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**Peninsula Music Festival**

**"February Fest Concerts"**

**February 9, 16 & 23, 2019**



**Peninsula Music Festival Presents Three Unique  
February 2019 Concerts at Shepherd of the Bay**

ELLISON BAY, WI - Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church will be hosting three Peninsula Music Festival "February Fest Concerts" on February 9, 16 and 23, 2019. Performances begin at 2:00pm.

The February 9 event features pianists Andrew Armstrong and Inna Faliks, who will showcase their talents on the unique "Omega Double" piano created by Washington Island craftsman, Peter Nehlsen. Nehlsen, a furniture maker and highly sought after piano tuner, will be presenting a pre-concert talk on the construction of the unique double-keyboard instrument beginning at 1:15pm.

Andrew Armstrong has played to audiences from New York's Carnegie Hall to the Moscow Conservancy, with such prominent conductors as Itzhak Perlman, Stanislaw Skrowaczewski to name a few. He has appeared in chamber music concerts with the American Manhattan String Quartet, the Caramoor Virtuosi, Boston Chamber Music Society and the Seattle Chamber Music Society.

Partnering with Armstrong on the Omega Double piano will be the Ukrainian-born pianist Inna Faliks. Hailed internationally as "a concert pianist of the highest order", Faliks has appeared with Victor Yampolsky, Dmitry Sitkovetsky and a wide range of other acclaimed conductors.

The February 16 concert program brings two PMF Orchestra trumpet players together on the same bill, Bruce Briney and Dan Grantham, who will perform with pianist Judith Jackson and organist Greg Beem.

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Briney's accomplished leadership, both as conductor and teacher, has resulted in students who have been frequent winners in national U.S. competitions. Briney has performed at concerts and conferences throughout the Midwest. Dan Grantham, also an active teacher, is a soloist and chamber musician, and has been a prizewinner in six major competitions.

Judith Jackson brings a national reputation with her. Jackson currently makes Door County her home, sharing her experiences locally as a professional pianist and vocal coach to Cyndy Stiehl, among other well-known vocalists. Jackson and Greg Beem have both been active in Midwest music education, and Jackson serves as the principal pianist and organist for Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church.

The February 23 concert will feature cellist Jeffrey Lastrapes, an accomplished musician on the international stage who has taught throughout the U.S. Noted by the New York Concert Review, Lastrapes is "...an excellent cellist with consummate technical mastery...a seasoned performer whose strong, outgoing personality lets him shape the music on a big canvas with bold colors and contours. His pacing is balanced, his phrasing elegant."

To reserve tickets, please call the Peninsula Music Festival's Offices of Administration at 920.854.4060. General Admission is \$25 for a single event, or \$60 for the three concert series. Students and children are \$5.