

Music at Eden's Edge



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MUSIC AT EDEN'S EDGE CONCERT HIGHLIGHTS "NOTES FROM SEPTEMBER'S OBOE"

BEVERLY, MA, Aug. 28, 2009 – Oboist Barbara LaFitte returns to Music at Eden's Edge for "Notes from September's Oboe," the final program in MEE's 2009 Summer Concert Series. Filled with alluring and evocative music for oboe and strings, the concerts take place Thursday, September 17 at 7:30 PM at Willowdale Estate in Bradley Palmer State Park, Topsfield, and Saturday, September 19 at 8:00 PM at the North Shore Arts Association in Gloucester.

"Notes from September's Oboe" features John Harbison's *Six American Painters*, reflecting on paintings of Bingham, Eakins, Heade, Innes, Hoffman and Diebenkorn; Benjamin Britten's *Phantasy No. 2* for oboe quartet; and a Haydn Trio, a salute to the great composer. The strings will shine as well with a performance of the Dohnanyi *Serenade Op. 10*, carrying MEE's 2009 season to a brilliant close. Artists for this special program are Barbara LaFitte, Oboe; Maria Benotti, Violin; Lynn Nowels, Cello; and Mark Berger, Viola.

The concerts at Willowdale Estate and North Shore Arts Association carry on MEE's tradition of presenting chamber music in some of the most beautiful and inspiring locations on the North Shore. Once the home of Bradley Palmer himself, Willowdale Estate has been restored to its former splendor, surrounded by elegantly landscaped grounds in the heart of Bradley Palmer State Park. MEE's concert will be presented in the estate's Great Room, with its soaring two-story architecture and superb acoustics sure to enhance the performance experience.

Overlooking Gloucester's inner harbor and Smith's Cove, and located at the entrance to historic Rocky Neck Art Colony, the North Shore Arts Association Gallery presents an exquisite setting for MEE's performance. On the night of the concert, the association's galleries will remain open past the regular closing time until after the program's conclusion, offering an exceptional opportunity for the audience to enjoy MEE's musical artistry as well as the NSAA's renowned collection.

“Notes from September’s Oboe” will also be presented as part of MEE’s Seniors/Family Series on Tuesday, September 15, at 2:00 PM at the fully accessible Northshore Unitarian Universalist Church in Danvers.

Ticketing information and venue details follow.

Tuesday, September 15, 2 PM, Northshore Unitarian Universalist Church, 323 Locust Street, Danvers

Free Admission (part of Senior/Family Series). Fully accessible to mobility-impaired individuals. Families with young children are encouraged to attend the Tuesday afternoon Senior/Family Series. For information, or for individual assistance for individuals with disabilities, please call: (978) 270-4463

Thursday, September 17, 7:30 PM, Willowdale Estate, Bradley Palmer State Park, 24 Asbury Street, Topsfield

General Admission \$20, Students and Seniors \$15, Family \$60
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Saturday, September 19, 8 PM, North Shore Arts Association, 11 Pirates Lane, Gloucester

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Founded in 1982, MEE (www.edensedge.org) has come to represent the highest standards of musical performance artistry. Its Summer Chamber Music Series, which runs from June through September, features extraordinary musical artists performing in some of the area’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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