School in San Anselmo.

We are particularly interested in doing more "community" outreach events that would allow us to connect with young adults, age 25-40. Please let us know if you have any ideas!

Bread & Roses Founder's Name Graces Golden Hybrid Tea Rose

By Paul Liberatore

A rose named in honor of the late **Mimi Fariña**, founder of Bread & Roses, was dedicated on a Saturday evening in October at a gala dinner hosted by the **Marin Rose Society** at the Embassy Suites Hotel in San Rafael.

"It's appropriate to name a rose after someone who was a rose," said **Cassandra**

A limited number of the Mimi Fariña Roses are available as bare-root plants for \$25, of which \$10 goes to Bread & Roses. For information on how to order, call Bread & Roses at (415) 945-7120.

Flipper, executive director of Corte Madera-based Bread & Roses.

Fariña founded Bread & Roses in 1974

to bring free, live entertainment to people shut away in institutions, from hospitals and senior centers to youth facilities and prisons. Fariña died of cancer in 2001.

In all, Bread



Photo by Joan Goff, President, Marin Rose Society

The Mimi Fariña Rose, developed in England, honors the founder of Bread & Roses.

& Roses produces 500 shows a year in eight counties entertaining more than 24,000 people. The Marin Rose Society was also founded in 1974.

The Mimi Fariña Rose is a hybrid tea rose from England with a golden center and creamy white petals.

"The rose has a golden center and Mimi had a golden heart," said Rose Society President **Joan Goff**.

Excerpted from an article in the Marin Independent Journal October 15, 2005.



Photo by Andrew de Lory

Joan Baez Sr., a longtime supporter of Bread & Roses and the mother of Mimi Fariña and singer Joan Baez, talks with Paul Liberatore at the Bread & Roses event at the St. Francis Yacht Club in late 2005. See article, page 6.

We are changing the date of our volunteer recognition event this year. Stay tuned!

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Board Changes

Bread & Roses welcomes new Board members **Noah Griffin, Tucky Pogue** and **Barbara Solomon**.

Photo by Ken Friedman



Noah Griffin

Mill Valley resident Noah Griffin has been an active part of the Bread & Roses community as a volunteer performer and member of the PR & Marketing Committee. A talented vocalist and poet, he is a communications consultant with an extensive background in politics, media, journalism and public affairs.

Tucky Pogue of Kentfield loves to make connections between people in the nonprofit world and has served on **Marin General Hospital's** Board of



Tucky Pogue



Courtesy of Mary Doan

Board President David A. Lusterman (left) and Executive Director Cassandra Flipper (right) honor outgoing board members Joni Beemsterboer, Mark Nelson, Mary Doan and Suzanne Badenhoop. Not pictured: Christian Erdman.

Directors and on the board of the hospital's foundation. She will be a member of the Benefit Events Committee at Bread & Roses.

Barbara Solomon is executive director at **The Redwoods**, a non-profit multi-level retirement community in Mill Valley that Bread & Roses has served for many years. She will bring her extensive management



Barbara Solomon

Penny Weiss

skills and board experience to the Development Committee at Bread & Roses.

Bread & Roses salutes outgoing "legacy" Board members **Suzanne Badenhoop, Joni Beemsterboer, Mary Doan, Christian Erdman** and **Mark Nelson**. All have contributed a minimum of six years of board service to Bread & Roses and will stay on our Circle of Advisors.

Suzanne Badenhoop has served as the chair or co-chair of several key Bread & Roses benefit events. She was also a

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