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*The Arts in Mesquite? You bet!*

# Accompaniment

MESQUITE ARTS COUNCIL



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## ARTS COUNCIL PRESENTS....

**C**ontinuing with a history of chamber music at the Mesquite Arts Center, the Arts Council presents **Yuri Anshelevich, cellist on March 10, 2012 at 7:30p** in a free concert. And on **March 24** the center will host for the third year the **Dallas Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet in a free concert also at 7:30p.**

Russian-born cello virtuoso, **YURI ANSHELEVICH**, won acceptance at the age of 14 at the famed Moscow State Conservatory. After graduation and study with Mstislav Rostropovich, Mr. Anshelevich won critical acclaim for concert and recital performances the world over. Currently serving as associate principal with the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, Mr. Anshelevich is often described as a performer of power, imagination and vitality. The program includes the music of Boccherini, Beethoven and Mendelssohn.



The **DSO BRASS QUINTET** features Ryan Anthony and Kevin Finamore, trumpet; Gregory Hustis, horn; John Kitzman, trombone and Matt Good, tuba. The musical sensitivity of the ensemble is unmatched with conversational asides both informative and entertaining.



An all American program will be featured

These concerts are funded in part by the Ralph & Jeann Wisenbaker Endowment Fund and the City of Mesquite Hotel/Motel Tax Fund.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MARCH 10 AND 24 AT 7:30P.**

# laugh & shed a wee tear... all in the name of theatre

**T**HE DIXIE SWIM CLUB by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope and Jamie Wooten will be presented in the Black Box Theatre for a limited engagement at 7:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays March 16, 17, 23 and 24.

Award-winning director **Byron Holder** will direct the delightful, bittersweet comedy, filled with the zingers that only fast friends and Southern belles can sling. The MAC Black Box Actors cast features Carla Reasoner (Sheree), Laura Warner (Dinah), Sheresa Tuggle (Lexie), Sheila Rose (Vernadette) and Laura Jennings (Jeri Neal) in this hilarious and touching play about friendships that last forever.

Five Southern women, who forged their friendship on a championship college swim team, reunite each summer to catch up, laugh and recharge their relationships with raucous repartee, meddling advice and genuine fondness. The play focuses on four of those weekends, spanning a period of 33 years. When fate throws a wrench into their lives, the women of the Dixie Swim Club gather strength from each other to prove the enduring power of teamwork and love.



BLACK BOX  
mac actors

Sheree, the spunky team captain, desperately tries to maintain her organized, "perfect" life. Dinah, a wisecracking, high-achieving dynamo reveals that her career victories offer stark contrast to the frustrations of her personal life. Pampered, outspoken Lexie, committed to maintaining her looks and youth forever, enjoys being married—over and over and over again. Self-deprecating, acerbic and acutely aware of the dark cloud that hovers over her life, Vernadette decides

to just give in and embrace the chaos. And sweet, eager-to-please Jeri Neal experiences a late entry into motherhood that takes them all by surprise.

**Tickets at \$10, are available online, at [www.mesquiteartscenter.org](http://www.mesquiteartscenter.org), or call the box office at 972-216-6444.**

THE DIXIE SWIM CLUB, is presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc., and funded in part by the EDWARD JONES/KEITH SINGLETON and TANAMACHI ENDOWMENTS.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 16 AT 1:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M.  
SATURDAY, MARCH 17 AT 1:00 P.M. AND 7:00 P.M.  
FRIDAY, MARCH 23 AT 7:00 P.M.  
SATURDAY, MARCH 24TH AT 7:00 P.M.**

*Whether on your way to the post office, the grocery store or a quick trip to the hardware store, stop by the Arts Center to see the ever changing exhibits.*

# 125th Birthday

Mesquite Celebrates a Quasiquicentennial | by Charlene Orr

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hile "Mesquite" became a township on May 22, 1873, when the engineer for the Texas & Pacific Railroad filed the first plat in Dallas County, the citizens did not hold an incorporation election for another 14 years.

But, on Dec. 3, 1887, the election was held and votes were: 25 for, 14 against. Thus, Mesquite officially became the second community outside of Dallas proper to incorporate (Lancaster beat us to it!). Four months later, citizens came back together to elect leaders. J.E. Russell was elected Mesquite's first mayor; S.E. Champion was elected marshal; and aldermen were R.S. Kimbrough, G.B. Gross, LL. Thompson, J.M. Talley and I.D. Browder.

And now, 125 years later, Mayor John Monaco kicked off the year-long celebration of the City's incorporation with a proclamation at the Mesquite Symphonic Band's holiday concert at the Mesquite Arts Center on Dec. 10, 2011. "...It is fitting that we should join in the expression of our pride and appreciation for the many civic and economic benefits that our community has enjoyed over the past 125 years," Mayor Monaco read in his proclamation while he also urged all citizens to join in the celebration.

A series of events are scheduled throughout the year to commemorate "Q125," or the City's Quasiquicentennial. From a geocaching exercise, a facial hair growing contest and an appraisal fair to a parade for dogs and their owners, different City

departments are partnering with outside organizations in an attempt to offer something for all different interests.

Then, on Dec. 8, 2012, the Mayor will close the celebration by proclamation at Christmas in the Park. Of course, what's a celebration without a souvenir? A limited number of full-color logo lapel pins, coins and t-shirts will be available prior to the first event, which will start March 10. A list of events and up-to-date information may be found under the City Council's webpage on the City of Mesquite website at [www.cityofmesquite.com](http://www.cityofmesquite.com). Historic Mesquite, Inc. will also have events listings on its webpage and will announce more on Q125 on Facebook. Don't forget to watch the Mainstream as another source for dates



*The Original Lawrence House Homestead*



*The Original Mesquite Train Depot*

Events at the Mesquite Arts Center are partially funded by the Mesquite Arts Council, Texas Commission on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts. Log on to [www.mesquiteartscenter.org](http://www.mesquiteartscenter.org) for more information.

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### DATE NIGHT AT THE MESQUITE ARTS CENTER IN FEBRUARY



**Christopher O'Riley**

February 25, 2012  
7:30 p.m.  
Mesquite Arts Center  
Mesquite, Texas

A concert by the James M. Syler  
Distinguished Visiting Artist  
*Christopher O'Riley*  
Performing Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 5  
*The Emperor*

With the LSU Symphony Orchestra  
Carlos Riazuelo, Music Director

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Contributor	\$50-\$99	Investor	\$500-\$1,999
ArtsPartner	\$100-\$249	Principal	\$2,000 or more

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## Courtyard COLORS

### MARCH

- 1-26 The artwork of Rick Whiteman is exhibit in the Main Gallery
- 10 Yuri Anshelevich, cellist is in concert at 7:30p, FREE!
- 12 The Monthly Pain-In begins at 10 Call 214-566-8269 for information
- 16-24 The Dixie Swim Club is presented in the Black Box Theatre. Call 972-216-6444 for tickets in reservations.
- 24 The Dallas Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet is in concert at 7:30p, FREE!
- 31 The MSO is in concert with "Broadway for Kids." Call 972-216-8127 for tickets and information.

### APRIL

The Arts Council presents the artwork of Michael Cassidy in the Main Gallery. The exhibit is titled "Wild Islands"



Stay connected, be creative and enjoy the arts. While you're at it, stay the night in Mesquite and help support the arts.

Check in at [www.realtexasflavor.com](http://www.realtexasflavor.com)