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Keys Favorite, World Renowned Guitarist Pierre Bensusan Returns

ISLAMORADA, FL Keys – Considered by many as one of the world’s greatest guitarists, Frenchman Pierre Bensusan returns to Islamorada for the third time in four years for an ICE concert at the TIB Amphitheater in Islamorada Founders Park, Thursday, Feb. 3.

Bensusan, a guitarist, as well as a composer and singer, released his first album when he was just 18 years old, winning the prestigious Montreaux Festival Grand Prize in Switzerland. This concert in the Keys is about the midway point of his USA tour to promote his latest album “Vividly.” The 34-city tour started in New York City and includes concerts in Boston, Philadelphia, Detroit, Denver, Hollywood, San Francisco, and Seattle.

Two years ago, Bensusan and noted American guitarist Leo Kottke performed before packed Keys audience at an ICE concert at Coral Shores Performing Arts Center. This is what Kottke had to say about Bensusan: “Pierre’s music gives me the shakes. No other guitarist shares his strange gifts of sophistication, accessibility and downright joy. Even at its most complex, Pierre’s music only needs ears to be enjoyed.”

Bensusan’s acoustic guitar music is often characterized as a complex mixture of Celtic, folk, world music, new age, and chamber jazz. Stylistically, his playing is on a par with the world’s best classical guitarists. His unique style of singing expresses warmth, charm and inventiveness.

“I consider Pierre Bensusan to be the best freestyle guitarist in the world -- even guitar virtuosos consider him the master, a musician's musician” said David Feder, president of ICE and himself an accomplished musician and guitarist. “His music is eloquent, diverse, effortlessly enjoyable, and not to be missed. His selection by Guitar Players Magazine – the bible of serious guitarists -- as the ‘Best World Music’ guitarist was well deserved.”

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The performance begins at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 3 at the TIB Amphitheater, MM 87. Tickets are \$15. Purchase tickets at the gate, cash or check only. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets, but no coolers or glass containers are allowed. Food and beverages will be available. More information is available at: keysice.com.

ICE is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing quality entertainment and cultural events to Upper Keys residents and provides art, music, and dance scholarships to local students.

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Editors please note: Attached to the email containing this release are photographs of Bensusan.