



chatter music worth talking about SUNDAY

July 19, 2026 :: 912 3rd St NW :: Albuquerque :: #883

Tobias Picker's **"Lili Elbe"** *"I cannot do otherwise than be myself" – Lili Elbe*

Centering Tobias Picker's Lili Elbe opera, the program explores the inner and outer landscapes of transformation, with music by Picker, initi figgis-vizueta, and world premieres by Aeryn Santillan & Andromeda Wen. The luminous concert invites us into a journey of courage and becoming.

Del Sol Quartet

Hyeyung Sol Yoon, Benjamin Kreith violin

Charlton Lee viola

Kathryn Bates cello

Judith Gordon piano/melodica

mayu (the great river) (2021)
initi figgis-vizueta (b.1993)

& for violin and melodica (2019) *world premiere*
Aeryn Jade Santillan (b.1990)

Suite for cello & piano (1999)

Tobias Picker (b.1954)

I Slow legato

II Lament

Iris Magnusson spoken word

Iris Magnusson has been performing hers and others' words on New Mexico, Indiana, and New York stages for over 25 years. Her work has been performed by Duzer Du Theatre Honorary, Bloomington Playwrights Project, Blackout and Equilibrium Theatre Companies and she was a founding member of Solarity Multiability Company at N4th Arts Center. Her most recent Chatter appearance marked a return to poetry as a central embodiment of (more than) survival—kept on its feet with *Luna y Poesia Pride Night*, *Drag Slam* at ABQ Social Club, and *Slambrosia*.

Celebration of Silence :: Two Minutes

Umbrellas (2026) *world premiere*
Andromeda Wen (b.2007)

String Quartet no. 1 "New Memories" (1987)

Tobias Picker

IV

VI

Tobias Picker's **"Lili Elbe"**

Lili's journey – marked by love, loss and self-discovery – is the true story of a Danish painter whose wife, Gerda Wegener, provided unwavering support as Lili became one of the first to undergo gender-affirmation surgery nearly a century ago. Named "Best World Premiere" at the 2024 Opera! Awards, we are thrilled to present the American premiere of Tobias Picker and Aryeh Lev Stollman's groundbreaking new opera. Former Apprentice Singer, baritone Lucia Lucas, makes her Santa Fe Opera debut as Lili Elbe, and returning soprano Sylvia D'Eramo sings the role of Gerda Wegener, Lili's supportive wife who was also a celebrated artist. This production brings the artists' milieus of 1920s–30s Paris and Copenhagen to life with direction by James Robinson, set design by Allen Moyer and costumes by Marco Piemontese.

August 1–August 27, 2026 Seats offered at SantaFeOpera.org

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CHATTER SUNDAY

Sunday, July 26 @ 10:30am

Music by **Mozart, Shields** and **Stravinsky**

Performed by **Shields, Erb, Farmer, Felberg, Steiner, Huzjak** and **Gordon**

Damien Flores spoken word

CHATTER SUNDAY

Sunday, August 2 @ 10:30am

Music by **Shields, Tucker** and **Barber**

Performed by **Tatum, Peña, Shields, Ukens** and **Farmer**

Betsy James spoken word

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