Oberlin Heritage Center Hosts Parlor Concert

The Oberlin Heritage Center will host a merry evening of song and history on Tuesday, April 11, at 7:00 p.m., as Abigail Hakel-Garcia and Collin Sterne present an hour of music at the museum. The evening's entertainment, along with some historical tidbits, will be performed in the 1884 Jewett House, just as many homes were used for intimate concerts in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Abigail sings and plays violin and Collin classical guitar, as the tune requires. A few highlights of the evening include favorite songs such as “Merry Oldsmobile” and “Moonlight Bay,” as well as music by Paganini and Piazzolla. Guests are welcome to listen and enjoy, or join in a chorus or two.

Abigail Hakel-Garcia and Collin Sterne are second-year students at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music. Abigail hails from Erie, Pennsylvania and Collin from Boone, North Carolina. Both are experienced performers, whose interests in historical music run all the way back to the 14th century. They have performed as a duo since their freshman year. Collin and Abigail look forward to exploring new repertoire together, especially early music.

Abigail has been studying music since preschool age, and she is proud to say her wardrobe has improved since then- she no longer wears performance dresses with giant snow boots. She is a member of Collegium Musicum Oberlinense and currently studies with Professors Kendra Colton and Milan Vitek in the conservatory. In the past, she studied with teachers through Mercyhurst College, including Dr. Joseph Kneer and Dr. Barton Rotberg.

Collin has been playing music since the age of eleven. His interests have moved from classic rock and metal to early music, although he still enjoys Frank Zappa. He currently
studies under Stephen Aron and has recently taken an interest in playing theorbo. Collin previously studied under Michael Kudirka and Zane Forshee at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts.

The Victorian brick Jewett House is located at 73 South Professor Street. Parking is available in the Conservatory lot just to the north. Space is limited in the parlor, so register early! Tickets are $10 for Oberlin Heritage Center members, $12 for the general public, and $5 for college students or youth under 18. Registration is available online at [www.oberlinheritagecenter.org](http://www.oberlinheritagecenter.org), by stopping in the Monroe House at 73 ½ South Professor Street, or by calling (440) 774-1700 and paying over the phone. Tickets may be available at the door, but we recommend you call ahead for availability. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis. A reception with light refreshments will follow. For more information about this or other upcoming events on the Oberlin Heritage Center’s program and tour calendar, visit [www.oberlinheritagecenter.org](http://www.oberlinheritagecenter.org) or call (440) 774-1700.

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