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Harp Ensemble Concert

Monday, April 20, 7:30 p.m.

Organ Recital Hall, University Center for the Arts

1400 Remington St., Fort Collins, Colorado

\$10, \$5/CSU Students, \$5/Youth (ages 6-17)

“The sound of the Harp Ensemble is really a unique sound and a neat experience,” says Rachel Ellins, Starr, the Director of the Harp Ensemble. “The audience can expect a program of varied musical styles and a chance to hear and see seven harps on stage at once.”

The program includes two popular arrangements by Ellins: Three Themes from the Movie: *Pirates of the Caribbean*, a medley, and *Take 5* by Dave Brubeck. Other selections include Albeniz’s *Sonata in D*, Handel’s *Passacaille*, and a transcription of M Elliot’s *Rhyme or Treason* “that is just delightful.”

The CSU Harp Ensemble, which began in 2001, is the largest harp program in Colorado. Seven student harpists, including three harp performance majors, compose the ensemble: Alaina Bongers, Meredith Bordelon, Ashley Greathouse, Amy Magee, Terry Scheffer, Chelsea Spence and Tashi Zentner.

About Rachel Starr Ellins

Rachel Starr Ellins has been the instructor of harp at Colorado State University since 1996. She is the first call substitute/second harpist with the Colorado Symphony Orchestra and principal harpist with the Longmont Symphony Orchestra. Ms. Ellins received her bachelor’s degree from the University of Northern Colorado where she studied with Kathy Bundock Moore and her master’s degree from the University of North Texas where she studied with Ellen Ritcher. Rachel studied for two summers at the Tanglewood Music Festival with Lucile Lawrence. She has appeared as a concerto soloist with the Timberline Symphony, Greeley Chamber Orchestra, and the Rocky Mountain Symphony Orchestra and has been a guest artist with the Loveland Friends of Chamber Music. Ms. Ellins resides in Longmont with her husband Joe and daughter Amanda.

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