

DELGADO PRESENTS LAUREN PELON "WOMEN IN MUSIC" CONCERT MARCH 13



Delgado Community College will present a unique concert, "Women in Music: Someone Will Remember Us," by internationally known performer Lauren Pelon on Friday, March 13, 2009, 2 p.m. in the Lac Maurepas Room on the second floor of Delgado City Park Campus' Student Life Center (615 City Park Avenue, New Orleans, La.). The concert, which is free and open to the public, traces the story of women in music through the performance of songs from around the world.

The concert celebrates music written by, or for, women. Crossing the boundaries of time, distance and culture, Pelon sings and plays approximately 25 ancient and modern instruments, some of which were traditionally played by women, some forbidden to women.

Pelon, recipient of the 2001 "Artist of the Year" Award from Southeastern Minnesota Arts Council, studied the history of music and instrumentation both in America and overseas. She has performed in St. Petersburg, Russia, at the Russian Institute for the History of the Arts, at the Conservatory of Music in Almaty, Kazakhstan, and in concerts throughout the United States, Canada, Europe and China. In her most recent overseas tour, Pelon presented concerts throughout New Zealand and Australia and gave the 18th Annual Gordon Anderson Memorial Lecture at the University of New England, New South Wales. She has also performed as a soloist with symphony orchestras and on television and radio specials.

"Women in Music: Someone Will Remember Us" melds Pelon's original compositions with her arrangements of music from ancient Greece, medieval Europe, and contemporary Africa, America and Estonia. She performs on lute, lyre, hurdy-gurdy, recorders, gemshorn, pennywhistles, ocarina, Kiowa courting flute, eagle bone flute, cornamuse, krummhorn, schreierpfeife, shawm, rackett, concertina, electric wind instrument and MIDI-pedalboard.

Jill Timmons, director of Lively Arts Series in Portland, Oregon, in reviewing Pelon's program, wrote: "From Garrison Keillor's A Prairie Home Companion to the steppes of Russia and the hills of Kazakhstan, Lauren Pelon has entertained audiences with her story of women and music throughout history. Her virtuosity on so many instruments and her rich voice remind us of the power of music to transcend time and culture."

For further information about the concert, call (504) 671-6325.