

## Music at Eden's Edge



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### **MUSIC AT EDEN'S EDGE 2008 FAMILY CONCERT PRESENTS "MUSIC TELLS A STORY" FOR HARP, STRINGS AND VOICE**

**BEVERLY, MA, Feb. 13, 2008** – Music at Eden's Edge (MEE), the North Shore's own resident chamber music ensemble, will present its 2008 Family Concert, "Music Tells A Story," at 3:00 PM on Sunday, March 30 at St. John's Episcopal Church, 705 Hale Street (Route 127), in Beverly Farms. Travel back in time to the early seventeenth century, the time of the Pilgrims, and enjoy the musical tale that unfolds with a program of Baroque music plus narrative enhanced by music and improvisation by the MEE ensemble.

The concert takes place in the Sanctuary at St. John's, known for its warm atmosphere, elegant architecture and superb acoustics. "This musical story will be a thoroughly enjoyable experience for the entire family," promises Maria Benotti, Music at Eden's Edge founder and artistic director.

"Music Tells A Story" welcomes the arrival of spring with a program designed to enchant music lovers of all ages, exploring the charm, joy and exuberance of the early Baroque. Artists for this delightful program are Barbara Poeschl-Edrich, performing on the Baroque harp; Maria Benotti, Baroque violin; Sarah Freiberg, Baroque cello; and mezzo-soprano Amanda Keil.

Ray Brown, storyteller and former host of Classical 99.5 WCRB's "Kids Classical Hour," will emcee the concert, which has become a favorite event for North Shore families. Mr. Brown will also take part in the performance itself by reading an enchanting Fairy Tale to the musical accompaniment of MEE's artists.

As is tradition with Music at Eden's Edge's Family Concert, the program also includes an opportunity to "Meet the Instruments and Their Owners" during intermission. This special time gives audience members, young and old, a chance to get close to each instrument and sometimes even to try it out. Everyone is invited to mingle with the artists and Mr. Brown at a free "Meet the Cookies and Their Performer Friends" reception following the concert.

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Tickets are \$20 and \$15 for students, with a special family price of \$60. In addition, school groups may call 978-270-4463 for discounted tickets. Tickets are available at the door. Proceeds benefit Music at Eden's Edge's youth and senior/family outreach programs. St. John's Episcopal Church is fully accessible to mobility-impaired individuals.

“Our Family Concert has become one of the North Shore's favorite musical traditions. The fascination is in the discovery – a new piece, a new sound, maybe a new instrument. MEE will perform on period instruments specially crafted to present music composed almost three hundred years ago. We plan to have great fun introducing family members of all ages to the lively side of chamber music with these extraordinary instruments and sounds, and the musical story they tell,” says Benotti.

For more information about the program, call 978-270-4463 or visit [www.edensedge.org](http://www.edensedge.org).

Founded in 1982, MEE has come to represent the highest standards of musical performance artistry. Its concerts feature extraordinary musical artists performing in some of the North Shore's most beautiful and distinctive settings. MEE is known for creative programming that ranges from the Baroque period to innovative 21st century compositions, and for concerts that combine rarely performed works with more familiar and traditional pieces in the chamber music repertoire.

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