

MUSIC FOR MERCY MEDICAL CENTER

Acclaimed Guitarist to Perform Benefit Concert for Cancer Survivorship Week

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BALTIMORE, MD On June 7, Ronnda Cadle returns to her hometown to present “Love to Your Hearts Always” a special benefit concert at Perry Hall Presbyterian Church to honor the memory of her dear friend Sandra Lee Shaver (nee Dunham).

Currently based in Seattle, Ronnda Cadle is an acclaimed finger-style acoustic guitarist born and raised in Perry Hall. At this rare local appearance, she will perform her transcendent instrumental melodies accompanied by Monica Zheng (violin), and Lily Schrantz (cello).

It was on December 10, 2024, that Sandra (Sandy) lost her six-year battle with cancer. Ronnda, who is herself a cancer survivor, felt called to both honor her friend’s memory and give back to the team at Mercy who cared for Sandy throughout her battle. The concert forms part of Mercy’s other scheduled activities during Cancer Survivorship Week.

Ronnda’s most recent album was produced by Windham Hill’s William Ackerman. Says Ackerman, “Ronnda Cadle’s music offers purity that is breath-taking... ..beauty, grace and open emotion... When you listen to Ronnda Cadle you believe her unconditionally.” Ronnda has also been included on two of Ackerman’s curated compilations.

Ronnda’s music is forever tied to her friendship with Sandy. As teens and young adults they attended numerous concerts together, most notably of the band Heart— and it was the playing of Heart’s Nancy Wilson, that inspired Ronnda to become the guitarist she is today. Across the miles and years, Ronnda and Sandy retained their closeness - attending their last Heart concert together in Baltimore in August 2019.

Monica Zheng is a West Chester, PA-based multi instrumentalist. She performs regularly in orchestral settings throughout the tri-state area,

Lily Schrantz is a cellist, viola da gamba player, and bassist based in Baltimore. She has performed as a featured soloist, continuo player, and ensemble member for many of the nation’s foremost orchestras as well as internationally.

In recognition of Sandy’s Lumbee heritage, James Aunquoe of the Kiowa and Chippewa Nations, will conclude the concert with an Honor Dance and Round Dance.

In addition to the public concert on June 7th, Ronnda will be providing music at Mercy’s invite-only event on Sunday, June 8th, as well as playing a private concert for oncology patients and caretakers on Monday, June 9th. Says Ronnda, “Through this, I will personally get to meet and thank Sandy’s care team for all that they did for my dear friend, and for all that they do daily. Leaving them with what Sandy would say, ‘Love to your hearts always’.”

“LOVE TO YOUR HEARTS ALWAYS” A Benefit Concert in Memoriam of Sandra Lee Shaver
Saturday June 7th 3:30 – 5:30pm
Perry Hall Presbyterian Church 8848 Belair Road Nottingham, MD 21236
Suggested donation \$20
Free parking is available with overflow at Weis Market
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