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Carthage College Lakeside Piano Festival

KENOSHA, Wis. – The 3rd annual Lakeside Piano Festival will be held on March 26 through March 29 at the A. F. Siebert Chapel. The festival will begin with the EStrella Piano Duo on Thursday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. Members of the music faculty will perform in a Faculty Keyboard Extravaganza Concert on Friday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m. Piano and organ students will perform in the Keyboard Students Showcase Recital Saturday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m. The festival will close with the Joanne Polk Celebration of Women Composers on Sunday, March 29 at 2 p.m.

The EStrella Piano Duo, comprised of Elena Doubovitkaya and Svetlana Belsky, began in 2011 featuring Russian masterworks. Their performances combine classic repertoire and rarely heard works that invoke “technical brilliance and “infectious joy in music-making.” The Duo’s CD, “Tales from The East,” was awarded the Silver Medal for Best Classical Duo and Best Album from the 2018 Global Music Awards. As individual pianists, Elena Doubovitkaya and Svetlana have toured internationally, with performances in Carnegie Hall, St. Petersburg Rimsky-Korsakoff Museum, and Ravinia.

Grammy-nominee Joanne Polk is famous for her recordings of American composer Amy Beach’s piano works and her promotion of women composers. Her recordings of Beach’s work have won numerous awards, with her first recording, “by the still waters,” winning the 1988 INDIE award for best solo recording. In addition to Amy Beach, Joanne Polk has recorded numerous award-winning CD’s including “ Completely Clara: Lieder by Clara Wieck Schumann” and “The Flatter.” Joanne Polk teaches at the Manhattan School of Music as a member of its keyboard faculty and has given master classes throughout the U.S.

The Lakeside Piano Festival is free and open to the public, however, tickets are required for all ages for guest artists: Estrella Duo and Joanne Polk Celebration of Women Composers. To reserve tickets, please visit www.carthage.edu/tickets 24/7 or call the Fine Arts Box Office at 262-551-6661 Tuesday to Friday, noon to 5 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact the Box Office at 262-551-6661 or at oec@carthage.edu. Be sure to like us on Facebook facebook.com/carthagefinearts for upcoming events and information about Fine Arts at Carthage.

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