

Music at St. Mark's Episcopal Church on Sunday, November 17, 2013, at 3:00 p.m.

Debra Harris and Celia Canty present a duo concert at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 17th, at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, corner of 5th & Oakdale in Medford, as part of the Music at St. Mark's 2013-2014 Chamber Music Series. Flutist Debra Harris will perform with Celia Canty on harp, piano, and glass armonica in a program titled "La Vie en Rose".

The duo first met in Hawaii over a decade ago, where they played weddings together, as well as concerts with both the Maui Symphony and the Maui Choral Arts Association. Harris, a native of southern Oregon, is delighted that her friend and colleague recently relocated to Ashland. "It has been a pleasure working on this reunion concert," said Harris. "Celia and I have found so much French music that we enjoy, from Classical to Romantic, and it sounds beautiful with either harp or piano accompaniment. For this concert we also want to share some of our favorite jazz and pop tunes, such as *La Vie en Rose* and a few other surprises."

They will play Bizet's *Minuet from L'Arlesienne* and Ibert's *Entr'acte* on flute and harp, as well as Poulenc's *Sonata for Flute and Piano*. Canty also plays glass armonica, and the two will perform *Ashland Rondo*, composed by Canty for flute and the unique instrument which she plays like a keyboard, with spinning crystal bowls. "Mezmerizing" is a fitting term that was once used to describe the instrument, which was invented by Benjamin Franklin. "You have to see it and hear it to believe it," says Harris.

Celia Canty received her BA from California State University, Sacramento, in Music followed by a Master's in Piano Performance from the same institution. A classically trained pianist, harpist, and choral director, Celia and her husband settled on Maui from 1996-2012, where she played harp with the Maui Symphony and sang with the Maui Symphony Chorus, then acted as its chorus-master, then founded the Maui Choral Arts Association in 2003. When she and her husband felt it was time for a change and relocated to Ashland earlier this year, Celia and Debra were happy to make music together again. They have been playing at events and weddings in southern Oregon, and worked together in an orchestra again as they both performed in Shostokovich's *Symphony No. 5* with the Rogue Valley Symphony last season.

Debra Harris received her Bachelor of Music in Flute Performance from the University of Oregon. While on Maui, she played principal flute with the Maui Symphony and extra flute with the Honolulu Symphony. She currently plays flute and piccolo with the Rogue Valley Symphony and with the Oregon Mozart Players in Eugene. Her private flute students include members of the Youth Symphony and Youth Orchestra of Southern Oregon.

Harris says she and Canty feel a special musical rapport with each other, one they discovered some time and distance ago, which they are grateful to share again. The program on November 17th is free of charge; any donations will contribute to the Music at St. Mark's Chamber Music Series fund.