

Press Release

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Performance to Celebrate the Success of Donna Sammarco's CD - "On Eagles Wings"

Ms. **Donna Sammarco** released her premier Christian solo piano CD – *"On Eagles Wings"* - in December 2004. Since that time, the CD has received substantial attention by people not only in Louisiana, but throughout the US and elsewhere in the world. To celebrate this broad acceptance of her work, Ms. Sammarco will be giving a **concert** at the **Mulberry Baptist Church** on **Saturday, April 8, 2006** at **6:30 PM**. CDs will be available for sale and for autographing. Admission is free.

The music has been picked up by web-based and XM stations not only in the US, but also in Canada, the UK, and the Netherlands. In general, when a CD is released, the media usually choose one tune to play on their stations – the "single". In this case, every song on the CD has been play-listed. In addition, downloading activity for all of the songs, and several in particular, is high – along with downloads of the entire CD. The most popular songs on the CD are *"On Eagles Wings"* by Michael Joncas, *"How Beautiful"* by Twila Paris, and *"El Shaddai"* by John Thompson. All of these particular arrangements are by the Grammy Award Winner - Mark Hayes. Other equally talented arrangers included on the CD are Carol Tornquist and John Carter, well known Christian writers and arrangers.

The CD is a compilation of beautiful Christian music which she performs in an amazingly heart-warming manner. The music is delivered with such grace and beauty that it simply takes you away. It is extraordinarily soothing, unlike so much music commonly heard today. In fact, it's calming effect on the listener is so effective that people listen to it when they are upset and are searching for some momentary peace in their lives. To underscore this characteristic, the CD has apparently been used by some psychologists, counselors, and clergy as background music during their discussions to provide a peaceful and calm atmosphere for their discussions and provide immediate comfort. Donna's sensitive touch and feel for the music creates an aura which cannot be mistaken. And when you listen to her play - just for a moment - just for a little while - the rest of the world goes away - and you can feel the warmth of God's love and be immersed in His peace. It is something which must be experienced to be understood.

The CD was recorded at one of the finest studios in Louisiana - Ultrasonic Studios in New Orleans and was engineered by Steve Reynolds. Unfortunately, Hurricane Katrina destroyed the studio. The good news is that the master recordings were saved.

Ms. Sammarco has been performing as an accompanist, solo pianist, and organist in Louisiana for decades. This, her debut CD, marked the beginning of a new era for her, and she is now planning two follow-up recordings for the future. The first new planned CD will be similar to “*On Eagles Wings*”, presenting beautiful arrangements of some more well-known Christian hymns. But, also like the first CD, it will also feature some newer more popular Christian songs, similar to those on her first CD. Hayes and Tornquist will once again feature prominently as arrangers on her next CD. The second planned CD will feature breath-taking arrangements of traditional Christmas songs. Both CDs are being planned in response to innumerable requests for follow-up recordings.

Donna initiated her piano studies at age eight. By age twelve, she was completely absorbed in her music and began to devote her life to it. Thereafter, she studied trombone, euphonium, melodic percussion, and organ. Her solo piano career began at age fifteen, when she started performing publicly. By seventeen, she had begun accompanying community theater productions and presenting formal recitals. She went on to earn a Bachelor of Music degree from Nicholls State University (Louisiana) and a Master of Music from the University of New Orleans. She is currently a faculty member in the School of Fine Arts at Nicholls State University, where she teaches piano and serves as Staff Accompanist. She also maintains private piano studios in Houma and Thibodaux, LA and is the organist/pianist for the First United Methodist Church, Houma.

Ms. Sammarco records on P&J Records (LLC; Houma, LA). The CD was produced by her husband, Paul W. Sammarco. P&J is honored to have captured some of her performances on this recording and to have her as one of their artists.

The CD may be purchased online from www.amazon.com, www.CDNow.com, www.borders.com, www.bestbuy.com, www.waldenbooks.com, and www.LouisianaMusicFactory.com. Soundclips and the CD are currently available from many of the above sites as well as www.pandjrecords.com. The CD may also be purchased at The Louisiana Music Factory (New Orleans), Hofman Music (Thibodaux), The Rock (Houma), Fabregas Music (Houma), C&M Music (Houma), and the First United Methodist Church (Houma). Downloads are available from www.iTunes.com, www.napster.com, www.Pressplay.com, and other sites.

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**You are Invited to a
Concert**

**To Celebrate the Success of
Donna Sammarco's CD –**

“On Eagles Wings”

Enjoy the wonderfully melodic, peaceful, and meditative music of Donna Sammarco - live. The concert will include pieces from her second CD, now in preparation. These pieces have been arranged by some of the best Christian arrangers in the nation.

***When: Saturday, April 8, 2006
6:30 PM***

***Where: Mulberry Baptist Church
2025 Bayou Black Drive
Houma, LA 70360
Tel: (985) 876-3204***

Enjoy the concert, and meet this P&J Recording artist. Admission is free. CDs will be available for purchase and signing. *See you there!!!*