

# Pianist Barbara Geary Featured in SWOSU Concert This Sunday

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Pianist Barbara Geary, a native of Chicago who grew up in Tulsa, will be featured in concert this Sunday, January 28, at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

The concert is at 3 p.m. in Room 101 of the Music Building on the SWOSU campus. Admission is free, and the public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Geary's recital and concert tours have taken her across the United States, including all 77 counties in Oklahoma, and into Mexico, Canada and throughout most countries of Western Europe, where she has performed in such musical centers as London, Edinburgh, Salzburg, Amsterdam and Paris. Her London debut was in the Young Musicians Series at the Wigmore Hall.

Her teacher in Paris was Vlado Perlemuter, a French pianist who studied all of Ravel's piano works with the composer. While in Europe, Geary participated in master classes directed by Perlemuter in Portugal, and also in master classes in Debussy's birthplace, St. Germain-en-Laye, France.

An avid student of French culture in many forms, she has been recognized as a sensitive interpreter of the music of impressionists Debussy and Ravel, as well as of their lesser known contemporary, Maurice Emmanuel. Her narrated concert, "From Paris with Love", at SWOSU will include works by these three composers.

Geary has complemented her professional activity as a performer with piano teaching positions at Indiana University, Ohio University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and two state universities in Oklahoma. She has given master classes, workshops and concerts for students of all ages (including Piano Concerts for Kids in the elementary grades) and she has lectured on "Listening: A Children's Art".

She is listed on the distinguished roster of Steinway Artists and was named Oklahoma Musician of the Year in 2000 by the Oklahoma Federation of Music Clubs. She is a member of the College Music Society and the American Liszt Society.