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**Pianist Lynne Mackey to Offer Lessons and Perform at Rappahannock Westminster-  
Canterbury**

On Saturday April 9, acclaimed pianist Lynne Mackey will visit Rappahannock Westminister-Canterbury to offer individual piano lessons and perform a public concert. The 15-minute lessons will be held in the morning beginning at 10:00 a.m. Mackey's performance will begin at 4:30 p.m. and is open to the public. A reception will follow.

Mackey is widely recognized as a superb pianist, appearing regularly throughout the mid-Atlantic region in concerts that feature contemporary and classical music. She has worked closely with several noted composers, including George Crumb, Samuel Adler and Joan Tower. Her repertoire often includes compositions by contemporary Spanish composers. She has been described as having a passionate style that resonates deeply with her audiences. She has performed at venues across the United States, in Canada, Europe, and North Africa. Her concerts are always filled to capacity.

Away from the stage Mackey is as engaging as her music. A graduate of the University of Michigan and the Julliard School, Mackey earned a doctorate at the Eastman School of Music and has become known widely as a highly respected music educator. She has been on the faculty at the University of Mary Washington, Mary Baldwin College, the University of Virginia, Hollins University, James Madison University, and Bluefield College. Presently she is associate professor of music at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg.

During her career Mackey has received numerous honors and awards, and was the first performing artist to receive an Appalachian College Association Fellowship that included a year-long residency at the University of Virginia and a tour performing contemporary music. Currently she serves as director of the Virginia Baroque Performance Academy.

Individuals may inquire about lessons with Mackey by contacting the Resident Life Office at RWC, 438-4011. Reservations for qualified pianists will be taken in the order received.

Mackey's performance is partially funded by the Virginia Commission for the Arts. It will be held in the auditorium located in the Chesapeake Center on the campus of RWC, 132 Lancaster Drive, Irvington. While the concert is free, reservations are required. Please call 438-4000 by April 6.