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BUCKS COUNTY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER (BCPAC) ANNOUNCES RETURN ENGAGEMENT OF WISTER QUARTET

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The Bucks County Performing Arts Center (BCPAC) is pleased to once again bring back the highly regarded Wister String Quartet. This year the quartet will share the concert stage with harpist Anne Sullivan in a program of heavenly works, one that will warm the hearts and souls of local residents following a pretty brutal winter season. Included on the program will be works by Claude Debussy, Camille Saint-Saens, Carlos Salzedo, and Jules Massenet, followed by a magnificent string quartet by the great composer Felix Mendelssohn. BCPAC is excited to have such marvelous musicians return to its series once again, and concertgoers should definitely plan to attend this conveniently located concert, which will take place on Friday evening, March 26, at 7:30 P.M. in the historic Yardley Community Centre in downtown Yardley.

Since its formation in 1987, the **Wister Quartet** has earned high praise from critics and audiences alike for its superb performances, including those with guest artists Emanuel Ax, Alicia de Larrocha, Christoph Eschenbach, Wolfgang Sawallisch and Yo-Yo Ma. In addition to concerts in Europe and China, the Quartet performs widely in the Philadelphia region, including concerts at Arcadia, Haverford and Swarthmore Universities and Gettysburg College. It appears regularly in concert series presented by The Philadelphia Orchestra, The German Society of Pennsylvania, The Chamber Music Society of Bethlehem, the Glencairn Museum, and the Renaissance Musical Arts series in Albany, New York. The Wister Quartet makes summertime appearances at Music at Gretna, the Lenape Chamber Players Gala Concerts in Doylestown, Concerts by Candlelight at the Laurel Hill Mansion in Philadelphia's Fairmount Park, and the Chamber Series at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center. The Quartet has recorded for Direct-to-Tape Records; its first CD was nominated for a Grammy. It is the core group of the popular Philadelphia chamber ensemble, 1807 & Friends, which performs at Philadelphia's Academy of Vocal Arts. 1807 & Friends' recording on the Direct-to-Tape label, "The Philadelphia Connection", features the Wister Quartet's highly acclaimed performance of the Barber String Quartet.

Anne Sullivan began her career as a concert harpist at age twelve when she appeared twice as soloist with the Philadelphia Orchestra. A native of the Philadelphia area and a graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music, she is in demand as a recitalist, chamber musician and symphonic soloist. Her orchestral appearances have included engagements with the Baltimore Symphony, the Delaware Symphony, the Pennsylvania Ballet Orchestra, the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia and the Opera Company of Philadelphia. She has accompanied many classical and popular artists including Luciano Pavarotti, Johnny Mathis, Frank Sinatra and Roger Daltrey of "The Who." In 1986, she co-founded the flute and harp duo SPARX with flutist Joan Sparks which has received numerous national awards. The duo has released three CD recordings:

Reflections, The Power of Two, and Christmas Echoes. Ms. Sullivan was a member of the music theory faculty at the Curtis Institute of Music from 1982-2002. She is the author and arranger of more than two dozen works for harp and has published a series of ear training books specifically for the harp student. Currently, she is the harp instructor at the University of Delaware and Swarthmore (PA) College.

Tickets are available for \$15, \$12 (seniors) & \$8 (students). Tickets are available by contacting the BCPAC office, online at their website (www.bcpac.org) or at the Yardley Community Centre prior to each concert.

BCPAC is a registered non-profit organization based in Lower Makefield Township. Its mission is the creation of community through the arts.

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