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### About the Festival

The Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Entering its ninth season in 2010, the nationally renowned Festival is dedicated to bringing classical music at the highest level to the general public, schools and senior centers of Amelia Island and surrounding communities of northeastern Florida. For more information about the Festival, visit our web site at [www.aicmf.com](http://www.aicmf.com).



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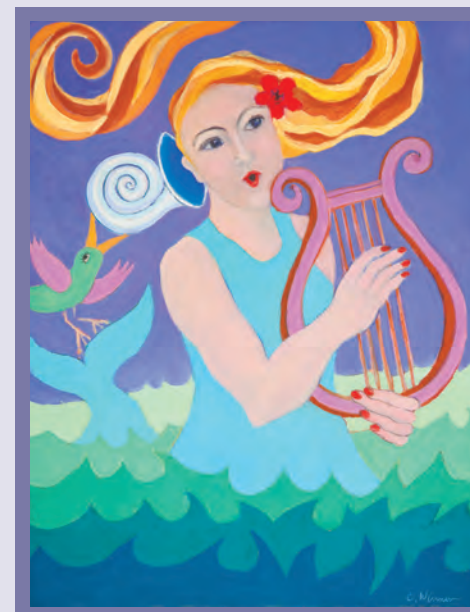
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# BRAVO!

The Newsletter of the Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival

## Festival's Ninth Season Scheduled for May 7-30

*Masterpieces of Struggle and Joy* is the theme of the 2010 Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival, which will run for three weeks between May 7 and May 30. These thematic concepts will be presented in works by such giants of the classical music world as Chopin, Schumann, Saint-Saens, Debussy, Schubert, Tchaikovsky and Smetana.



*Viola, the Festival's musical mermaid.*  
A special thanks to artist Carol Winner.

These and other pieces, ranging from classical to modern, will be performed by a galaxy of stars from around the globe, including pianists Andre Watts, Valentina Lisitsa, Wendy Chen and Robert Spano, conductor of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra; violinists Robert McDuffie, Arnold Steinhardt and Karen Gomyo; cellists Andres Diaz and Festival artistic director Christopher Rex; soprano Jessica Rivera; The Eroica Trio; The St. Lawrence String Quartet; and violists Roberto Diaz and James Dunham.

Entering its ninth season, The Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival is a nationally recognized event and one of the largest chamber festivals in the Southeast. The 18 concerts of the 2010 Festival will be performed in intimate settings around Amelia Island, including churches, the historic Nassau County courthouse and Fort Clinch, one of the best preserved nineteenth century forts in the country. A concert also will be performed at the beautiful Friday Musicale concert hall in Jacksonville.

**Tickets Go On Sale in Early April**  
**On-line at [www.aicmf.com](http://www.aicmf.com) or 904/261-1779**

# 2010 Festival Schedule

The following schedule and venues are subject to change.

## Internationally Acclaimed Pianist Valentina Lisitsa Will Perform Twice At 2010 Festival

Pianist Valentina Lisitsa, described by critics as “positively dazzling” and “electrifying,” will make two appearances at the 2010 Festival:

- **May 7** at the Friday Musicale concert hall in Jacksonville’s Riverside neighborhood (645 Oak Street) in a piano quintet and piano duet with her husband, Alexei Kuznetsoff, featuring works by Schumann, Chopin and Saint-Saens
- **May 16** as a soloist at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church on Amelia Island in a Schumann performance.



Born to a family of non-musicians in Kiev, Ukraine, Valentina started playing piano at age three and performed her first solo performance at four. She attended the Kiev Conservatory, and while there, met Alexei Kuznetsoff, her future husband and partner in du-pianism. The couple made their U.S. debut in 1991 at the Mostly Mozart Festival at Lincoln Center. Valentina also has established herself as a soloist, performing at many of the world’s most prestigious venues, including New York’s Carnegie Hall and Avery Fisher Hall, Vienna’s Musikverein and Amsterdam’s Concertgebouw.

Valentina had more than 80 performances in the 2009 season, and her recent collaborations included tours with the Sao Paulo Symphony, the New Zealand Philharmonic, the Warsaw Philharmonic and the Prague Chamber Orchestra. An avid chamber music player, Valentina has performed with many chamber virtuosos, including Lynn Harrell, Jimmy Lin, Roberto Diaz and Hilary Hahn.

The music critic for the Chicago Tribune said about a piano duet played by Valentina and Alexei: “I cannot recall when I have heard a more exciting or more accomplished two-piano team. They have the colossal technique and temperament you associate with pianists of the Russian school; they also have virtually flawless ensemble, the kind most duos labor for years to achieve, if they are even so fortunate.”

## Beth Newdome: 1964-2010

We are sad to note the passing of Festival friend and artist, Beth Newdome. Christopher Rex, the Festival’s artistic and general director, said: “Beth was critical to the formation of the Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival. She and



Photo courtesy of Lea Gallardo.

I did a “trial” concert at the Ritz Carlton in December 2000 to gauge if there was any interest in the concept of a chamber music festival. Beth, who participated in many fundraising concerts over the years, became an indispensable part of the first eight Festivals and immediately became a favorite of our audiences. The Festival’s character reflects Beth’s personality: friendly, enthusiastic and musical performances of the highest artistic caliber. She will be greatly missed but always remembered with a smile.” A May 28 concert, “J.S. Bach and the Mystery of Chaconne,” will be dedicated to the memory of our friend.

