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Presents



Balsam Range
Bluegrass Band

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Celebrating its eighteenth anniversary season, The Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival is nationally recognized as one of the foremost music events of its kind. The Festival is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.



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PROGRAM

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Tim Surrett

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— *The artists will introduce each number from the stage* —



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Since forming in 2007 in Western North Carolina's mountainous Haywood County, Balsam Range has built up a reputation as one of the top acts in bluegrass. The band was named 2018 Entertainers of the Year by the International Bluegrass Music Association. The group strikes a deft balance between the revered traditions of old-school bluegrass and hopped-up eclecticism of contemporary "newgrass."

Combining banjo, mandolin, fiddle, bass, guitar and vocals, Balsam Range has been one of bluegrass music's most award-winning groups in recent years. Garnering 10 International Bluegrass Music Association Awards on the heels of nine critically acclaimed albums, including the recently released *Aeonic*, the group also has won multiple Entertainer of the Year and 2014 Vocal Group of the Year awards. Balsam Range has headlined major bluegrass festivals, selling out venues across the nation and appearing multiple times at the Grand Ole Opry.



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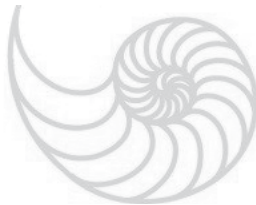
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Chamber music, which originated in Europe in the 16th century, involves a group of 10 or fewer musicians performing as an ensemble, usually in a small indoor setting (the chamber of a nobleman in old parlance) or even outdoors. The ensemble typically consists of strings and can include some combination of woodwinds and piano or the instrument's predecessor, the harpsichord.

The Amelia Island Chamber Music Festival presents traditional classical chamber music performed by internationally recognized musicians. Our programs typically include works by such giants as Bach, Beethoven, Brahms, Mozart, Schubert, and the musical styles vary from Baroque to Romantic. However, chamber music continues to be composed today, and we present Modern and even Post-Modern genres.

At the time of its inception, chamber music often was performed by amateurs, who played together in what might be called jam sessions! Remember, what we consider today as classical was the popular music at that time. And history repeats itself as amateurs today jam in small groups to rock, jazz, country or folk.

You will hear traditional classical chamber music at the Festival, but you will also experience classically-trained artists performing modern variations on classical themes and exciting renditions of contemporary music, as well as artists from other genres such as jazz, bluegrass, country, western and folk music. We hope you also will find these eclectic additions to our traditional chamber music repertoire appealing and entertaining.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 22 **Emanuel Ax**
7:30 p.m. - Amelia Plantation Chapel, 36 Bowman Road, AI (\$85)
- March 31 **Christiania Piano Quartet**
5 p.m. - Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 2600 Atlantic Ave., FB (\$50)
- April 6 **Dover Quartet**
5 p.m. - Amelia Baptist Church, 961167 Buccaneer Trail, FB (\$60)
- April 26 **Season Finale Celebration:
Anne Akiko Meyers with Jason Vieaux**
7:30 p.m. - Ritz-Carlton Amelia Island, 4750 Amelia Island Pkwy, FB, (\$65)
(Includes a Dessert Buffet)

FREE CONCERTS

- March 11 **Philip Pan and his Viper Violin**
3 p.m. - Robert's Learning and Achievement Center, Boys & Girls Club,
1175 Lime Street, FB *(Free Family Concert)*

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