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Laurier Centre for Music in the Community hosts free gala concert in Waterloo

WATERLOO — The Laurier Centre for Music in the Community will recognize and celebrate significant contributions to the music community with a free gala concert at the Waterloo Lutheran Seminary's Keffer Memorial Chapel on the Waterloo campus of Wilfrid Laurier University on Saturday June 5, starting at 3 p.m.

The concert will feature string players, from beginner to professional. Awards of recognition will be given to Corinne Dutton, Debbie Lou Ludolph, Earl McCluskie and Paul Pulford. Each has advanced music in the Waterloo community and beyond.

Laurier's Faculty of Music established the Laurier String Academy in September 2008. Its students, who have been studying violin with academy instructor Vanessa Mio, will perform, both in solo and in ensemble. In addition, the New Bloom String Quartet of the Beckett School of Music, the Cuarteto Joven de la Ciudad de México, and the world-renowned Penderecki String Quartet will perform in the concert.

Laurier is the first Canadian university to offer the violin program developed by Mimi Zweig of Indiana University and based on the philosophies of Shinichi Suzuki, Paul Rolland and Ivan Galamian. The program format has been successful at reputable American universities and musical conservatories throughout Europe. Continuing to grow and recognized widely as a significant music education resource in the Waterloo region, the academy's goal is to develop a love and understanding of music, whether or not students become professionals. Waterloo's Long and McQuade music store is donating the cost of one year's violin rental to the Laurier student bringing the most new string students into the academy in 2011.

All are welcome to join in this afternoon of recognition and celebration. Refreshments will be served following the program.