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HARPIST VICTORIA DRAKE TO PRESENT RECITAL

Milwaukee, WI – Riverwest native Victoria Drake will perform a solo harp recital at 3:00 P.M. Saturday, March 7, 2009, at the Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church, 3360 North 80th Street, in Wauwatosa. Suggested donation, $10.

A graduate of Riverside High School, Ms. Drake holds a Bachelor of Music (with honors) degree from the New York State University at Purchase and resides in New York City where she leads a busy life as a free-lance harpist. Her career has taken her to France, Israel, England, Japan, and across the United States for orchestral, chamber music and solo performances, most recently a three-week engagement with the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra.

Ms. Drake has won numerous awards, achieved finalist status at the 10th International Harp Contest in Jerusalem, and performs with many orchestras in the New York area including the American Symphony, New York City Ballet, New York City Opera, Orchestra of St. Luke's, the Greenwich Symphony, and the Berkshire Opera Company. She has participated at the Aspen, Bard, Cabrillo, Cape May, Fontainebleau, and Vermont Mozart Festivals, Summer Music in Connecticut, and L'Association des Rencontres Culturelles d'Orbec in France.

Among her many recordings are four solo CDs featuring the music of J. Bach, Scarlatti, and Spanish masters; *Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg* with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra under Sir Georg Solti; the Mozart *Concerto for Flute and Harp* on period instruments with the Old Fairfield Academy (now the American Classical Orchestra); and with the original cast of the recent Broadway show, *The Light in the Piazza.* She also was in the orchestras for the long-running Broadway revivals of *The King and I* and *42nd Street*.

Members of the local American Harp Society are pleased to present Victoria Drake in a public recital on March 7th. For reservations, call 414-462-1809.

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