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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TO HOST
NATURE CONSERVANCY BENEFIT CONCERT
Flute and guitar duo Foliass to premier their
original composition *Lake Superior Suite***

Lansing, MI – First Presbyterian Church has announced that it will host a benefit concert for the Nature Conservancy's Great Lakes Program, featuring the Grand Rapids flute and guitar duo Foliass, in its historic Molly Grove Chapel on Friday, June 3 at 7:30 p.m. The concert will feature the Lansing premier performance of Foliass' original concert length composition *Lake Superior Suite* as well as other pieces. There will be no cost to enjoy the concert, though a free-will offering will be taken. The church is located at 510 Ottawa Street between Chestnut and Pine in downtown Lansing. Parking is plentiful and free in the church's lot.

The First Presbyterian performance of the composition is in preparation for the duo's planned June tour of cities around Lake Superior that will continue to raise money and awareness for the Nature Conservancy. At this time, performances of the five-movement suite are scheduled in Marquette, Michigan; Isle Royale National Park; Duluth, Minnesota; Grand Marais, Minnesota; Thunder Bay, Ontario; Pic River First Nation, Ontario; Rosspoint, Ontario; and Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

Foliass is comprised of guitarist Andrew Bergeron and flautist Carmen Maret. They perform an eclectic mix of music from original compositions to Argentine tango and modern classical music. Bergeron is a Holland, Michigan native and completed his master's in composition at Michigan State University. He received his bachelor's degree in music from Grand Valley State University.

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He is also currently on staff at Grand Rapids Community College and at Aquinas College. Maret received her bachelor's degree in music in flute performance from the University of Missouri-Kansas City, her master's in music in flute performance from Michigan State University, and a second master's in ethnomusicology with a focus in tango music and dance at Michigan State University.

Folias released their second CD, *Marufo Vega*, in early 2006 on the Bluegriffin label based in Lansing, Michigan. That release followed *Tangos Metamorphoses*, their debut released in January of 2004. To contact the duo, call (616) 406-9655 or email foliasmusic@yahoo.com.

First Presbyterian has been in Lansing since 1847. More information can be found from its website at www.firstpreslansin.org or by calling the church office at (517) 482-0668.

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