

## A Dazzling Benefit Concert!

Menard Presents: Carnegies in Concert featured violinists Monique Mead; Andrés Cárdenes; their extraordinarily gifted children Isabel (12) and Tino (10); pianist Rodrigo Ojeda; singer/songwriter Caitlin Quinlan and C Street Brass (Kyle Anderson - trumpet; Hakeem Bilal – bass trombone; Gabriel Colby – trombone; Joe Hughes – French horn; and Scott Nadelson – trumpet).

These world class musicians from Carnegie Mellon's elite School of Music put on a spectacular show! Highlights included Mr. Cárdenes and Mr. Ojeda in a tour de force delivery of *Schubert's Fantasie for Violin and Piano in C Major*, Ms. Quinlan's soulful singing of three original songs, and C Street's showstopper rendition of selections from *West Side Story*.

A long time ACFL&MH supporter wrote that he "felt at one with an audience which was distinguished, but not hesitant to whoop and holler approval for this truly magical performance by the Cárdenes Family and Friends!"

There was plenty to whoop and holler about: the concert was a joy, the after-performance party (with scrumptious food by Michael Lench) offered a sneak preview of the newly restored Library, and the event raised nearly \$55,000!

Heartfelt thanks to an outstanding Event Committee (with three years from Mel and John Luke as Co-Chairs), and the very generous sponsors who stepped up to make Carnegies in Concert such a memorable and successful evening. Board, staff and volunteers all contributed to a night to remember!



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