

Kazanetti returns to Plaza

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EATONTON – Classical music will waft through the fall air Friday and Saturday as the Kazanetti String Quartet returns to Eatonton for its second performance at the Plaza Arts Center.

On Friday, the quartet, recently named artists-in-residence at the arts center, will once again perform for Putnam County Elementary School students.

Joined by clarinetist David Odum, the group will bring classical music to the school by featuring string and woodwind music with a Halloween theme.

Last month, the group debuted its local children's concert series at the elementary school and musical petting zoo at the arts center.

"Our mission is to go beyond simply performing classical music for the kids," said violist Julie Rosseter. "We want to excite them about music and learning. We've found a wonderful partnership in that effort with Putnam County Schools."

In addition to its children's concert, the quartet will host a brown bag concert at the Plaza at noon, followed by an open dress rehearsal at 1

p.m. Middle school students, as well as the public, are invited to the open rehearsal at the Plaza Arts Center.

Then, on Saturday, the quartet along with Odum and pianist Jeremy Samoleskey will perform at the arts center at 7:30 p.m. Prior to the performance, Kazanetti will host a musical petting zoo from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

"To help kick off this concert will be Putnam County High School band students," Rosseter said. "These fine young musicians will be on hand before the concert to help with the musical petting zoo."

The petting zoo was developed for audience members to see, touch and play the instruments they will later hear during the concert.

"With the support of band director J.R. Beckwith and the music department at PCHS, the opportunities for bringing great music to this area are endless," said violinist Elizabeth Alvarez.

Concert tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the arts center box office and Lake Welcome Center.

Children attending the petting zoo will be admitted free to the concert.