

The Judy Carmichael Trio with **Harry Allen** on tenor saxophone and **Chris Flory** on guitar will be performing **Saturday, November 9th** at the Bigfork Center for the Performing Arts, and **Sunday, November 10th** on stage in the dining room at the Whitefish Lake Golf Course Restaurant.

The warm and engaging Judy Carmichael is an amazing pianist. Count Basie nicknamed her *Stride* and said *If anyone can keep this music going after I m gone, it s Judy Carmichael*. George Shearing called her *Miss Strideville*. That's because, when it comes to stride pianists, Judy is one of the very best. The New Orleans pianist Allen Toussaint said, *At first it s joyously shocking to hear such chops at work but that observation is soon overwhelmed by the rich heart and soul and high spirit of her music. It s quite a ride*.

In addition unbelievable chops on the piano and wit to match, Judy Carmichael sings. In the September 2013 issue of *JazzTimes*, Carmichael's singing was very favorably compared to Peggy Lee and early Annie Ross, *she winningly blends two of the all-time finest, most intuitive jazz singers... and like Lee and Ross, Carmichael shows tremendous respect for her fellow musicians...*

Joining her on stage will be world famous tenor sax player Harry Allen who John Pizzarelli called, "...nothing less than perfect." Harry Allen has worked with Rosemary Clooney and with Hank Jones, Ray Brown and Herb Ellis. Also sharing the stage with Judy will be guitarist Chris Flory, master of swing and blues guitar who toured and recorded with Rosemary Clooney, Roy Eldridge and Benny Goodman.

The Steinway Gallery of Spokane is providing a Steinway grand for Ms. Carmichael at both the stage at the Bigfork Center for the Performing Arts in Bigfork and in the dining room at The Whitefish Lake Restaurant for a rare transformation of that wonderful restaurant into a jazz club with the same delicious menu.

"Exhilarating positive pianist...flawless technique" -NEW YORK TIMES

"Fresh, dynamic interpretation of her own." -WASHINGTON POST

Judy Carmichael is one of the few jazz pianists honored as a Steinway Artist. She has appeared frequently on Garrison Keillor's *A Prairie Home Companion*, and has been featured on National Public Radio's *Morning Edition*, *Entertainment Tonight* and CBS' *Sunday Morning*. Judy Carmichael has played in a variety of venues from Carnegie Hall, to programs with Michael Feinstein and The Smothers Brothers. In addition, she's performed private recitals for Robert Redford and President Clinton.

Her weekly Public Radio show called *Judy Carmichael's Jazz Inspired* has been on the air for over twenty years. Her radio show explores the questions *How do creative people create? And What inspires the people who inspire you?*

Don Heckman, reviewing one of Judy's shows for *The International Review of Music* wrote: *She was as improvisationally inventive with words as she was with her piano. A helluva performance, on all counts. Instrumentally exciting, vocally engaging, musically compelling and marvelously--I'll say it again--entertaining.*

Plan to be marvelously entertained. Thank you to Don "K" Subaru for sponsoring these concerts.

The Judy Carmichael Trio **Saturday, November 9th** 7:30pm at the Bigfork Center for the Performing Arts 526 Electric Avenue, Bigfork. Tickets: \$21 - \$23 - \$25 - \$27. **Sunday, November 10th** 7:00pm at the Whitefish Lake Golf Club Restaurant, 1200 US 93 N, Whitefish. Dinner show with reserved cabaret seating in the restaurant: \$27 - at the bar \$20. (Dinner not included).