**Friday, May 7, 7:30 PM**  
“Masterpieces of Struggle and Joy I”  
Celebrating the 200th Birthdays of  
Schumann and Chopin  
Valentina Lisitsa, piano  
Alexei Kuznetsoff, piano  
Works by Schumann, Chopin  
**Friday Musicale, L’Engle Hall**  
645 Oak Street, Jacksonville  
Tickets: \$25

**Thursday, May 13, 7:30 PM**  
Robert McDuffie, violin  
“The Four Seasons Times Two”: Works by Vivaldi and Piazzolla  
**Amelia Community Theater**  
Fernandina Beach  
Tickets: \$40

**Friday, May 14, 7:30 PM**  
Andre Watts, piano  
Mozart and selected works for solo piano  
**Amelia Plantation Chapel**  
Amelia Island  
Tickets: \$50



**Saturday, May 15, 11:00 AM**  
McDuffie Center Showcase  
Showcasing young artists and faculty from the McDuffie Center for Strings  
**Historic Nassau County Courthouse**  
Fernandina Beach  
Free event, no ticket required

**Saturday, May 15, 7:30 PM**  
“Masterpieces of Struggle and Joy II”  
Robert Spano, piano  
Jessica Rivera, soprano  
Works by Schumann, Debussy and Schubert’s “Trout Quintet”  
**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**  
Fernandina Beach  
Tickets: \$25

**Sunday, May 16, 2:00 PM**  
“String Fling... Concert in the Park”  
Christopher Rex and friends  
Program to be announced  
**Central Park, Fernandina Beach**  
Free event, no ticket required

**Sunday, May 16, 7:30 PM**  
“Masterpieces of Struggle and Joy III”  
Valentina Lisitsa, piano  
William Preucil, violin  
Trio RPM

Christopher Rex, cello  
Amy Schwartz Moretti, violin  
Elizabeth Pridgen, piano  
Works by Saint Saens, Schumann, Smetana  
**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**  
Fernandina Beach  
Tickets: \$25

**Tuesday, May 18, 8:00 PM**  
**Wednesday, May 19, 8:00 PM**  
Fort Clinch Candlelight Concerts  
“American Roots Music—Fiddle and Guitar”  
Jay Ungar, violin  
Molly Mason, guitar  
**Fort Clinch State Park**  
Fernandina Beach  
Tickets: \$25

**Friday, May 21, 7:30 PM**  
“Masterpieces of Struggle and Joy IV”  
Karen Gomyo, violin  
Andres Diaz, cello  
Wendy Chen, piano  
Trio RPM  
Works by Tchaikovsky, Paul Schoenfield  
**Amelia Plantation Chapel**  
Amelia Island  
Tickets: \$25

**Saturday, May 22, 7:30 PM**  
Resident Festival Artists  
James Dunham, viola  
Christopher Rex, cello  
Works by Boccherini, Turina, Borodin and Franck  
**Macedonia AME Church**  
Fernandina Beach  
Tickets: \$10



**Sunday, May 23, 5:30 PM**  
Ritz Gala  
“Program a la Carte—Audience Choice”  
Eroica Trio  
Erika Nickrenz, piano  
Susie Park, violin  
Sara Sant’Ambrogio, cello  
**Ritz Carlton Amelia Island**  
Tickets: \$50/Dinner:\$100

**Monday, May 24, 7:00 PM**  
Beer and G-Strings I  
“Music of Passion and Fire”  
Karen Gomyo, violin  
Andres Diaz, cello  
Wendy Chen, piano  
Works by Sarasate, Chopin, Brahms, Monte/Rex, Kodály, Popper, Larson, Piazzolla, Ravel  
**Sandy Bottoms**  
Fernandina Beach  
Tickets: \$40

**Tuesday, May 25, 7:30 PM**  
St. Lawrence String Quartet  
James Dunham, viola  
Works by Beethoven, Britten, Dvorak  
**St. Peter’s Episcopal Church**  
Fernandina Beach  
Tickets: \$25



**Thursday, May 27, 1:00 PM**  
Resident Festival Artists  
Program to be announced  
**Savannah Grand of Amelia Island**  
Fernandina Beach  
Free event, no ticket required

**Friday, May 28, 6:00 PM**  
Beth Newdome Memorial Concert  
“J.S. Bach and the Mystery of Chaconne”  
Arnold Steinhardt, violin  
**St. Peter’s Episcopal Church**  
Fernandina Beach  
Tickets: \$15

**Saturday, May 29, 11:00 AM**  
Family Concert  
“Elephants, Djembach, and the Viper”  
Amy Schwartz Moretti, violin  
Stephen Moretti, percussion  
Andrew Rangell, piano and narration  
Phillip Pan, viper  
Works by Woehr, Poulenc, and improvisations  
**Peck Center Gym**  
Fernandina Beach  
Free event, no ticket required

**Saturday, May 29, 7:30 PM**  
Resident Festival Artists  
All Brahms concert  
**Macedonia AME Church**  
Fernandina Beach  
Tickets: \$10

**Sunday, May 30, 7:00 PM**  
Beer and G-Strings II: “Sam’s Club”  
Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Samuel Barber’s Birth  
Christopher Rex and friends  
**O’Kane’s Irish Pub & Eatery**  
Fernandina Beach  
Tickets: \$40