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## **The Carpenter Center's 27<sup>th</sup> Season Now On Sale with Thrilling Artists and the Highly Anticipated Return of Series Subscriptions**

**The 2022-2023 Season Includes AL FRANKEN, MARC MARON, TIG NOTARO, BALLET FOLKLÓRICO, FLAMENCO VIVO CARLOTA SANTANA, CIRQUE MECHANICS, CIRQUE FLIP FABRIQUE, THE DOO WOP PROJECT, THE QUEEN'S CARTOONISTS, SUPERSTARS OF MAGIC, YESTERDAY ONCE MORE, SUPREME REFLECTIONS, LORNA LUFT, ANN HAMPTON CALLAWAY, MEOW MEOW, TERRON BROOKS, STUNT DOGS, CAPITOL COMEDY, THE PURPLE XPERIENCE, and BILL NYE.**

**LONG BEACH, California** —The Richard and Karen Carpenter Performing Arts Center, located on the campus of California State University, Long Beach, announced their 2022-2023 season this month, featuring a captivating collection of music, dance, comedy, speakers, and family events. Tickets to all the season performances are now on sale.

"Our 27<sup>th</sup> season includes dazzling new artists and audience favorites—and we're once again offering series subscriptions!" says Executive Director Megan Kline Crockett. "Our series subscriptions offer so much value, variety, and fun, and are the best way to enjoy the magic of live performances all season long."

Tickets to single shows and new series subscriptions are available by visiting [carpenterarts.org](http://carpenterarts.org), or by calling the Ticket Office at 562.985.7000, M-F, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

*Find all the upcoming events from the new season below, along with date information. Artist information is also available at [carpenterarts.org](http://carpenterarts.org).*

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### **Wit & Wisdom Series**

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Our Wit & Wisdom series kicks off with **Al Franken** in an enlightening evening covering his far-ranging career in comedy and in Congress. Comedian and host of the WTF podcast, **Marc Maron** brings his *This May Be The Last Time* tour to our stage for a night of raw, honest, and thought-provoking comedy. Named one of the “50 best stand-up comics of all time” by *Rolling Stone*, comedian and actor **Tig Notaro** hilariously explores life’s realities and absurdities with her deadpan delivery.

- **An Evening with Al Franken**  
Sat, Sep 24, 2022 at 8pm
- **Marc Maron**  
*This May Be The Last Time*  
Sat, Nov 12, 2022 at 8pm
- **Tig Notaro**  
Sat, Mar 11, 2023 at 8pm

## Cabaret Series

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Our Cabaret series allows patrons to experience the Center’s most intimate performance space, where every seat is on the stage and less than 40 feet from the artist. Judy Garland’s daughter, **Lorna Luft**, takes audiences on a trip down memory lane as we celebrate her mother’s career on the year of Garland’s 100th birthday. Platinum-selling singer/songwriter **Ann Hampton Callaway** returns to transport us back to the 1970s in a feel-good trip through the decade of memory. Then, international siren and comedienne-extraordinaire **Meow Meow** prowls onto Cabaret stage in a hilarious night of wickedly divine comedy and exquisite music. Our Cabaret series concludes with **Terron Brooks**, as the star of Broadway and TV reinterprets classic and contemporary Broadway songs including hits from *Sweeney Todd*, *West Side Story*, *The Phantom of the Opera* and more.

- **Lorna Luft: A Garland Musical Celebration**  
Wed/Thu Sep 21-22, 2022 at 7pm
- **Ann Hampton Callaway Sings the ‘70s**  
Wed/Thu Nov 2-3, 2022 at 7pm
- **Meow Meow**  
Wed/Thu Mar 22-23, 2023 at 7pm
- **Terron Brooks**  
**The Soul of Broadway, Unplugged**  
Wed/Thu May 10-11, 2023 at 7pm

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## Dance Series

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Our 2022-2023 Dance series continues the Carpenter Center's reputation as a leading presenter of dance in Southern California, beginning with *Ofrenda: A Día de los Muertos Celebration*. Featuring the nation's premier Mexican folk dance company **Ballet Folklórico de Los Ángeles** along with **Mariachi Garibaldi de Jaime Cuéllar**, led by three-time Grammy award-winner Jimmy Cuéllar, the two ensembles create an unforgettable night of music and dance. **Flamenco Vivo Carlota Santana** brings a stunning new work to the Carpenter Center's dance stage with *De la Frontera*. Choreographed by Jose Maldonado and Karen Lugo, two of flamenco's hottest artists, this passionate performance displays the power of flamenco to transcend barriers.

- **Ballet Folklórico de Los Ángeles**  
**Mariachi Garibaldi de Jaime Cuéllar**  
*Ofrenda: A Día de los Muertos Celebration*  
Sat Nov 5, 2022 at 8pm
- **Flamenco Vivo Carlota Santana**  
*De la Frontera*  
Sat Mar 18, 2023 at 8pm

## Sunday Afternoon Concert Series

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Our popular Sunday Afternoon Concert Series brings back the stars of Broadway's smash hits *Jersey Boys* and *Motown: The Musical* as **The Doo Wop Project** celebrate the music of Doo Wop in an afternoon filled with some of the greatest music in American pop history. **The Queen's Cartoonists** pay playful homage to America's great art forms of jazz and cartoons in a special holiday treat showcasing the Golden Age of animation and the music of Danny Elfman, John Williams, Alf Clausen and more. Next, the soaring harmonies and lush melodies of '60s and '70s fill our theatre as **Yesterday Once More** perform hits by ABBA, the Carpenters, the 5<sup>th</sup> Dimension and The Mamas & The Papas. The final Sunday Afternoon Concert brings a loving tribute to the timeless music of the world's most popular and beloved female vocal group—Diana Ross & The Supremes—in **Supreme Reflections**.

