

Serenata Ensemble to perform in Westport

WESTPORT — Serenata Ensemble will supply relief for tax-time aggravation with a concert of flute and harp music in the Artur Holde Hall at the Westport Arts Center, 17 Morningside Drive South, on Friday at 8 p.m.

Serenata Ensemble is a flute and harp duo comprised of two classical performers. Flutist Lisa Hansen, a former Wilton and Rowayton resident, and harpist Wendy Kerner Lucas, a former Westport resident and New Canaan resident, met as students at The Juilliard School, although they were both members of the Norwalk Youth Symphony and had attended the same Westport Unitarian church as children.

They formed the duo after previous partners moved away. It was because of this that they began playing together, first as substitutes for the other's partner, but later as a permanent ensemble.

Serenata Ensemble has toured throughout the country and have performed on the stages of all of New York's major concert halls. They have also appeared on numerous classical music radio stations such as WQXR, WNYC, Voice of America, and Minnesota Public Radio. Both

Hansen and Kerner Lucas are active recording artists with credits that include CBS, EMI/Angel, Polygram, Delos, and Musical Heritage Society labels.

Hansen received first prize in the New York Flute Club Competition and was featured in the Emmy award-winning CBS-TV special "Juilliard and Beyond-A Life in Music." Hansen was principal flutist of the Mexico City Philharmonic for four years. Since then she has performed with many of New York's leading ensembles and has appeared as soloist with the Jupiter Symphony, the Naumburg Orchestra, North/South Consonance Ensemble, the Mexico City Philharmonic, and the Toluca Symphony.

Kerner Lucas was presented in her New York debut in Carnegie Recital Hall as a winner of the Artists International Chamber Music Competition. She has appeared in concert throughout the United States, performed at the World Harp Congress in Paris, France, and has played for Queen Sirikit of Thailand. Principal harpist with the Ridgefield Symphony, she has also played with the National Orchestral Association in Carnegie Hall, the Orchestra of New England in



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SERENATA ENSEMBLE — The Serenata Ensemble, featuring flutist Lisa Hansen and harpist Wendy Kerner Lucas will present "A Classical Concert for Spring," on Friday at 8 p.m. in Artur Holde Hall of the Westport Arts Center, 17 Morningside Drive South, Westport. Tickets are \$10; \$8 for seniors. A reception will follow the concert. For reservations, call 966-7616.

Alice Tuffy Hall and on CBS Records.

Their program on Friday will include music by Camille Saint-Saens, C.P.E. Bach, Claude Debussy, and Joaquin Rodrigo. Also featured on the program will be the World Premiere of Frederick Blanche's "Noc-

turne," written expressly for Serenata Ensemble.

Tickets are \$10 general admission and \$8 for Westport Arts Center Members, seniors and students. All are invited to a reception immediately following the concert. Call 966-7616 for reservations.