

Music at Eden's Edge



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MUSIC AT EDEN'S EDGE 2009 FAMILY CONCERT CELEBRATES "THE COMPOSER IN OUR MIDST"

BEVERLY, MA, Dec. 16, 2008 – Music at Eden's Edge (MEE), the North Shore's own resident chamber music ensemble, will present its 2009 Family Concert, "The Composer in Our Midst," on Sunday, March 29, 3:00 PM at St John's Episcopal Church, 705 Hale Street (Route 127) in Beverly Farms.

Designed to enchant music lovers of all ages, the concert features an eclectic program including a Beethoven string trio, music of Bach for solo flute, and a movement from a new flute quartet, commissioned by MEE from composer Mark Berger, that will be offered in its entirety during the 2009 Summer Series. Featured flutist is the young Boston-based virtuoso Orlando Cela. Music at Eden's Edge resident artists Maria Benotti, violin, Sarah Freiberg, cello, and Mark Berger, viola will perform this delightful program. The presentation of this new work for flute and strings is the first time it will be heard in a public performance.

As is tradition with MEE's Family Concerts, audience participation will be the rule. This year, concertgoers will be invited to help create improvisational music to a poem, experimenting with all the instruments and their range of sound and color. Everyone will be a composer on this special afternoon.

"Our goal is to engage our audience in composing as well as in the performance. The essence of chamber music is the musical conversation. In this case, that conversation takes place between the composer, the performers and the families who will join us to celebrate music-making together in this wonderful concert. We want to invite everyone to help create a special piece of music that will happen just this once, and just for everyone at that moment!" says Maria Benotti, Artistic Director of MEE.

A favorite event at every MEE Family Concert, the "Meet the Instruments and Their Owners" intermission will give audience members young and old a chance to try a string instrument, meet a flute or talk to the performers about their musical life. Everyone is invited to a free "Meet the Cookies and Their Performer Friends" reception following the concert, for delicious treats, sparkling conversation, a chance to meet the artists, and to talk music.

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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 and can also be ordered online at www.edensedge.org. 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.

For more information about the program, call 978-270-4463 or visit 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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