

COMING  
UP AT THE MELLO

Pajaro Valley Performing Arts Association

2005  
WINTER/SPRING

"Flawless...rings as clear  
and true as a chord from  
a Fender Stratocaster."  
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Winter Dance Party



# Welcome Back, George Kahumoku, Jr! Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar Concert

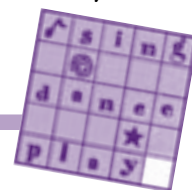
Saturday, March 26, 7:30 PM

Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar Master and Dancing Cat Records artist George Kahumoku, Jr., joins Leolani Lowry, Santa Cruz Hula teacher, for an evening of Hawaiian music and hula dance.

Mexican cowboys introduced the guitar to Hawaii in 1832. Hawaiians later developed their own open tunings using a melodic, fingerpicking style of playing. Join us for a colorful evening of family entertainment featuring Slack Key guitar, story-telling, and hula dance. A seasoned artist, George Kahumoku Jr. has performed for audiences all over the world, including such dignitaries as the Queen of England and Premier of China. He says that when walking out on stage, he knows he doesn't get to be with his audience for very long, so he relaxes, has a great time, and gives them everything he can. Listeners are often unexpectedly moved by his unpretentious manner, deep musicality, and rich mixture of life experience he brings to his performances. Complementing George's music, Leolani Lowry will perform hula dance solo and with her halau.

Augmenting this concert, both George and Leolani will offer workshops in Slack Key Guitar and Hula Dance. Space is limited, so sign up early!

The PVPAA thanks KAPU-Lp 104.7 FM for their support.



## Workshops at the Mello! Call (831) 763-4047 to sign up

Saturday March 26  
3 - 5 PM

**Slack Key Guitar Workshop with George Kahumoku.** Mello Center Greenroom Cost: \$35  
Learn with a master! Bring your guitar and let George teach you the finer points of playing Hawaiian slack key playing. Open to ages 16 and up. Participants younger than 16 must be accompanied by paid adult.

Saturday March 26  
3 - 5 PM

**Hula Dance with Leolani Lowry.** Mello Center Stage Cost: \$25  
You've always wanted to know how to hula, learn from the best! Leolani Lowry teaches in Santa Cruz and Capitola. Participants may perform on-stage in the evening concert.



# winter/spring 2005 c a l e n d a r

SUNDAY JANUARY 30, 2 PM

## Santa Cruz County Symphony

Admission: \$12 – 38 (all reserved seating)  
Tickets: Call 831 763-4047  
www.mellocenter.com

Smetana "The Moldau"  
Mozart "Piano Concerto No. 21"  
Vaughan Williams "Symphony No. 4"

Van Cliburn Competition Gold Medal winner Jon Nakamatsu performs Mozart's most famous Piano Concerto. The concert opens with Smetana's musical picture of the Moldau River. It concludes with a powerful musical message about war and its consequences in Britain's Ralph Vaughan Williams' symphony.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 5, 7:30 PM

## Winter Dance Party: A Tribute to Ritchie Valens

Admission: \$25 – 45 (all reserved seating)  
Tickets: Call 831 763-4047 www.mellocenter.com



This is the only official live and authentic re-creation of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper's final tour endorsed and praised by the Holly and Valens estates. Featuring John Mueller as Buddy Holly, Ray Anthony as Ritchie Valens, and Jay P. Richardson, Jr., the Big Bopper's actual son! You'll hear all the hit songs of the 50s era: *That'll Be The Day*, *Peggy Sue*, *Rave On*, *La Bamba*, *Chantilly Lace*, and many more. The band includes Grammy winner Mike Acosta on saxophone. This extraordinary Mello Center appearance will include a special exhibit of original Ritchie Valens memorabilia on display.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18 & 19 AT 7:30 PM

## Twirl: Karl Schaffer & Co. Dance

Presented by the PVPAA

Admission: \$15 adult, \$9 student/senior  
Tickets: Call 831 763-4047 www.mellocenter.com



Steve DiBartolomeo

Karl Schaffer presents new dances tinged with the magic and mathematical. Incorporating a variety of props including 5-gallon water bottles, rope loops, vaudevillian hats, and giant mathematical tangrams, Twirl highlights the creative efforts of an impressive cast. Creative

collaborators include Brazilian National Gymnastics Champion Fabricio Olsson, circus arts maestro Rock Lerum, as well as dancers Saki, Lalu Simcik, Gina Garcia, and Shelly Adams. Music by Berkeley composer Victor Spiegel is featured. A show for families and dance aficionados, Twirl will inspire you!

