

CIRCLThe Charlevoix Circle of Arts will present a special concert on Saturday April 7 beginning at 4 pm to introduce to the community the new (to the Circle of Arts) Steinway Grand Piano. This purchase was made possible through the Cummings Foundation to support the Dorothy Gerber Strings Program. Purchased from Calvin College, this Steinway and has had a wonderful history of great performances. Hyesook Kim, Director of Keyboard Studies at Calvin College expressed, "It was a little sad to see that piano leaving but I trust it will serve your music making well."

Director of the Circle of Arts, Gail DeMeyere, "We are profoundly moved by the ability to bring in such a gift to Charlevoix and be able to share it with the children studying string instruments and the community alike. Without the tremendous support of Gay and Peter Cummings, these dreams of inspiring and mentoring children with music education would not be possible".

The concert will feature Dorothy Vogel of Traverse City who has been a faculty member at Northwestern Michigan College since 1996. Among other things, Vogel teaches the summer piano faculty at Interlochen Center for the Arts. She holds a B.M. in piano performance from Oberlin Conservatory, an M.M. in piano performance from Western Michigan University, and a D.M.A. in Music Education from Boston University. She is currently pianist for the Traverse Symphony Orchestra, the NMC Chamber Singers, and the Grand Traverse Chorale.

Along with Vogel will be three of the four performers from The Cummings Quartet, including Dr. David Reimer, violin (Music Director for the Dorothy Gerber Strings Program), Kim Teachout, viola and Elizabeth Bert, cello. The program will feature the Piano Quartet in C minor by Gabriel Fauré and a variety of selections that feature the Steinway piano.

The Cummings Quartet, the artist ensemble of the Dorothy Gerber Strings Program, is collaborating with Traverse Symphony and Northwest Michigan College pianist Dorothy Vogel in a series of performances featuring a quartet by Gabriel Faure. Along with the debut concert at the Charlevoix Circle of Arts, the ensemble will also perform on the Cordia at Grand Traverse Commons Chamber Music Series in Traverse City on April 5 and the Music at Mid-Day Series at Park Church in Grand Rapids on April 10.

For more information about the Dorothy Gerber Strings Program or the Charlevoix Circle of Arts you may go online to: www.gerberstrings.org or www.charlevoixcircle.org. The summer camp schedule for Gerber students is now online and accepting registrations. The Charlevoix Circle of Arts is located at 109 Clinton Street in the heart of downtown Charlevoix, (231) 547-3554.