



NAOMI RUTH COHEN
CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Presents...

World Renowned Flutist and
Yamaha Performing Artist

Tracy L. Harris

in Concert

Saturday, May 31, 2008

7:30 p.m.

Introduction by Sandra Morgan

Artistic Director of Rembrandt Chamber Players

Beth Emet the Free Synagogue

1224 Dempster Evanston, Illinois



*World Renowned
Concert Flutist
Tracy Harris to
Perform at Beth Emet...*

Ms. Harris has performed solo recitals, chamber music, and concertos across the United States and has premiered many new pieces. She has left audiences breathless with her profound and moving interpretation of the great composers of all ages. With her talent and versatility she has played with Sting on PBS and Disney Studios. Ms. Harris has held principal chairs with The Santa Barbara Symphony, Santa Barbara Chamber Orchestra, the Coastal Valley's Symphony and the West Coast Symphony. Ms. Harris is also the director of Music Theoretic Studies at The Pacific Center for Advanced Studies.

Ms. Harris suffers from schizoaffective disorder. In her book, *Music of Madness*, she explains the depths of her despair and how proper help and medication can help lead to a life as it is meant to be.

“Living with mental illness is never easy, but it can be done, so just take a deep breath and walk into the spotlight with your head held high. Life is one beautiful concert that no one should miss, so persevere as I did, a sweet series of encores awaits you.”

Tracy learned about the Naomi Ruth Cohen Charitable Foundation through our website and offered to donate her time and extraordinary talent to help further our mission...a mission which many of you have been supporting for a number of years. The Cohen Foundation is very grateful to Tracy Harris for her enthusiastic support of our work and for her generosity. We are indeed proud to have her with us.

*About
Naomi
Ruth
Cohen...*

There are many ways to describe Naomi — a gifted artist and designer, a wise geriatric counselor, a cherished friend to many, a caring daughter, sister and relative, and especially, a compassionate, spiritual and engaged participant in her community and world. She cared deeply about the humane treatment of animals, and all disadvantaged people. In 1998, when she was 30, Naomi was diagnosed with a particularly virulent form of a terrible, poorly understood illness: bipolar disorder. Two years later, she took her own life and left a huge hole in the universe and footprints we are trying to follow.

In Naomi's memory, the Foundation was established with the proceeds of Naomi's estate and contributions from family and friends. We work to prevent others from suffering as she did. **Our goal is to overcome the stigma of mental illness.** Foundation income is used to promote educational programs and support organizations engaged in mental illness research, education, self-help, anti-discrimination and advocacy.

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