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**InterMusic SF PRESENTS  
THE 11TH ANNUAL SF MUSIC DAY  
A FREE DAYLONG FESTIVAL OF BAY AREA MUSIC  
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2018**

**SF MUSIC DAY TAKES OVER THE WAR MEMORIAL VETERANS BUILDING IN  
DOWNTOWN SAN FRANCISCO FOR AN EIGHT-HOUR MARATHON OF LIVE MUSIC ON  
FOUR STAGES, FEATURING 36 LOCAL ENSEMBLES**

**This year's theme—Colors of the Keyboard—showcases a range of virtuoso musicians  
performing in an array of styles at the piano, the electric organ, the harpsichord, the  
pianoforte, the bandonéon, and more**

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San Francisco, CA, July 13, 2018 – **InterMusic SF** (formerly San Francisco Friends of Chamber Music) presents the eleventh edition of its free annual music festival, **SF Music Day**, on Sunday, September 30, 2018 from noon to 8pm in the War Memorial Veterans Building, 401 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco. Thirty six San Francisco Bay Area ensembles will perform throughout the day and into the early evening, on four stages: the ornate Herbst Theatre, the Green Room, and the Atrium Theater and Education Studio. As InterMusic SF's flagship annual event, the festival is always free to the public, and showcases the range and diversity of Bay Area performers, composers and ensembles working in early music, chamber music, new music, jazz and creative/improvised music, and music drawn from global classical and folk traditions. The festival's eclectic programming encourages audiences to sample the work of unfamiliar artists and genres, follow their curiosity, and experience musical practices and sounds that might not be part of their usual listening habits. Throughout the day, well-known artists will share the stage with fresh new talents, and listeners can take in performances by groups as varied as jazz combos, string quartets, piano trios and new music ensembles.

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“For this eleventh edition of SF Music Day, we continue to connect the extraordinary musicians of the Bay Area with our adventurous and attentive local audiences,” says Cory Combs, Executive Director of InterMusic SF. “SF Music Day is a welcoming environment for music aficionados and curious newcomers alike, a place where individuals and families from across the region come to celebrate live music in our community, free of charge. We like to blur the lines between music genres in programming the festival, in hopes that everyone will hear or see something that surprises them over the course of the day.”

Throughout the year, InterMusic SF serves Bay Area musicians and music audiences through a series of ongoing programs, providing funding opportunities through the Musical Grant Program, which awards more than \$70,000 in grants annually; artist support through the Fiscal Sponsorship Program; professional development training through workshops and presentations; and performance opportunities through curated partnerships with local presenters. In insisting that musicians and ensembles earn competitive wages for performances, InterMusic SF also hopes to be a model for understanding the performing arts as a vital part of the economic life of the city: each year, the organization annually pays Bay Area musicians upwards of \$20,000 in artist fees for SF Music Day alone. Accessibility is an important aspect of InterMusic SF’s work, and to that end, the festival has always been free and open to the public.

### **2018 Theme: Colors of the Keyboard**

This year’s festival theme, Colors of the Keyboard, highlights an assortment of ensembles with keyboard instruments placed front-and-center. The programming explores the seemingly limitless expressive range of keyboard instruments: refined classical piano trios and propulsive jazz combos; early music ensembles featuring harpsichord and pianoforte; contemporary groups exploring prepared piano techniques; tango music played on the accordion-like bandonéon; and electric organ-fueled groove music. Some chamber groups, such as Circadian String Quartet and Musical Art Quintet, will add pianists to their usual personnel, to perform special repertoire that specifically showcases the keyboard in their Music Day programs.

### **SF Music Marketplace**

Each year, the SF Music Marketplace, in the lobby atrium of the War Memorial Veterans Building, gives audience members a chance to chat with representatives of the San Francisco Bay Area’s local music presenting and artist service organizations, and learn about upcoming events and programs.

### **Patron Hospitality**

Local food truck vendors will be parked outside the hall for the duration of the festival, and the C+M Coffee and Milk Cafe on the venue ground floor offers light refreshments and beverages. *[more]*

## **Performance Schedule and Concert Programs**

The full SF Music Day 2018 schedule, with detailed performance times and venues for each ensemble, will be announced September 4 on the InterMusic SF website, [www.intermusicssf.org](http://www.intermusicssf.org). Concert programs for each ensemble will be made available on the InterMusic SF website this summer.

## **ABOUT InterMusic SF**

InterMusic SF is a San Francisco Bay Area nonprofit organization that advocates for performing musical artists and acts as a catalyst for their career development and creative collaboration. InterMusic SF's mission is to support the professional and artistic growth of San Francisco Bay Area musicians whose focus is the small ensemble. Through programs that include fiscal sponsorship, grant-making, career development, and curated performance partnerships, the organization strengthens the careers of local artists who contribute to a vibrant and diverse music community. InterMusic SF creates pathways to sustainable careers for musicians dedicated to ensemble music while reaching out to diverse audiences by providing accessible concert experiences. In 2010, the organization was nationally recognized by Chamber Music America when it received the prestigious CMAcclaim Award for its contributions in the field of chamber music.

## **SF Music Day 2018: List of Ensembles by Genre**

### **Classical and Chamber Music**

Circadian String Quartet  
Curium  
Delphi Trio  
Ensemble San Francisco  
Firesong  
Gold Coast Chamber Players  
Lee Trio  
Trio 180

### **Contemporary Music**

Earplay  
Ensemble for These Times  
Luminance Ensemble  
The Musical Art Quintet with Lara Downes  
Nomad Session  
Quinteto Latino  
Redwood Tango Ensemble  
Rent Romus' Life's Blood Ensemble  
Splinter Reeds  
ZOFO

### **Early Music**

Agave Baroque  
Liaison Ensemble  
MUSA  
Musicians from Valley of the Moon Music Festival

### **Jazz and Improvised Music**

Anne Sajdera Ensemble  
Ben Goldberg: *In Memory Of John Shifflett*  
Brian Ho Trio  
David James' GPS  
Edgar Pantoja & The Afro-Cuban Tribe  
George Brooks' Aspada  
Jeremy Cohen's Violinjazz  
Jon Jangtet  
Lisa Mezzacappa Six  
Mark Izu & Brenda Wong Aoki  
Motoko Honda's Simple Excesses  
Myra Melford & Ian Winters  
SFJAZZ High School All-Stars Combo  
Tiffany Austin

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## **SF Music Day 2018: Colors of the Keyboard**

Circadian String Quartet, with piano/percussion  
Lee Trio  
Delphi Trio  
Trio 180  
Gold Coast Chamber Players  
Firesong  
Ensemble San Francisco  
Curium Trio  
Myra Melford & Ian Winters  
Motoko Honda's Simple Excesses  
Mark Izu  
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### **CALENDAR EDITORS PLEASE NOTE:**

**What:** InterMusic SF Presents: SF Music Day 2018

**Description:** SF Music Day 2018 is a free, daylong music festival presenting 36 Bay Area ensembles in classical music, early music, contemporary music and jazz. The festival, now in its eleventh year, showcases the diversity and range of the Bay Area music community, from familiar repertoire to innovative new sounds.

**Where:** War Memorial Veterans Building, 401 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco

**When:** Sunday, September 30, 2018, 12:00pm – 8:00pm

**Tickets:** Admission is free; no tickets or reservations are required.

**Information:** For information visit [www.intermusicsf.org](http://www.intermusicsf.org), or call (415) 967-3326.

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