For Immediate Press Release:
Charlevoix Circle of Arts / Duo Vif Masterclass and Concert with Mark Gallagher, clarinet
/ Brent Weber, saxophone
August 15, 2017 / Masterclass from 6:00-7:00 p.m., Concert begins at 7:00 p.m.

Duo Vif is a clarinet-saxophone duo based in Western Maryland that has performed both nationally and internationally. Mark Gallagher (a native of Charlevoix) and Brent Weber began playing together in Spring of 2013 and both are faculty members in the music department at Frostburg State University in Maryland. Their varied repertoire consists of music from several stylistic periods including works by Georg Philip Telemann, Bernhard Henrik Crusell, Francis Poulenc to the more contemporary literature of Roshanne Etezady, Gregory Wanamaker, Nikola Resanovic, and Violet Archer.

Clarinetist Mark Gallagher, is a graduate of the Oberlin Conservatory of Music where he received a Bachelor of Music degree in clarinet performance and studied with Lawrence McDonald. He also holds a Masters of Music in Performance and Literature with a Performer’s Certificate from the Eastman School of Music having studied with D. Stanley Hasty and a Doctor of Musical Arts from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Other major teachers included Robert Marcellus and Alfred Zexter, both of the Cleveland Orchestra and Dr. Linda Bartley who is the clarinet professor at University of Wisconsin-Madison. Dr. Gallagher has performed with the Washington Contemporary Music Forum, Musique Vivante de Paris, United States Navy Band, Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, Milwaukee Ballet Orchestra, Baltimore Chamber Orchestra, Washington Opera, Cincinnati Ballet Orchestra, Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra, Bronx Symphony, New York City Ballet Orchestra, Wisconsin Wind Orchestra, and the Skylight Opera Theatre Orchestra.

He made his New York recital debut performing with violinist Sylvia Rosenberg at Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall, and is also a winner of the Artist International Competition in New York City, being award a solo recital in Weill Hall. An active chamber musician and co-founder of I Venti Semplice, Dr. Gallagher has performed throughout the United States and Europe, including recent concert tours of Ireland, China, and the Netherlands with a live national radio broadcast from the “Hall of Mirrors” at the Concertgebouw. Other performances include appearances in Washington, Boston, Chicago, San Francisco, Ann Arbor, Portland (OR), Wisconsin Public Radio, as well as concert tours of France, Germany, Italy, Scandinavia, and Scotland. Dr. Gallagher has recorded with the Albany Records label and can be heard on the Eastman “American Music” Series, with the United States Navy Band, and the Wisconsin Wind Orchestra.

Saxophonist Brent Weber, has enjoyed a diverse musical journey as a performer and educator. After earning degrees in saxophone performance from Southern Oregon University (BA) and University of Georgia (MM) Mr. Weber joined the faculty as Assistant Professor of Saxophone at the Sichuan Conservatory of Music in the capital of China’s Sichuan province, Chengdu. After two incredible years teaching and freelancing in Southwest China, Brent returned to the U.S. to pursue his Doctorate in Musical Arts at the University of Georgia. From 2009-2012 he had the opportunity to study with teachers Kenneth Fischer, Eugene Rousseau, Joseph Wytko, and Connie Frigo. Brent completed his doctoral studies in the spring of 2014 with a dissertation detailing music for saxophone and cello duos.
Experienced in multiple genres of music from classical to jazz, rock ‘n’ roll and beyond, Brent advocates versatility. His work with the contemporary jazz group Jake Mowrer Quartet featured him performing and recording throughout Northern Georgia. As a concert saxophonist, he is active with the North American Saxophone Alliance performing in conferences in Minnesota, Louisiana, Florida, Oregon, and Georgia. In 2007 Brent presented the European premiere of Todd Barton’s *Diastems II* at the World Saxophone Congress XIV in Ljubljana, Slovenia. As a winner of the University of Georgia Concerto Competition, he performed Ingolf Dahl’s *Concerto for Saxophone and Wind Ensemble*. Most recently Mr. Weber was part of the 2012 Naxos release *Street Song* featuring the University of Georgia wind Ensemble under the direction of Dr. John Lynch.

The Charlevoix Circle of Arts is honored to host Dr. Gallagher and Brent Webber on Tuesday August 15, 2017 beginning at 6 pm. Program highlights will include: Canonic Sonata in G Minor - Georg Philipp Telemann Progressive Duo No. 1 in E Flat Major - Bernhard Henrik Crusell Concert Duet in D Minor, Op. 10 - Friedrich Daniel Rudolf Kuhlau Sonata - Francis Poulenc "Moods" - Violet Archer.

The program is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact the Charlevoix Circle of Arts at 109 Clinton Street in downtown Charlevoix, (231) 547-3554, www.charlevoixcircle.org.