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Wolfeboro Friends of Music recently presented a Certificate of Appreciation to concert pianist Jan Allen for her valuable assistance during their campaign to acquire a grand piano for the new Kingswood Art Center. Wolfeboro Friends of Music led the search for a suitable instrument, raised the required funds to purchase it, and then presented a Vintage 1919 Steinway Concert Grand Piano to the Governor Wentworth Regional School District for use in their new Kingswood Arts Center.

During the fund-raising campaign to purchase the piano, Ms. Allen offered to perform a personal concert for anyone who donated \$5,000 or more toward the piano fund. A recent mini recital for such a donor was presented titled a “Chopin Sampler” and included two Preludes, two Etudes, Impromptu No 1, Mazurka, Op. 68, No. 4 (Chopin’s last composition), and Ballade, Op. 23, No. 1. She also performed during a June 12, 2011 concert which introduced the piano to Wolfeboro and the Performing Arts Center.

At Indiana University School of Music. Ms. Allen was awarded the school’s highest performance scholarship. Boston based for many years, she performed extensively in the Greater Boston area, the New England states and in Florida as both soloist and as a duo-pianist. She appeared as soloist with the Boston Pops Orchestra and had numerous concerto engagements with suburban Boston orchestras. Her recitals were presented at many venues including the New England Conservatory, Boston Conservatory, Beveridge Hall, Isabella Gardner Museum, the WGBH’s “ Performance Hour”, and during the 1980s, the Wolfeboro Friends of Music.