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**CAL PERFORMANCES' FIRST STAGE FOR FAMILIES SERIES  
CONTINUES WITH KAILA FLEXER, OAKLAND FOLKHARMONIC  
AND TESLIM IN WHEELER AUDITORIUM AT 11:00 A.M. AND 3:00 P.M.  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

**Special hour long events are created for children and their grown ups**

BERKELEY, January 31, 2013—The second First Stage for Families offering of the 2012-2013 season features a program led by Kaila Flexer on Sunday, February 24 at 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. in Wheeler Auditorium. Flexer and her co-conspirators, Shira Kammen and Gari Hegedus, are known for their work as composers who take inspiration from Greek, Turkish, Sephardic and medieval music. The concerts will showcase two ensembles. Teslim which has been praised as “exotic...spellbinding” (Billboard) will be composed of Flexer on fiddle and Hegedus on *oud*, *saz* and *mandocello*. The Oakland Folkharmonic is a new five-piece string band that includes Flexer, Kammen, and three of Flexer’s former students, Danielle Taylor, Rachel Taylor and Kyla Danysh. Special guests include percussionist Tobias Roberson and bassist Miles Jay who will perform with both ensembles.

The First Stages for Family series concludes with two performances by four-time Grammy-nominated duo, Trout Fishing in America, on Sunday, April 14. “Embody[ing] a kind of goofball gestalt at odds with the sugary-sweet format of so much other music for the younger crowd” (*The New York Times*), bassist Keith Grimwood and guitarist Ezra Idlet create an broad mix of folk and rock music that is family-friendly. The series kicked off with a performance by Dell’Arte Company in November 2012.

**TICKET INFORMATION**

First Stage for Families series features two Sunday one-hour performances by each company at 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at Wheeler Hall. Tickets are priced modestly at \$10.00 for children and \$20.00 for adults. Tickets are available through the Ticket Office at Zellerbach

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Hall; at (510) 642-9988; at [www.calperformances.org](http://www.calperformances.org); and at the door. For more information visit <http://calperformances.org/performances/2012-13/first-stage/>

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Sunday, February 24, at 11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m. Wheeler Auditorium, UC Berkeley Campus  
Bancroft Way at Telegraph Ave., Berkeley

*First Stage for Families*

Oakland Folkharmonic

Kaila Flexer, violin

Shira Kammen, violin

Danielle Taylor

Rachel Taylor, viola/violin

Kyla Danysh, violin

Teslim

Kaila Flexer, violin

Gari Hegedus, multi-instrumentalist

Program: Kaila Flexer's Oakland Folkharmonic and Teslim will perform a repertoire ranging from traditional modal music of Greece, Turkey and the Middle East, to medieval music, to the original compositions of Kammen, Flexer, and Hegedus in this one hour concert.

Tickets: \$20.00 adults/\$10.00 children, available through the Cal Performances Ticket Office at Zellerbach Hall; at (510) 642-9988 to charge by phone; at [calperformances.org](http://calperformances.org); and at the door.

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Sunday, April 14, at 11:00 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Wheeler Auditorium, UC Berkeley Campus  
Bancroft Way at Telegraph Ave., Berkeley

*First Stage for Families*

Trout Fishing in America

Keith Grimwood, bass

Ezra Idlet, guitar

Program: Bringing their eclectic mix of family friendly folk/rock music, Trout Fishing in America makes their Cal Performances debut in this one hour concert.

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