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For Immediate Release from the Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association:

Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association launches full season of Concerts and Cabarets

Building on the success of past programs, the PGICA is launching its first full season of concerts and cabarets for 2018 – 2019. To celebrate, there will be a 'ribbon cutting ceremony' by the Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce, followed by a special performance of The Peace River Trio on Thursday, September 27, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

This special event will be Cabaret style, so attendees are invited to bring their own beverages and snacks to enjoy. Admission to this event is free of charge, and seating is limited so reservations are a must! To make your reservation, please call the PGICA at 941-637-1655.

The Peace River Trio is a new folk music group formed by veteran local entertainers John Welsh, Marsha Carpenter and Dave Heveron. All three talented and diverse performers have had extensive experience and, as a trio, present an exciting, entertaining, and engaging show of folk music made popular in the 60's and 70's as well as "A little bit of country and a little bit of rock-n-roll."

The PGICA season of Concerts and Cabarets continues in October with the popular jazz quintet from Sarasota, Hot Club, in November with the George Strait Experience and a holiday performance by the glorious Gospel group CHOSEN. In January, February and March, there will be bluegrass by Wild Carrot, a 50th anniversary celebration of Woodstock by American Pie, a tribute to the music of Neil Diamond by Denny Diamond, Scott Kirby performing his ever popular Key West style of music, and return visits by popular demand of Cahal Dunne with Choir Play and William Florian with his Those Were the Days show. Ending the season will be April in Paris featuring French singer Thierry Khalfa from Palm Beach and Cinco de Mayo with the fabulous Mariachi Voices de America from Miami.

For more information and to purchase tickets for the Concerts and Cabarets at PGICA, please visit <u>www.PGICA.org</u> and select Concert and Cabaret Series under News and Events menu. Or visit the Facebook page PGICA Concerts and Cabarets.

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