- **The Doo Wop Project**  
Sun, Oct 2, 2022 at 2pm
- **The Queen's Cartoonists: A Cartoon, Comedy, Holiday Hurrah!**  
Sun, Nov 20, 2022 at 2pm

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- **Yesterday Once More**  
**Celebrating the Music of ABBA, the Carpenters, the 5th Dimension, and The Mamas & The Papas**  
Sun, Mar 12, 2023 at 2 pm
- **Supreme Reflections: A Tribute to Diana Ross and The Supremes**  
Sun, Apr 2, 2023 at 2pm

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## WOW! Series

Spectacle, artistry, and adrenaline make WOW! series shows unforgettable. This season, our favorites are back to enthrall. First, it's the ingenious contraptions, exhilarating acrobatics, and emotive storytelling of **Cirque Mechanics** in *Zephyr—A Whirlwind of Circus*. Featuring modern circus feats performed on a rotating 20-foot windmill, this new theatrical show explores human ingenuity in harnessing the wind. **Superstars of Magic** follows, bringing together five award-winning Las Vegas illusionists for a thoroughly entertaining evening of magic, comedy, and variety. Finally, the dazzling, gravity-defying **Cirque FLIP Fabrique** return with *Muse*, their all-new, high-energy production tackling the gender archetypes—circus-style—all set to an original score by beatmaker Millimetrik and featuring live onstage vocals by Flavia Nascimento.

- **Cirque Mechanics**  
***Zephyr – A Whirlwind of Circus***  
Sat, Oct 1, 2022 at 8pm
- **Superstars of Magic**  
Sat, Jan 28, 2023 at 8pm
- **Cirque FLIP Fabrique**  
***Muse***  
Sat, Feb 4, 2023 at 8pm

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## Single Events

The Carpenter Center has something for everyone, including an eclectic array of performances that are not part of a subscription series. Dog lovers are in for a thrill as **Chris Perondi's Stunt Dog Experience** returns with more high-energy excitement from these canine daredevils. Hilarious songs and satire go hand-in-hand as **Capitol Comedy** bring fresh political parodies skewing both sides of the aisle. Then, party like it's 1999 with **The Purple Xperience**, the world's most authentic production of Prince and The

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Revolution. From “Little Red Corvette” to “Purple Rain,” it’s a celebration of Prince’s magic and musical genius. Finally, **Bill Nye, The Science Guy** brings his irresistible humor, intellectual curiosity, and devotion to an inspiring evening as he addresses how science can help solve some of the world’s most complex challenges. Before the event, join us for the **President’s Party with Bill Nye**, including VIP parking, cocktails, an exclusive dinner, and a meet and greet with Bill Nye. Details and ticketing information for the President’s Party will be announced at a later date.

- **Chris Perondi’s Stunt Dog Experience**  
Sun, Nov 13, 2022 at 2pm & 6pm
- **Capitol Comedy**  
Sat, Jan 21, 2023 at 8pm
- **The Purple Xperience**  
Fri, Mar 3, 2023 at 8pm
- **An Evening with Bill Nye**  
*The Science Guy*  
Sat, Apr 1, 2023 at 8pm
- **President’s Party with Bill Nye**  
Sat, Apr 1, 2023 - Time TBA

## Arts for Life

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Thanks to the continued generosity of sponsors and donors, the Carpenter Center is able to offer free events to our campus and arts community through our Arts for Life program. This season includes Pulitzer-finalist **Anne Leilehua Lanzilotti** and the **Argus Quartet** as they perform a new string quartet co-commissioned by the Carpenter Center that takes as its subject the Hawaiian concept of *ahupua‘a*—land division centered around community needs. Also this season, the **Symphonic Jazz Orchestra** returns to celebrate their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as the 68-member orchestra explores the intersection of jazz and classical music.

- **Argus Quartet and Anne Leilehua Lanzilotti**  
*ahupua‘a*  
Sat, Mar 25, 2023 - Time TBA
- **Symphonic Jazz Orchestra 20th Anniversary Celebration**  
Sun, Sep 18, 2022 at 3pm  
Spring 2023 - Time TBA

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*All programs, performers, prices, dates, and times are subject to change.*

## **About Series Subscriptions**

Patrons get the best seats in the house when they subscribe to a subscription series. Series subscribers also enjoy other benefits, including significant discounts on single tickets.

The Wit & Wisdom three-event subscription is \$149, the two-event Dance Series is \$69, the three-event WOW! Series is \$99, the Sunday Afternoon Concert Series features four events for \$119, and the Cabaret Series four-event subscription starts at \$140.

## **Attendance Information**

We advise patrons to visit our Frequently Asked Questions page at [carpenterarts.org/faq](http://carpenterarts.org/faq) before any performance for the most up-to-date attendance information.

## **About the Carpenter Center**

Now celebrating its 27th season, the Richard and Karen Carpenter Performing Arts Center located on the California State University, Long Beach campus gracefully accommodates large and small productions, seating 1,054 patrons. Each season, the Carpenter Center showcases emerging and established musicians, dancers, actors, speakers, comedians, and visual artists, as well as other artistic, educational, and cultural experiences that enrich lives, promote lifelong learning in and through the performing arts, and serve as a gateway between the university and the greater community.

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