

Rev. Patricia Farris, Senior Minister
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Next Mid-Week Recital:

Wednesday, April 10



The Wilder Trio, *clarinet, bassoon and piano*

Based in Los Angeles, The Wilder Trio was formed in 2008 by three seasoned freelance musicians who have worked as colleagues in a variety of music ensembles for the past 20 years. As individuals, these musicians perform regularly with such ensembles as the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, the LA Philharmonic, the Pasadena Symphony and Pacific Symphony, chamber music with a variety of local and touring ensembles, jazz ensembles, as well as appearances as recitalists and soloists. The trio's musical inspiration derives from composer Alec Wilder, an innovator of the 20th century who had an affinity for popular music and jazz as well as classical music. Programs range from Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Strauss and Poulenc, to Wilder, Barber, Gershwin and Ellington.

*First United Methodist Church welcomes you to all of our events
and invites you to join us for worship on Sundays at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.*

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MID-WEEK RECITAL SERIES

2019

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

12:10 p.m.

ALMANOVA DUO, *flute and guitar*

Sarajevo Nights - Almer Imamovic (b. 1974)

Ra-Ra's Waltz - Almer Imamovic

For My Mother - Almer Imamovic

Jovano, Jovanke - Almer Imamovic

Bitola - Petar Georgiev Kalica/arr. Almer Imamovic

Kafana - Almer Imamovic

About The Artists...

AlmaNova Duo, *flute and guitar*

The award-winning ensemble, AlmaNova, is an innovative flute and guitar duo presenting an eclectic program of chamber music. Flutist Jessica Pierce and guitarist Almer Imamovic are both masters of their instruments, elevating the flute and guitar ensemble to the highest level of virtuosity and artistry. Their live performances are filled with energy and passion creating a "...graceful, intuitively choreographed display of seamless connection." (Fresno Beehive).

AlmaNova's recordings have been described as "...pure musical pleasure" (Flute Focus Magazine) and have received much critical acclaim. Their first CD recording "Debut" features original works by Mr. Imamovic inspired by the sounds and folk melodies of his native Bosnia. It was recently honored by the largest worldwide independent music organization, Just Plain Folks, receiving Best Instrumental Album, as well as Best Instrumental Song, for 'Sarajevo Nights.'

AlmaNova met in France while studying at the famed Ecole Normale de Musique de Paris. They continued their graduate work at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama and the USC Thornton School of Music. Since then they have had the privilege to perform extensively throughout the world including recitals in Paris, London, Sarajevo, Stockholm, Tijuana, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago, New York, Kansas City, and San Diego.

www.almanovaduo.com

The First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica welcomes you to this concert, the third of our 2019 Mid-Week Recital series.

You are invited to join us in the Fireside Room after the performance for light refreshments.