



## Re-Established After 17 Years, Stockton Chamber Players to Perform March 6; March 18

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**Galloway Township, NJ** - The Stockton Chamber Players return to the stage this spring for the first time in 17 years, with two performances featuring musicians from Stockton and the community.

"From 1975 to 1997, the Stockton Performing Arts Program featured performances by Stockton music faculty in concerts of chamber music under the name, The Stockton Chamber Players," said Dr. Lance Olsen, the project leader of the newly re-established program.

"Thanks to support from the college, the Chamber Players were able to re-establish not just the group, but an entire concept," Dr. Olsen said. "The objective is to re-establish the concept of faculty performances of music of all styles as a source of community engagement on our campus."

On **March 6, 2014** at 7:30 p.m. in the Alton Auditorium, the Stockton Chamber Players will feature a Saxophone Quartet under the guidance of Dr. Olsen who will also be performing in the event. The program will consist of two full-time faculty members, Dr. Olsen and Dr. Michael Pedicin; an adjunct faculty member, Ed Vezinho; and Robert Portnoy, a community member and friend of the Stockton Chamber Players. The evening's program will consist of works by Phil Woods, Stephen Foster, Chris and Rusty Dedrick, George Gershwin, and Vernon Duke in arrangements by Lennie Niehausbl, Bill Holcombe, Billy May, and Paul Nagle.

The second event will take place at 7:30 p.m. on **March 18, 2014**, under the leadership of Dr. Chris DiSanto, Dr. Olsen's partner in the project and the coordinator of the Classical Music Studies Program. This program will feature Dr. DiSanto on clarinet with two prominent community musicians, Ana Tsinadze playing the viola, and pianist Donna Battista. The three will perform classical music featuring works by Verdi, Mozart, Saint-Saëns and Schumann.

Both performances are free and open to the public. Alton Auditorium is located on the second floor of the A-Wing on Stockton's main campus in Galloway Township.

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