



## Candlelight Concert

Thursday, July 22, 7:00 PM

By Dan Purnell

An evening of “*Sensational Sopranos and Altos*” will be performed by four talented DIVAS: **Anne Marie Gibson**, **Anna Nieman**, **Arielle Hallinan** and **Stephanie Dunbar**. The four young ladies will be accompanied on piano by **Lisa Lanza**. The evening’s songs have been arranged and coached by **Sydney Keegan**. The July Candlelight Concert, hosted by **Trinity United Methodist Church**, will be presented Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM.

All four of the performers have trained under **Sydney Keegan** as well as **Anneliese von Goerken** at sometime over their vocal careers. **Anne Marie Gibson**, the evening’s headline soprano, is currently a Senior at the University of Idaho studying Music and majoring in Vocal Performance, at the Lionel Hampton School of Music. Gibson has been studying music and performing since the age of 12. She has performed locally at many venues including previous Candlelight Concerts. During her college years Gibson has performed with the *WWU Concert Choir*, the *University of Idaho Vandaleers* and several performances with the *National Catholic Youth Choir*.

**Anna Nieman** has been an active performer in the Port Townsend area since she was 13. She started singing at the age of 6 while taking piano lessons. Most recently she was invited to sing the *Laudate Dominum*, during the *RainShadow Chorale’s* performance of *Mozart’s Requiem*. Nieman has been awarded several **TurtleBluff** scholarships.

**Arielle Hallinan**, a Mezzo Soprano, began singing at age 13 while living in Illinois. After moving to Port Townsend she began training with Keegan and von Goerken. Hallinan favors musical pieces that allow her to use her full range of sound, both in volume and richness. Hallinan has an Associate Degree from Peninsula College and has attended Pacific Lutheran University, studying Vocal Performance. She is contemplating a change in her school objectives, to pursue a Music Worship or Youth Ministries curriculum – possibly at Seattle Pacific University.

**Stephanie Dunbar** completes the “foursome” of DIVAs. She also began her singing career early, at the age of 7, when she studied piano as well, in Richland, WA. In 2000 her family moved to Sequim where she has performed with Sequim High School concerts. In February of this year, she performed with the WMEA’s All State Choir and the State Treble Choir, and the State Solo & Ensemble competitions where Dunbar placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Alto category. She loves performing classical voice with piano but has an interest in Folk music as well.

Doors open at 6:30 PM, **Trinity United Methodist Church, 609 Taylor Street**. Admission is by \$5 donation (children admitted free) to benefit local Port Townsend agencies and Trinity’s music and historic Victorian restoration program. Refreshments will be served following the performance. **Call: (360) 774-1644 for further information.**