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FEBRUARY 2016 AT THE GREEN MUSIC CENTER

MASTERCARD PERFORMANCE SERIES IN WEILL HALL

Ms. Lisa Fischer and Grand Baton

Cameron Carpenter Featuring the International Touring Organ

Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra Featuring Mezzo-Soprano Susan Graham: "Baroque Fireworks"

The King's Singers: "Postcards"

The Band of the Royal Marines Featuring the Pipes, Drums and Highland Dancers of the Scots Guards

Paddy Moloney and the Chieftains

SCHROEDER HALL

Musicians From Valley of the Moon Music Festival: "Schubertiade"

Cypress Quartet

(Sonoma County, CA) — **Sonoma State University's Green Music Center** continues the 2015/16 Season with an eclectic mix of performances throughout the month of February in both the stunning 1,400-seat **Weill Hall** and the intimate 240-seat **Schroeder Hall**. Concerts range from classical orchestral and chamber music to a wide variety of music from the British Isles, to a giant of soul and pop and an organ recital unlike any other.

The **MasterCard Performance Series** in **Weill Hall** continues with Grammy Award-winning vocalist **Lisa Fischer** (Feb. 6) of the documentary "20 Feet from Stardom" with her band **Grand Baton**. Known as the "greatest artist you never heard of," Fischer has been backup singer to musical legends The Rolling Stones and Luther Vandross, and maintains a busy solo career of her own. Organist **Cameron Carpenter** (Feb. 12) makes his Weill Hall debut performing **The International Touring Organ**—an instrument he created and takes with him around the world. **Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra** (Feb. 14) returns to the Green Music Center for a program celebrating **Nicholas McGegan's** 30 years as music director of the early music ensemble. "Baroque Fireworks" highlights the music of Handel including *Music for the Royal Fireworks* and *Water Music Suite*, as well as arias from popular operas performed by superstar mezzo-soprano **Susan Graham**. British a cappella ensemble **The King's Singers** (Feb. 19) present their "Postcards" program featuring international songs collected from the group's many travels through The Americas and Australia via Europe and Asia. Also travelling from Great Britain are **The Band of the Royal Marines Featuring the Pipes, Drums and Highland Dancers of the Scots Guards** (Feb. 26) performing popular classics, big band hits, stimulating contemporary works and entertaining solo features. Iconic Irish folk band **The Chieftains** (Feb. 27), with founding member **Paddy Moloney** at the helm, set the stage for St. Patrick's Day with a rousing concert of the music that has endeared them to audiences for decades.

For their third concert in **Schroeder Hall** this season, **Musicians from Valley of the Moon Music Festival** (Feb. 13) present “Schubertiade” including Schubert’s popular “Trout” Piano Quintet and selected lieder performed by soprano Christine Brandes. The San Francisco-based **Cypress String Quartet** (Feb. 28) performs the next installment of the **Sundays at Schroeder** series in a program including Haydn’s “Emperor” String Quartet, selections from Glazunov’s Novelettes and Beethoven’s String Quartet in B-flat Major.

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FEBRUARY 2016 GREEN MUSIC CENTER EVENT SCHEDULE

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MS. LISA FISCHER & GRAND BATON

WEILL HALL at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER
MasterCard Performance Series
Saturday, February 6, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

Lisa Fischer, vocalist

Tickets: \$40 – \$90

CAMERON CARPENTER FEATURING THE INTERNATIONAL TOURING ORGAN

WEILL HALL at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER
MasterCard Performance Series
Friday, February 12, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

Cameron Carpenter, organ

Tickets: \$35 – \$85

**MUSICIANS FROM THE VALLEY OF THE MOON MUSIC FESTIVAL:
"Schubertiade"**

SCHROEDER HALL at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER
Saturday, February 13, 2016, 3:00 p.m.

Christine Brandes, soprano
Axel Strauss, violin
Elizabeth Blumenstock, viola
Tanya Tomkins, cello
Michael Taddei, double bass
Eric Zivian, fortepiano

SCHUBERT: Sonatina for Violin and Piano in D Major
Selected Schubert Lieder
SCHUBERT: Piano Quintet in A major, D. 667 "Trout"

Tickets: \$30

**PHILHARMONIA BAROQUE ORCHESTRA WITH SUSAN GRAHAM
"Baroque Fireworks"**

WEILL HALL at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER
MasterCard Performance Series
Sunday, February 14, 2016, 3:00 p.m.

Nicholas McGegan, conductor
Susan Graham, mezzo-soprano

HANDEL: "Scherza infida" and "Dopo notte" from *Ariodante*
HANDEL: "Ombra mai fu" and "Se bramate" from *Xerxes*
HANDEL: Suite in D major from *Water Music*
HANDEL: *Music for the Royal Fireworks*

Tickets: \$35 – \$85

**THE KING'S SINGERS
"Postcards"**

WEILL HALL at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER
MasterCard Performance Series
Friday, February 19, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

Program to include traditional songs from Great Britain and points around the globe from South Africa to Europe.

Tickets: \$35 – \$85

**THE BAND OF THE ROYAL MARINES FEATURING THE PIPES, DRUMS AND
HIGHLAND DANCERS OF THE SCOTS GUARDS**

WEILL HALL at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER

MasterCard Performance Series

Friday, February 26, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

Program to celebrate the music of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

Tickets: \$40 – \$85

PADDY MOLONEY AND THE CHIEFTAINS

WEILL HALL at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER

MasterCard Performance Series

Saturday, February 27, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$60 – \$130

CYPRESS QUARTET

SCHROEDER HALL at the GREEN MUSIC CENTER

Sundays at Schroeder

Sunday, February 28, 2016, 3:00 p.m.

Cecily Ward, violin

Tom Stone, violin

Ethan Filner, viola

Jennifer Kloetzel, cello

HAYDN: String Quartet in C major, Op. 76, No. 3, "The Emperor"

GLAZUNOV: Selections from *Novelettes*

BEETHOVEN: Quartet in B-flat major, Op. 130

Tickets: \$30

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