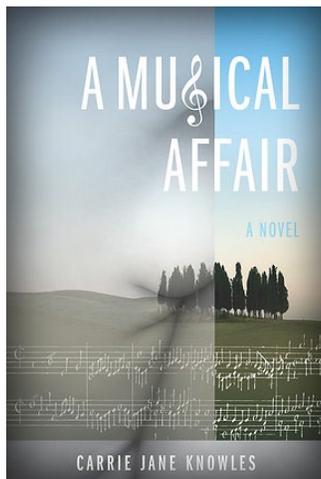


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MALLARMÉ CHAMBER PLAYERS' in partnership with the DURHAM LITERACY CENTER presents "A Musical Affair," a concert and book reading with author Carrie J. Knowles.
Sunday, February 13, 2022 @ 3:00 pm Motorco Music Hall, 723 Rigsbee Street, Durham, 27701



This performance is presented in memory of Dr. Barbara Newborg

DURHAM, N.C. – Durham-based Mallarmé Chamber Players and the Durham Literacy Center are paring up to present a performance which includes music by 19th century French composers for flute, viola and harp and a book-reading by Raleigh author [Carrie J. Knowles](#).

"A Musical Affair" is a fictional book based on Carrie Knowles own experiences in running a classical music festival and is bursting with affairs, secrets and blackmail. Our everyday lives might not be as interesting, but the plight of protagonist Celeste in managing and raising money for a music festival is real. And ultimately what brings all the characters together is their love of the music.

Dr. Barbara Newborg shared that love of music, of literature and of learning. She keenly understood that monetary support of the arts was essential to develop and maintain a vibrant and equitable Durham community. Both Mallarmé and the Durham Literacy Center have been recipients of support by Dr. Newborg during her life and even after her death in 2016. It is because of her spirit of generosity that we celebrate her legacy with this unique performance.

The musical portion of the event will feature works for flute, viola and harp, including the lovely Sonata by Claude Debussy. The music will be interspersed with readings from "A Musical Affair" read by author Carrie Knowles. Harpist [Jacquelyn Bartlett](#), flutist [Carla Copeland Burns](#) and violist/Mallarmé artistic director Suzanne Rousso will be performing.

Mallarmé and the Durham Literacy Center are also counting on the love of music and literature to attract folks to the concert at Motorco Music Hall in Durham, Sunday, February 13 at 3:00 pm. Tickets start at \$10. Attendees and artists will be following COVID protocols as established by the venue, Motorco, which includes masking and proof of vaccination at the door for all. For more information on these protocols: <https://motorcomusic.com/covid/>

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ARTISTS

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[Carrie J. Knowles](#) – author

Tickets \$25 adults/\$10 students and children (Recommended 12 and older)

<https://app.arts-people.com/index.php?show=131922>

All attendees must show proof of COVID vaccination at the door and remained masked while indoors.

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MUSICAL PROGRAM

Camille Saint-Saens – Romance, Op. 37 for flute and harp

Jacques Ibert – *Entr'acte* for flute and harp

Gabriel Fauré – “Après un Reve” and *Sicilienne*

Claude Debussy – Sonata for flute, viola and harp

“A Musical Affair” by Carrie J. Knowles, Owl Canyon Press

The book can be found for sale locally at **The Regulator Bookshop**, 720 Ninth St. Durham, 27705

Mention this concert and get a 10% discount (in-store purchase only).

<https://www.regulatorbookshop.com/>

Books will also be available for sale at the event for \$19.95 plus tax.

Mallarmé Chamber Players is a flexible ensemble of professional musicians based in Durham, North Carolina, whose mission is to enrich the lives of their community through outstanding chamber music. The ensemble distinguishes itself by its innovative educational programs, its commitment to creative collaboration with other organizations, its creation of significant new work, and its dedication to serve a diverse population.

Mallarmé is unique in that they do not work with a core of musicians, but instead uses North Carolina’s rich and diverse musical talent to perform with the ensemble according to the given repertoire. Mallarmé annually presents a series of concerts that features great, diverse, and multidisciplinary chamber music. Mallarmé performs everything from Bach with period instruments to commission and performing brand new works. In 2021, Albany records released a CD of chamber music by African American composer William Banfield featuring Mallarmé in two of its selections - the mini-opera “Soul Gone Home and the ballet “*Tota Pulchra Es*”.

Mallarmé is a non-profit, tax-exempt, 501(c) 3 organization. The 2021/22 concert season is made possible in part by grants from the Durham Arts Council’s Annual Arts Fund, the Mary Duke Biddle Foundation and the North Carolina Arts Council. Mallarmemusic.org

The Durham Literacy Center (DLC) empowers Durham County residents who want to improve their lives and the lives of their families by improving their literacy skills. Established in 1985 by a small group of volunteers to address the overwhelming literacy needs of adults in Durham, the DLC has evolved from a small organization to a pivotal provider of educational services for those most in need: adults and out-of-school youth who need literacy, English language, digital literacy, job-readiness, and health and financial literacy skills. Since its founding, the DLC has trained over 2,500 volunteers to teach more than 18,000 individuals who are working to reach their educational and career goals. Learn more about the DLC and how you can get involved at www.durhamliteracy.org.

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