

Wolfeboro Friends of Music Press Release for June 26, 2011 concert

Artist: Sally Pinkas

June 26th, 2:00 pm, brings the second of three summer concerts in celebration of the new grand piano at Kingswood Arts Center on McManus Road, just off of South Main St. in Wolfeboro. This program will feature Sally Pinkas, Pianist-in-Residence at the Hopkins Center at Dartmouth College. All three concerts are presented by Wolfeboro Friends of Music with Great Waters Music Festival and the Heifetz International Music Institute.

Born and raised in Israel and educated in the USA, Pinkas holds performance degrees from Indiana University and the New England Conservatory of Music, and a Ph.D. in Composition and Theory from Brandeis University. Since her London debut at Wigmore Hall, she has maintained an active performance career. As a soloist she has presented recitals in Italy, Bulgaria, Israel, France and throughout the USA. Her further credits include soloist with the Boston Pops, Tanglewood and Aspen Music Festivals in the USA, as well as Kfar Blum (Israel), Rocca di Mezzo (Italy) and Pontlevoy (France).

As a chamber musician, Pinkas explores a wide repertoire ranging from the traditional to the contemporary. With husband Evan Hirsch, the Hirsch-Pinkas Piano Duo has performed throughout the USA as well as in China, Nigeria, Russia, Israel, Italy, France and Bulgaria, garnering critical acclaim. Among her other collaborators are her long-time partner, flutist Fenwick Smith; the Blair, Biava, Ciompi and Lydian String Quartets; and the Adaskin Trio.

In 2008 Robert Schulslaper of *Fanfare* magazine wrote “Pinkas brings a lovely tone, exceptional attention to phrases and structure, and a perfectly timed rhetorical sense to all she plays..” These accolades will be demonstrated in Pinkas’ program for the concert: Mozart’s *Sonata in Eb Major K.282*, Ravel’s *Miroirs*, and Brahms’ *Fantasies Op. 116 #1*. Her selections, when heard by the audience, will also accentuate the versatility of the new Steinway grand piano at Kingswood.

Tickets at \$20 are available at the door or at Avery Insurance, Black’s Paper & Gift, Great Waters Music Festival located at 15 Varney Road, Wolfeboro (603-569-7710), and the Innisfree Bookshop in Meredith. Students and children, accompanied by parents, attend free of charge. Further information may be obtained at www.info@wfriendsofmusic.org or call: 603-569-2151.

In this summer concert series (June 12, June 26, and July 17) Wolfeboro Friends of Music celebrates their collaborative efforts with Great Waters Music Festival and the Heifetz International Music Institute. Great Waters’ volunteer cadre will facilitate all aspects of visitors’ needs at all three concerts. The Sunday July 17, 2:00 pm “finale concert to the ...series spotlights the gifted young artists from the Heifetz International Music Institute in collaboration with the Institute's renowned piano faculty.” (Great Waters website) Area residents and summer visitors, we hope you will come celebrate with us!