

Artist Biographies

Flutist Donna Wissinger has been hailed as a dynamic international star whose concerts include acclaimed recitals on the mainstages of **Carnegie Hall** and the renowned **Glinka Capella**. Recital tours have included Europe, Asia and the USA, as well as a highly successful tour throughout several republics of the former Soviet Union. Audiences are captivated by her beautiful and communicative playing, her charismatic stage presence, and her obvious love and enthusiasm for her art.

Donna Wissinger is the inaugural recipient of the prestigious **Doris Leeper Award for Excellence in Arts Education**. She has been a premier artist on the rosters of the Florida State Touring Program; The New York based Learning Arts; the Southern Artist Registry and numerous Arts Councils nationwide. Donna is a USPTA tennis professional and long distance runner. Her bicycle/flute performance tour of 2000 miles and 82 concerts from NYC to Miami was featured on the National Geographic Channel.

Donna's CD, *Amazing Grace: An American Tapestry*, is heralded worldwide and can be sampled from her home page www.donnawissinger.com as well as on the Eroica Classical Label site at www.eroica.com. Reviews hail Ms. Wissinger's work as 'dazzling' and 'delightful.' Donna's newest release, *A Chipola Family Christmas*, will be available on her website in early December.

Pianist Joy Myers graduated from Jacksonville University summa cum laude with departmental honors and a dual major in music education and music performance. She has been pianist with the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra, Jacksonville Lyric Opera Theater, Starlight Symphonette, Amadeus Trio of Jacksonville, and the Palm Court Society Orchestra. Joy also played viola with the Jacksonville Symphony.

Joy Myers has certification in Yamaha piano, Kindermusik, Suzuki violin, and Suzuki piano. The Girl Scouts honored Joy as Woman of the Year, World of Arts. Before touring, Joy was the Performing Arts Director at St. Johns Country Day School. She is the founder of Concert on the Green, a 20-year old non-profit organization which brings the Jacksonville Symphony and award scholarships to students in her county.

Joy enjoys spending time with her husband and family of five children, traveling, being in the outdoors, and restoring their 100-year old home.