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Violin Making (and playing) in Santa Barbara

Presented by Philip Ficsor & Jim Wimmer

Sunday, September 18
 2:00pm, Valle Verde Theater
 900 Calle de los Amigos

James Wimmer is a Santa Barbara treasure! A professional violin maker since 1980, Jim established his studio in Santa Barbara in 1986, choosing the city's Mediterranean climate and cultural richness as perfect for the crafting of artist quality violins, violas and celli. He is now recognized as a "full fledged master" of his craft.

Trained in Germany in the old world tradition of classical violin construction, Jim uses materials, methods and tools that have remained largely unchanged since the sixteenth century. In this tradition, great care is taken in the choice of European tonewoods, specifically milled for use by luthiers. The varnish and subtle coloring are formulated by the master and applied by brush, much like the painter's art, resulting in instruments of great sonority and classical visual beauty.

In the spring of 2007, Westmont College commissioned Jim to construct the "Hubert Schwyzer Quartet,"--two violins, a viola and a cello--with the intention of keeping these instruments in perpetuity in their music department for use in faculty and student concerts. Jim completed the project in the summer of 2009.

Jim will talk about this project and present slides illustrating the construction of these fine instruments. Following his talk, four musicians, led by Professor Philip Ficsor of Westmont College, will play them in a short concert.



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VISTAS Members \$20 Non-Members \$25

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VISTAS Fall 2011 Calendar

Seminar/Event	Inclusive Dates	Time	Venue
Violin Making/Concert	Sunday, Sept 18	2:00pm	Valle Verde Theater
Documentary Club	Thurs, Sept 15	2:00pm	Maravilla Theater
Unification of Italy (3)	Thurs., Oct 6	1:30pm	Valle Verde Theater
Documentary Club	Thurs, Oct. 20	2:00pm	Maravilla Theater
Building an Opera (1)	Mon, Oct 24	1:30PM	Valle Verde Theater
Harvard Justice Course (4)	Oct. 26, Nov. 2,9,16	9:30am	Valle Verde Social Rm
Documentary Club	Thurs, Nov 17	2:00pm	Maravilla Theater
American Political Parties (2)	Thurs, Dec 1, 8	1:30pm	Valle Verde Theater
Documentary Club	Thurs, Dec 15	2:00pm	Maravilla Theater



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