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Press Release

Local Musician Releases Very Unique Album (Animal Communication Breaks New Ground With Music)

Spring Grove, PA (June 24, 2002) – Sometimes even though you can't explain something, you know it's real. That's hard for an engineer to admit. To them everything has a scientific explanation. But that's just the situation that Larry Lebow found himself in.

Lebow has just released a new recording entitled "Gifts of Joy". The CD features solo piano music composed and performed by him, with the help of Monica, an Afghan hound. This music was initiated and inspired by his experiences in animal communication and his contact with Spring Farm CARES, an animal sanctuary and center for the teaching of interspecies communication.

It all began for him last summer when he agreed to accompany his wife to an Animal Communication workshop. As an engineer, he was fairly skeptical about the concept of telepathic communication, but his doubts rapidly diminished as the workshops proceeded. "What happened while I was there opened me to a whole new world. I could barely believe I was actually communicating with animals, and then I was pushed a step farther when I started getting beautiful music from one of the animals," said Lebow .

During one of the communication practice sessions he worked with Monica, an afghan hound living at Spring Farm. Monica doesn't talk to many workshop participants. "I was surprised when Monica and I had a very moving conversation," said Lebow. Afterwards he wandered into the facility's

common area and sat down at their piano. “I normally play the piano to relax when I’m worked up. And, I was a little worked up. Communicating with animals was a pretty incredible experience for me,” explained Lebow. To his astonishment, he immediately played something he had never heard, and clearly never played, before. “I thought back over what had just happened,” said Lebow, “I realized as I sat down at the piano, I heard ‘play C’ in my head. So I did. Suddenly a melody started, and I heard, ‘now G’ and so on. I reached just a little further inside and there was Monica, the dog, with her sarcastic grin just beaming for all she was worth. I said telepathically, ‘That was you, wasn’t it?’ She said, ‘Of course!’ ”

As he played, Dawn Hayman, the animal communication workshop leader, came into the room and he shared his experience with her and the other participants. They suggested that he record the songs he gets. “I had no idea if the creative flow would keep coming” said Lebow. “But, I told them if it did I would take a shot at a recording”.

“I know this all sounds a little crazy. If you had told me this a year ago I wouldn’t have believed it myself. But, I can’t ignore the reality of what is happening,” said Lebow. “I’ve had to lay aside my innate skepticism and learn to believe that there are things in this life that simply can’t be explained, but nonetheless are real. I have played the piano for years for my own enjoyment, but had never composed music before. It is my belief that Monica has so deeply touched my life, so that I may pass her gift of music to others and spread the knowledge of animal communication at the same time. My hope is that the more the message about animal communication gets out there; the more people will understand that animals are intelligent beings...and perhaps there will be less animal abuse in the world.”

Lebow has continued to receive songs from Monica and others after he returned home and has followed through on his promise to record these songs. The songs on “Gifts of Joy” have been described as a cross between New Age and Classical, although they have a stronger melody and rhythm than many people associate with New Age. Neither genre seems to cover the style completely; it has a little bit of everything—Classical, Jazz, New Age, even soft Rock. People

have said it has a similar feel to George Winston or Jim Brickman's piano music. Although very relaxing, there's more to this music. "It's the kind of music that strikes a chord in your heart, picks you up and leaves you with a sense of pure joy", said his wife, Jackie. "So many people have contacted us to let us know us how calm the music makes them feel. It seems to have a similar effect on children as well."

A portion of the proceeds from the sale of this music goes to Spring Farm CARES, a non-profit organization for abused, abandoned and elderly animals located in Clinton, NY. "After all, it all began with Monica and the Animal Communication workshops I attended at Spring Farm," said Lebow. "I want them to be a beneficiary." "Gifts of Joy" is currently available through Lebow's website, www.LarryLebow.com, as well as several local stores: In Hanover at: The Reader's Café (125 Broadway), The Black Rose Tea Room (36 York St.) and Hanover Pictures and Gifts (North Hanover Mall). In York at: New Visions Books (125 Belvidere Ave) and IKO's Music Trade (2300 E. Market St.); The Joy Garden (New Freedom). In Gettysburg at: Civil-La-Tea (39 York St.) and by mail (FreshConceptsMusic, P.O. Box 154, Spring Grove, PA 17362). ■

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1. Larry Lebow and Monica
2. Gifts of Joy CD cover

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