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THE GRAND CANYON MUSIC FESTIVAL

“... a treat for eyes and ears.”

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PRESENTS

Sweet Plantain

Celebrating the National Park Service Centennial

Friday and Saturday, September 2 and 3, 2016

WHAT: Grand Canyon Music Festival audiences have been wowed by the extraordinary creative artistry of Joe Deninzon for years. This year we are proud to present one of Joe's collaborative projects, Sweet Plantain. Its members, hailing from the Bronx, New Jersey, and Venezuela, artfully fuse the western classical traditions in which they were trained with the hip-hop, jazz improv, and Latin rhythms on which they were raised.

WHO: SWEET PLANTAIN: Eddie Venegas, violin & trombone; Joe Deninzon, violin & mandolin; Orlando Wells, viola; Leo Grinhauz, cello

“What an amazing experience. This virtuoso quartet brings a freshness and inventiveness to every note they play. I was simply blown away” – Stuart Molina

WHEN and WHERE: Friday and Saturday, September 2 and 3 at 7:30 p.m., Shrine of the Ages, Rim Grand Canyon National Park

TICKETS: Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children (age 6 and up) and students, Season tickets to all 7 concerts, \$90. Visit our web site for tickets and more information or email gcmf@infomagic.net or call 928-638-9215.

Winner: New Music USA's New Music Educators Award

Winner: President's Council on the Arts and the Humanities

National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award

Winner: Governor's Arts Award

Two-time Winner: ASCAP-Chamber Music America Award for Adventurous Programming

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