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An Eastern Sierra Harmony of Community, Land Conservation, Music, and Art
Eastern Sierra Land Trust and Bishop First United Methodist Church will host a music and art series with events throughout 2020. For tickets, visit ESLT.org/events.

A bass chants a beat as a trumpet trills over the top. As The Bill Schuck Quartet hums and harmonizes, their notes hanging in the Eastern Sierra air, you can go meander through a maze of Rhondda Saunders’s bold, jump-off-the-canvas artwork.

That’s what 2020’s “In Harmony” music and art series hosted by Eastern Sierra Land Trust and Bishop First United Methodist Church will look and sound like. Each season, a new array of different Eastern Sierra guest musicians and artists will come together to accompany and complement The Bill Schuck Quartet’s melodies. The series opens with a first concert on Sunday, February 23rd, and continues on May 10th (Mother’s Day!), August 2nd, and November 8th.

Whether you’re familiar with The Bill Schuck Quartet or not, you’re in for quite an auditory treat. Hadi Al-Saadoon, the accomplished trumpeter of the quartet, describes their group as “two young lions and two seasoned veterans putting together high-energy jazz.” Throughout a lifetime of playing the horn, Hadi has performed and recorded with countless artists, including Van Morrison, Vince Guaraldi, and Huey Lewis. The other veteran of the group is its namesake Bill Schuck himself, a seasoned and versatile musician. He has played and composed music throughout this life and has taught music the Eastern Sierra for nearly 40 years. His piano playing as a part of this quartet has been described as “exquisite,” “sensitive,” and “of the highest caliber.”

The “two young lions” as described by trumpeter Hadi, are Orion Boucher on bass and Ryan Mills on drums. While Orion studied upright bass in the jazz idiom at Berkeley College of Music in Boston, Ryan has played in professional symphonies and led music programs in schools throughout California. Together, this spirited group will be accompanied on February 23rd by the clear, hearty vocals of Sandy Anderson.

But before the show, each event will begin with a casual and festive art show and mixer at 2 p.m. at Eastern Sierra Land Trust’s office (250 North Fowler Street). Guests can explore local artists’ inspiring and colorful handiwork while you enjoy delicious local food and beverages. Then at 3 p.m., the music will start to play across the street at Bishop First United Methodist Church.

As our community will comes together with land conservation, music, and art, we’ll create real Eastern Sierra harmony. Come be a part of it! Tickets are \$50 for each event or \$175 for all four events in the series, and benefit Eastern Sierra Land Trust and Bishop First United Methodist Church.



By purchasing tickets for this exciting event series, you'll be supporting these two community organizations that have a great positive impact on our community – Eastern Sierra Land Trust and Bishop First United Methodist Church. Eastern Sierra Land Trust works with willing landowners to protect vital land in the Eastern Sierra for their scenic, agricultural, natural, recreational, historical, and watershed values. Bishop First United Methodist hosts weekly worship service for the Eastern Sierra, while also providing our area with many important community support programs such as free community lunches on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, a space for Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous, and housing for people recently released from prison.

For more event information and tickets, visit ESLT.org. Please direct questions to Amanda, ESLT Development Coordinator, at amanda@eslt.org or (760) 873-4554.



Photo caption 1: In order from left to right, the Bill Schuck Quartet is comprised of Hadi Al-Saadoon, Bill Schuck, Ryan Mills, and Orion Boucher. © Yvonne Mills



Photo caption 2: On February 23rd, community will come together with land conservation, music and art to create a real Eastern Sierra harmony. Come be a part of it! © Yvonne Mills