

Ensemble Pour Deux

The Distinctive Sound of Music

By Kathleen Allardyce

There are all kinds of musical groups that appear at special events. If your idea of great music is described by adjectives like elegant, charming, polished or discriminating, Ensemble pour deux should be your musical choice.

Ensemble pour deux is the name of a duo composed of musicians Barbara Hood and Kaylynn Davis. The ensemble is composed at various times of harp, piano, violin, viola and voice.

Barbara says of their clients, "They are looking for entertainment that is outside the loop of mainstream music that dominates our culture." And, while it may be outside the loop, their music is distinctive and never boring.

The two musicians met when Kaylynn accompanied Barbara's chorus for a special Christmas program at Flat Rock Middle School. Since 1996, they have been making beautiful music together. Their repertoire ranges from classical and light classics to popular pieces and show tunes. Kaylynn and Barbara arrange their own music to fit their unique sound.

Right now, their musical list includes over 400 pieces, and they are constantly adding to it.

The group performs for private parties and corporate functions. As you might imagine, weddings are a particular specialty. When children are present, they are usually fascinated by the harp. "We are always ready with an Old McDonald, B-I-N-G-O or Twinkle for the children to enjoy and even sing along with," says Kaylynn.

The Ensemble particularly enjoys playing at The Village Café, "The clientele is appreciative of our style of music. Overall, the mixture of a fine cuisine and relaxing music makes for a

memorable evening for the audience, and for the performers."

The two musicians have impressive musical backgrounds and a great love of music. Barbara is a graduate of Georgia State University with a degree in music. She has played with the Chattanooga and Huntsville Symphonies, and was a founding member of the Hilton Head Chamber Orchestra and String Quartet. Barbara has taught piano and voice. Currently, most of

the students for whom she provides private instruction are studying violin and viola.

Kaylynn Davis graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a major in harp. She has performed with the University of Texas Harp Ensemble, and with orchestras and chamber ensembles in Texas. Kaylynn is also a private instructor for piano and harp. In the past several years, the Ensemble has volunteered its time and services to a number of service organizations. They are often featured musicians for special events around the Metro Atlanta area.

The Ensemble receives high praise from the people they entertain. The visual appearance of a harp at a wedding or dinner party is both elegant and distinctive. Guests can engage in conversation at dinner, while enjoying the relaxing sound of live music. And, Barbara says their clients "comment on hearing familiar pieces, and often say that our music 'made' their special occasion."

For more information, or to request a demo tape, contact Barbara Hood at (770) 460-8676, Kaylynn Davis at (770) 461-4595, or visit their website: www.ensemblepourdeux.com

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