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# Press Release

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## ***The Jazz Room* welcomes piano virtuoso Kari Ikonen March 29 event presented in conjunction with Ridgeway Arts**

*The Jazz Room* and Ridgeway Arts present 2013 Finnish Jazz Musician of the Year, pianist and composer Kari Ikonen. *The Jazz Room* is a program at the Village Theatre & Art Gallery that brings a stellar lineup of artists to the theatre stage. Ikonen will be in Danville on March 29, 2017.

Ikonen is a well-known name in music circle, with his playing and/or compositions recorded for more than 40 albums, 5 of these under his own name. His compositions have been honored internationally, taking first prizes in the American "Julius Hemphill Composition Awards" and in the Italian "Scrivere in Jazz Awards." Kari works as a part-time teacher at the Jazz department of the Sibelius Academy in Helsinki. He has worked with Louis Sclavis, Bob Moses, Lee Konitz, Ingrid Jensen, Stan Sulzmann, Ron McClure, Magnus Broo, Vincent Courtois, and Dayna Stephens and has performed in South Korea, Japan, USA, Armenia, Turkey, Russia, and 23 European Countries.

Kari will be joined by Ridgeway Arts founder and Artistic Director Jeff Denson on double bass and Andre Sumelius on drums.

Prior to the concert, and as a part of the Ridgeway Arts presenting program, local and young musicians will have the opportunity to work directly with Kari and present their work during the performance. The Ridgeway Arts program has both a national and local focus, fully integrated with its community outreach programs. The programs focus on presenting high profile artists in the Bay Area as well as providing young musicians access to educational opportunities with these artists.

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*The Jazz Room* is produced by the Town of Danville and Founding Artistic Director Eve Marie Shahoian. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. at The Village Theatre & Art Gallery, 233 Front St. The concert begins at 8:00 p.m. Wine will be sold courtesy of the VINE at Bridges.

Presale tickets for *The Jazz Room* are \$25 for adults and \$20 for students. Tickets at the door are \$30 for adults and \$25 for students. Presale tickets can be purchased by calling (925) 314-3400 or by visiting [www.villagetheatreshows.com](http://www.villagetheatreshows.com).

More information about upcoming events in *The Jazz Room* can be found at [www.facebook.com/TheJazzRoom](http://www.facebook.com/TheJazzRoom). More information about Ridgeway Arts can be found at <http://RidgewayArts.com>.

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