September 20, 2014 / New York City

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Today, Saturday, Sept. 20, 2014
at 11:30 a.m.
In the 1881 Landmark Sanctuary of
Historic Manhattan Seventh-day Adventist Church.
232 West 11th Street, NYC
I want to invite you to a special REACH-NYC event:

Gifted harpist Tomoko Sugawara, and Soprano, Beth Griffith, both residents of Greenwich Village, will be playing six selections for the worship service in the 1881 Landmark Sanctuary of Historic Manhattan Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Beth Griffith was a recent vocalist in a benefit concert held on August 30, 2014, sponsored by REACH-NYC and returns with her friend and musical associate, Tomoko Sugawara who was a guest at the concert, held to support homeless women making the transition to housing of their own. These two outstanding musicians will be helping to make the worship service a special one, as they offer classic hymns laced throughout the two short homilies that will be given by Tony Romeo of REACH-NYC.

Tomoko Sugawara, born in Tokyo, Japan began playing the Irish harp at age 13 and took up the Grand harp at 16. Ms Sugawara graduated from Tokyo University of Fine Arts. Since 1991 she also plays reconstructions of ancient harp (Japanese Kugo), which flourished in East Asia before 1100 CE. She has given numerous solo recitals on both the Concert harp and the Kugo in major international venues, such as the World Harp Congress (Prague in 1999; Amsterdam 2008), Indiana University (2004), Meiji University (2005), the New York Qin Society and the Fifth Symposium for Music Archaeology, Berlin (both in 2006), Columbia University, Harvard University, Japan Women's University, Ginza Juijya Harp Hall, and University of Pennsylvania (all in 2007) Princeton University and University of Pittsburgh (2008), along with recent concerts in the NYC area. We are fortunate to have have her share her talents in praise to God this Saturday, Sept. 20 at Historic Manhattan Seventh-day Adventist Church in NYC.

Soprano, Beth Griffith, will be joining Ms Sugawara at this special combined worship service. A gifted vocalist, Ms Griffith's performances this year include Medicine Show Theater, Amore Opera, Underground Zero Festival, Fringe Festival, the New Museum, International WOW, Box of Crayons (Web series cameo), MNNTV, ABC No Rio. Next performances, September 22-26 at the Irondale Center in Brooklyn with the International WOW Company.

Selections at tomorrow's service will include: "David's Harp" from the Oratorio "Saul" by George Frederic Handel, "Amazing Grace", "My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord", "Sometimes I Feel Like A Motherless Child", "I've Found My Lost Sheep", and "At The River".

The service will be preceded by the praise team of Historic Manhattan Seventh-day Adventist Church, as well as our musician in residence pianist and organist Eiichi Shimada, and other gifted musicians.

The homily given by Pastor Romeo, will be based on the verses found in Psalm 33:1-9 (NIV)
Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous;
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

Praise the Lord with the harp;
make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.

Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully, and shout for joy.

For the word of the Lord is right and true;
he is faithful in all he does.

The Lord loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of his unfailing love.

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
their starry host by the breath of his mouth.

He gathers the waters of the sea into jars[a];
he puts the deep into storehouses.

Let all the earth fear the Lord;
let all the people of the world revere him.

For he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded, and it stood firm.

Please join us and invite your friends for this special time of worship.

You are also invited to join us each Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. (We are meeting next Friday, Sept. 26) for some relaxing quiet time at Cafe Reach. We have an intimate venue we have been given located at Historic Manhattan Seventh-day Adventist Church, 232 West 11th Street, NYC. Located just 1.5 blocks West of Seventh Ave. South and one half block East of West 4th Street, in the West Village, NYC.

Our gathering begins next Friday at 7:00 p.m. for a meet and greet, with interesting discussion and readings, prayer and the sharing of the Word at 7:30. All are welcome no matter what your faith tradition.

May God continue to build your faith and give you the peace that passes all understanding.

Best regards - Tony Romeo / RNYC

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