

FALLBROOK MUSIC SOCIETY

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RENOWNED SAN-DIEGO MUSICIANS BRING “BACH TO BEATLES” CONCERT TO FALLBROOK

Fallbrook, CA – Having changed the world with their musical talents and innovative sounds, both Johann Sebastian Bach and The Beatles are regarded as ingenious pioneers in their respective genres. On Sunday, January 21, Fallbrook Music Society will present a varied program of creative jazz arrangements of Beatles songs, a taste of Bach, some folk and rock, several original compositions – and perhaps even a little flamenco! Bob Freaney, President of Fallbrook Music Society says “We are really looking forward to hearing this talented trio of local musicians - Fred Benedetti, Peter Sprague and Mackenzie Leighton.” “The levels of precision and discipline these exceptional professionals bring to their music making will all add up to an inspirational listening experience,” he added.

This unique program consists of selections that are anchored in classical tradition while rich in John Lennon and Paul McCartney compositions, and world influences. Familiar selections such as *Bachianas*, *Asturias*, *Bach to Blues*, *Can’t Buy Me Love*, and *Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds* will be performed, among others.

Equally at home playing classical or contemporary music, guitarist Fred Benedetti was

recently inducted into the San Diego Music Hall of Fame. Born in Sasebo, Japan, Mr. Benedetti began studies of classical guitar at the age of 16, and by the age of 26 was one of 12 guitarists worldwide to perform in one of the last masterclasses of Maestro Andres Segovia. Fred has performed throughout the United States, in England, Germany, the Czech Republic, Canada, Taiwan and Mexico. Locally he has performed with the San Diego Symphony, the San Diego Opera, Luciano Pavarotti, and jazz artist Dave Brubeck.

Award winning jazz guitarist Peter Sprague is a composer, arranger, recording engineer, producer and a life-long surfer! Mr. Sprague has recorded 16 of his own albums, and has been a guest artist with Chick Corea, Billy Childs, David Benoit and Sergio Mendes. In 2007 he was awarded Best Jazz Artist by the San Diego Music Awards.

Bassist Mackenzie Leighton's first instrument was the trombone which he played from 6th-8th grade, switching to electric bass and then to the acoustic when he was 15. In his career he has performed in a wide range of styles and settings ranging from a one-off concert with tango master Raul Jaurena to a 6-week cruise ship residency with Grammy winning bluesman Sugar Blue. Mack's presence on the San Diego jazz scene has grown exponentially over the past few years, and he has worked with jazz legends Donald Brown and Geoffrey Keezer.

This concert is Free admission and will take place on Sunday, January 21 at 2:00 p.m. in Fallbrook's historic Mission Theater, 231 N. Main Avenue. Doors open at 1:00 p.m. for social hour; concert hall doors open at 1:30 p.m.

Fallbrook Music Society is a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit organization celebrating its 46th year of presenting excellence in professional music performances and youth music education to Fallbrook and its surrounding communities. More information about this concert and the organization is available at www.fallbrookmusicsociety.org or (760) 451-8644.

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Photo Caption: The talented trio of San Diego based musicians (Fred Benedetti, guitar, Peter Sprague, guitar and Mackenzie Leighton, double bass) will perform "Bach to Beatles," a diverse musical program on Sunday, January 21, at 2:00 p.m. at the Mission Theater. This concert is Free admission. For more info: www.fallbrookmusicsociety.org