

**Arizona Association of Chicanos in Higher Education hosts
“DREAM IS ALIVE” Fund Raising Concert
For Voices United Program Scholarships.**

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Phoenix College - Bulpitt Auditorium
1202 W. Thomas Road Phoenix, AZ, 85013
Saturday, September 13, 2014 at 7:00 pm

Arizona Association of Chicanos in Higher Education Hosts “DREAM IS ALIVE” Fund Raising Concert For Voices United, Featuring Award Winning Pianist, Dr. Deborah Joy The Concert Will Feature Classical and Contemporary Piano Music Including Her Original Composition "Songs Of Love."

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VOICES UNITED, a charitable and educational organization, assists students that are facing financial inequities to gain access to a higher education. The goal of VOICES UNITED is to support college students in obtaining a college education that will prepare them for success in today’s information-based and global economy. The acquisition of information, skills, and resources will enable students to be empowered with a sound and knowledgeable integration of their human, intellectual, civic, and financial assets. Voices United is the American way, individuals helping individuals to achieve the American Dream, a college education.

Sponsoring Organization: Arizona Association of Chicanos for Higher Education - Consisting of ten chapters, AACHE is a statewide Chicana/o and Latina/o non-profit organization. Founded in 1983, AACHE was established to promote equitable educational and employment opportunities within Arizona colleges and universities. This is actualized through faculty recruitment and retention efforts, scholarship programs, MEChA leadership workshops, community involvement, and the annual AACHE

conference. AACHE provides a forum for discussion of Chicana/o and Latina/o higher education issues and identifies workable solutions to these issues. <http://www.aache.org/>

Dr. Deborah Joy is an award winning concert pianist and composer. She was first prize winner of concerto competition in Phoenix and performed at Gammage Auditorium in Tempe, and also a winner in Michigan and performed at Hill Auditorium. She was a first prize winner at the Contemporary Music Competition in Boston and performed at Jordan Hall at New England Conservatory. She was the recipient of the Excellence in Piano Performance Award (created especially for her) at the University of Michigan for the first time in their history of piano department. She was also a finalist for Bach Competition, and the Concerto Competitions at the renowned Aspen Music Festival and the Shreveport Piano Competition. She was a semi-finalist for the International Piano Competition in France and Joanna Hodges International Piano Competition.

As a composer, she brings forth a style of neoromanticism in her compositions which delight audiences with beauty of expressive musical voice and highly emotional content. She won the First Place in I.M.E.A.-S.N.A.P. Competition (Illinois State Composition Competition) with her first solo piano composition.

Dr. Deborah Joy completed the first high definition, surround sound recording of Etudes Australes (16 etudes) by John Cage, a revolutionary Post-Modernist. She regularly performs at charity events across the country, most recently both organizing and performing for Goodnews Rescue Mission in CA and for Phoenix Children's Hospital in AZ. She has performed locally in Tempe, Phoenix, Scottsdale, and Mesa in AZ, nationally in Geneva, Wheaton, Naperville and Chicago in IL, Aspen in CO, Shreveport in LA, Ann Arbor, Kalamazoo and Interlochen in MI, Boston in MA, Cleveland in OH, Los Angeles and Redding in CA, and internationally in St. Petersburg in Russia, Prague in Czech Republic, Freiburg in Germany, Geneva in Switzerland and Strasbourg in France.

Her formal studies include University of Michigan, BM, New England Conservatory of Music, MM, Arizona State University, DMA. Dr. Deborah Joy has studied with world renown teachers such as Dr. Sungyun Lee, Dr. Daniel Horn of Wheaton College, Dr. Louis Nagel of University of Michigan, Mr. Gabriel Chodos and Mr. Stephen Drury of New England Conservatory, Mr. Robert Hamilton of Arizona State University. She also studied with Ms. Ann Schein of Peabody Conservatory, Ms. Elena Shisko of St. Petersburg Conservatory in Russia, and Mr. Sergei Babayan of Cleveland Institute of Music. Dr. Deborah Joy currently lives in Phoenix, Arizona with her husband and their son. www.deborahjoy.net

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