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Guitar and oboe ensemble kicks off annual classical guitar series.

The Davis Art Center's 4th Annual Classical Guitar Ensemble Series kicks off at 8 pm on February 8 with a performance by guitar and oboe ensemble D'Amore Duo. Featuring guitarist William Feasley and oboist Yeon Jee Sohn, the duo has released three critically acclaimed recordings and performed around the globe to enthusiastic reviews.

D'Amore Duo was founded in 1991 specifically to investigate the little known wealth of chamber music for guitar and oboe -- a unique blend of sound, according to Matthew Grasso, who organizes the concert series each year for the Art Center.

"The guitar is a plucked instrument, so when you strike a note it is already 'decaying,'" Grasso said. "But like the human voice, the oboe is a sustaining instrument. To have these different qualities from two different instruments [in a duo] is a beautiful combination."

The series will continue with performances by Quarteto Nuevo on March 15, Duo SF on April 19 and Trio Seven on May 17. Grasso said he selected each of these groups to allow audiences to hear the guitar in relationship to different instruments or in different configurations.

Grasso said his vision for the annual guitar series has always been to bring a new appreciation of the guitar ensemble to local audiences. "Most people associate classical guitar with solo performance," he said. "[The ensemble] is a relatively young aesthetic in the guitar world, and there's not a lot of literature for it. Most of these groups have to search out composers or arrangers to write for them."

What: Davis Art Center's 4th Annual Classical Guitar Ensemble Series

When: 8 pm - February 8, March 15, April 19, May 17

Where: Davis Art Center, 1919 F Street, Davis, CA 95616

Tickets: \$15 general admission, \$10 for students and seniors, \$5 for children age 12 and under, <http://davisartcenter.brownpapertickets.com/>

Information: (530) 756-4100, <http://www.davisartcenter.org/events.htm>

PHOTO CAPTION: D'Amore Duo to perform at Davis Art Center on February 8.