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### **The City of Wilton Manors Presents A Free Concert in the Park on February 5, 2014 and Invites All to Attend**

**Wilton Manors, Florida (January 30, 2014)** – Calling all music lovers. The City of Wilton Manors, along with the Department Leisure Services, invites residents, visitors, neighbors and friends to come and experience the award winning music of one of America’s most in-demand solo *marimba* artists, Janis Potter, on Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. This Free concert will take place in Hagen Park located at 2020 Wilton Dr, Wilton Manors, FL 33305.

“One of the goals of our city is to plan events that encourage a sense of community”, said Mayor Gary Resnick. “Hosting a free music concert in Hagen Park by renowned artist, Janis Potter, lets residents, families, friends, and neighbors gather to enjoy her varied repertoire and energetic style under the stars, and all in one beautiful place.”

Attendees are invited to bring lawn chairs, and blankets to sit on as they listen to this Classical Concert performed by an outstanding artist from the Piatigorsky Foundation in New York City. Ms. Potter has performed music in nearly every state in the U.S. and is currently planning her international marimba debut.

Passionate about her music and deeply committed to the education of the next generations of audiences and performers alike, Ms. Potter takes time out of her touring schedule to conduct master-classes and lectures at more than 50 major universities.

Ms. Potter has won awards and grants from such prestigious organizations as the Sony Corporation, The Carnegie Foundation, The Myra Hess Foundation and *Glamour* Magazine. She has also been presented by renowned venues such as the Montpelier Cultural Arts Center, The Phillips Collection, The Library of Congress, and the Corcoran Gallery of Art. Her recordings are often aired on National Public Radio and she has performed in several television specials for PBS.

Ms. Potter has a signature series of mallets, which are produced and distributed world-wide by her long-time sponsor Innovative Percussion, and she is also a proud endorser of Bergerault Marimbas and Dynasty Percussion. She released her first solo CD entitled “Marimba Tracks” in 2000, and her second CD “Variations in Blue” in 2004. She has published several transcriptions



and arrangements for marimba and is planning to release a new video and teaching book for beginning and intermediate marimbists in 2013.

Janis received her Bachelors and Masters degrees in music performance from The Juilliard School. She is currently in the dissertation process of her Doctor of Education degree from North Central University.

There is no charge for this event. For more information, please call 954-390-2130.

### **ABOUT THE CITY OF WILTON MANORS**

The City of Wilton Manors was founded in 1925 by Edward John “Ned” Willingham, a land developer from Georgia. Today, the City of Wilton Manors offers all the benefits of a big city from shopping, to hip restaurants and bars, a burgeoning arts community and tons of community events, yet still maintains a cozy, community-feeling offering miles of natural waterways perfect for kayaking, paddle boarding and other outdoor activities. Recently named the “Second Gayest City” in the United States, the City of Wilton Manors boasts a diverse population of approximately 12,000 residents. To learn more about the live, work and play opportunities in Wilton Manors call (954) 390-2100 or visit [www.wiltonmanors.com](http://www.wiltonmanors.com)