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PIETER MEIJERS QUARTET WITH GUEST SINGER BRADY MCKAY SWING AT THE CARPENTER CENTER

The Pieter Meijers Quartet Will Perform as Part of the Cabaret Series

LONG BEACH, Calif. – The Richard and Karen Carpenter Performing Arts Center on the campus of Cal State Long Beach will *swing* into the holidays as the Pieter Meijers Quartet with guest singer Brady McKay performs an evening of jazz and holiday tunes as part of the Cabaret Series on Dec. 12 and 13 at 7pm.

Carpenter Center's Cabaret Series is the most intimate performance experience at the theatre, where every seat is on stage and less than 40 feet from the artist. In addition, patrons have the option of enjoying dinner before the concert, with bar service available.

From the Netherlands, Pieter Meijers completed his doctorate in nuclear chemistry and physics before pursuing his lifelong passion of jazz. Meijers' artistry in music and humor has made his Quartet a fan-favorite at jazz festivals and concerts such as the Sun Valley Jazz Jamboree and Arizona Classic Jazz Festival. In addition, the virtuoso clarinet player and his ensemble have toured around the globe and have featured guest vocalists such as Rebecca Kilgore, Ruby Wilson, Nina Ferro, and Paulette Pepper.

Singer/songwriter Brady McKay was born in Salt Lake City, and has become a regular vocalist for the Pieter Meijers Quarter. She began voice lessons at the 16, and moved to California two years later where she began to perform in theater productions—landing roles as Maria in *Sound of Music*, Anita in *West Side Story*, and Eliza in *My Fair Lady*. Brady discovered traditional jazz at age 23, and since then, she has co-founded and/or been part of various jazz bands including the River City Stomperz, Wooden Nickel Jass Band, Parlor Jam and Brady McKay and The Neurotypicals.

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Tickets for Pieter Meijers Quartet with Brady McKay range from \$55-\$45, with dinner tickets available separately for \$25. The menu will feature: Carved Roast Turkey with Stuffing and Gravy, Fresh Garden Salad with Ranch and Herb Vinaigrette Dressings, Mashed Potatoes, Grilled Vegetables, Dinner Rolls with Butter, Apple Pie with Caramel Sauce, and a Vegetarian Entrée option of Linguini with White Beans and Pesto is available upon advance request. Dinner/Beverage service is from 6-6:45pm. For group rates or special seating request, contact the ticket office at (562) 985-7000 or visit www.CarpenterArts.org. This presentation is made possible in part by Season Media Partner KPCC 89.3FM and Honorary Series Producer, Dottie Reiner, in memory of Ken Reiner.

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CALENDAR LISTING

Photos are available – Please contact Francisco Juanillo at (562) 985-1822

- What: Pieter Meijers Quartet with Brady McKay**
- When: Wednesday, December 12, 2012, 7pm
Thursday, December 13, 2012, 7pm
*Dinner/Beverage service is from 6-6:45pm.***
- Where: Carpenter Performing Arts Center
6200 Atherton St.
Long Beach, CA 90815**
- Tickets: \$55-\$45, with dinner tickets available separately for \$25.**
- Ticket Office: (562) 985-7000, www.CarpenterArts.org
Box Office Hours are Monday-Friday, 11am-6pm
Saturdays are closed except on season performance days from Noon – 4pm.**
- In Brief: A perennial favorite at major jazz festivals around the country, the Pieter Meijers Quartet delivers humor, lyrical artistry, and technical brilliance each time they perform. They will be joined by the swinging and inspired voice of singer Brady McKay!**

Additional information and tickets available at the Carpenter Center's website: www.CarpenterArts.org