

# Flute and guitar duo to give performance at Wall library

Marjorie Koharski and Keith Calmes will give concert on Sept. 16

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**WALL TOWNSHIP** — All are invited to enjoy an afternoon of classical music with flutist Marjorie Koharski and guitarist Keith Calmes on Saturday, Sept. 16.

The concert is set to begin at 2 p.m. at the Monmouth County Library, Wall Township branch, 2700 Allaire Road.

According to Ms. Koharski, the duo will be playing Spanish and Argentine music in

honor of Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 being Hispanic Heritage Month.

The pair will be playing pieces by Spanish composer Enrique Granados as well as some by Mexican composer Manuel Ponce.

One of Ponce's pieces, "Estrellita," is probably a familiar one to audience members, according to Ms. Koharski.

Both Ms. Koharski and Mr. Calmes agree they are "in-sync" with each other, having played together for 11 years. According to Mr. Calmes, the pair have played most of the music ever written for flute and guitar.

Also the guitar teacher at Wall High School, Mr. Calmes says he considers



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Marjorie Koharski [left] and Keith Calmes will be performing a classical music concert this Saturday, Sept. 16 at the Monmouth County Library, Wall Township branch.

music an art, as opposed to simply entertainment.

"It's deeper than that. It's fun, but there's usually much more to it," Mr. Calmes said.

The duo further agrees that the pieces they play are "upbeat" and not necessarily the same variety of music

that people often associate with the classical genre.

"It's fun music; it's not music that's hard to listen to. It's music that can be enjoyed by anyone. These composers don't like music that's academic and hard to understand," Mr. Calmes said.

"Sometimes people think classical music is abstract, academic stuff, but the music that we're playing is fun."

Both Mr. Calmes and Ms. Koharski are lifelong musicians, each classically trained in their respective instruments.

"We're always excited about our programs," Ms. Koharski said of the upcoming concert at the Wall Township Library, an event that has been well-attended when held in previous years.

"We enjoy playing together, and we enjoy playing for different audiences."

Mr. Calmes echoed this sentiment, adding, "I think we get high-quality music, which is enjoyable both for us, and hopefully for the audience also, so that's big part of it. We're also both dedicated to playing music, we've done it all of our lives, and so it's a great joy to us."

The concert is free to attend, with CDs available for separate purchase. For more information, contact the library at 732-449-8877.

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