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Hungarian Folk Music Featured in GCCP's 'Gypsy'

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Geoff Nuttall Photo provided

"Gypsy" opens the Gold Coast Chamber Players' 2015-16 series, with works by Ravel, Bartok, Brahms and Haydn, spanning several centuries of music inspired by Gypsy exoticism Sept. 26 at the Lafayette Library Community Hall. Hungarian folk music will be a recurring theme, as well as German and French influences. Gold Coast Chamber Players and artistic director/violist Pamela Freund are the recipients of the 2015 Arts Recognition Award by the Contra Costa County Arts and Culture Commission. Joining Freund is Robert Howard, cello, Jeffrey LaDeur, piano, and one of the leading violinists in the U.S., Geoff Nuttall.

A co-founder and violinist in the award-winning St. Lawrence String Quartet, Nuttall has performed well over 1,500 concerts throughout North and South America, Europe, Australia, and Asia. The St. Lawrence String Quartet has been ensemble-in-residence at Stanford University since 1999, where Nuttall is on faculty. Nuttall directs the chamber music series at the Spoleto Festival USA in Charleston, South Carolina. The New York Times describes him as "The Jon Stewart of Chamber Music" for his fun and inventive approach to performing: "Like that television comedian, Mr. Nuttall is a creatively daring, physically talented performer who can go goofball in a nanosecond, maintaining a veneer of entertainment while educating his base about serious matters." Nuttall will present Maurice Ravel's Tzigane, a virtuoso

showcase for violin and piano in the style of a Hungarian rhapsody.

The concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, with a pre-concert talk at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at www.gcplayers.org and by phone at (925) 283-3728. Limited seating, please reserve early.

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