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 26, 3 PM AND 7:30 PM

## Spirit of Brasil

Presented by the PVPAA

Admission: 3 PM Matinee – \$10 – \$15 adult;  
7:30 PM – \$10 – \$17 (all seats reserved)  
Tickets: Call 831 763-4047 www.mellocenter.com

Fusao Brazilian Dance presents the 3rd annual Spirit of Brasil! This performance takes you on a visual and musical journey through Brazil, with dances from Bahia, Rio de Janeiro and the northeast, along with Capoeira and Maculele by Raizes do Brasil School of Capoeira. This year features special Brazilian guest artists plus photography by local photographer Andrew Butler. Get your blood pumping and your body jumping with the infectious rhythms of Brazil!



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SATURDAY MARCH 26, 7:30 PM

## Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar with George Kahumoku, Jr.

Admission: \$18 adults, \$15 student/senior, children under 5 FREE  
Tickets: Call 831 763-4047  
www.mellocenter.com

See cover story for concert details and workshop registration



SATURDAY APRIL 2, 1 PM

## CampDance: The Music & The Memories

Admission: FREE (all seats reserved)  
Tickets: Call 831 722-6859

The sequel to *Liberty Lost & Lessons in Loyalty*, you will love this play by Soji Kashiwagi. While *Liberty Lost* was a reenactment of the 1942 evacuation of all Japanese and Japanese-Americans from Santa Cruz County, *CampDance* will take you back on a sentimental journey to relive the "fun and excitement" of youthful dancing to the popular songs of the 1940s. Performed by The Moonlight Serenaders, sons and daughters of former camp internees.

SATURDAY APRIL 20, 2 - 5 PM

## 25th Anniversary SPECTRA Showcase

Presented by the Cultural Council of Santa Cruz County

Admission: Call for ticket prices 831 763-4047

Are you part of the SPECTRA generation? Join us for an afternoon of visual and performing arts! Celebrate the 25th Anniversary with workshops, performances, art displays and more! This is a great family opportunity! Contact www.ccscc.org for information.

## Mixed Nutz Raffle Winners

Many thanks to everyone who participated and made this raffle a success! The winners were:  
Tila Guererro - Nutcracker Queen  
Victoria Robles - Baroque Pink Nutcracker  
Lilly Jones - Giant Nutcracker King

## Update on Community Foundation Grant

Since receiving the \$20,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County, we have done quite a bit of work with consultants Chriz Esparza and Nga Trinh-Halperin of Giant Creative Services, meeting with a number of community members to plan for the future of the the PVPAA's Artists In Residence program.

Suggestions for community services the Mello Center could provide include a cinema program (family film nights, working with student filmmakers, bringing in an Arts Film Festival), summer mariachi and/or folklorico camps, theater programs based at the Mello, holiday storytelling, and much more. The Board of Directors will be working with these suggestions to form an action plan which will fully integrate the Mello Center into our community.

## SAVE THE DATE!!!

- April 3, 2005 **Watsonville Band**
- May 1, 2005, 2 PM **Santa Cruz County Symphony**, Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 with the Cabrillo Symphonic Chorus
- May 15, 2005, 3 PM **Youth Symphony Concert**

For more information about these and other late-breaking shows, call the PVPAA at (831) 763-4047, visit our website at www.mellocenter.com, and check our ads in the *Good Times* and *Register Pajaronian*.

Summer dates available for Mello rental! Call now to schedule your event.

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## PVPAA FUNDRAISING

Your support not only keeps great performances coming, it helps publish this newsletter, buys technical equipment, underwrites community use of the center, and supports the Artists in Residence program.

Yes! I want to be a Friend of the Mello! Here's my tax-deductible donation for:

\$25     \$50     \$100

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