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Premiere for Mountainair Composer

Pianist Keith Snell will premiere ***Verbs, Book 2***, by Mountainair composer Kathleen Ryan, at the state conference of the Professional Music Teachers of New Mexico (PMTNM), on Friday, November 14. The performance will take place at 7 pm at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 3700 Canyon Road, Los Alamos.

Ryan was selected as the PMTNM 2008 Commissioned Composer, and ***Verbs, Book 2***, is the music she has composed to fulfill the commission. The new music will be entered in the Music Teachers National Association "Composer of the Year" contest.

Verbs is a set of twenty-four preludes for piano left-hand alone. The verbs featured in Book 2 are: Beckon, Insist, Murmur, Tease, Tangle, Snap, Shatter, Bloom, Bounce, Reflect, Release, and Bless.

Pianist Keith Snell specializes in performing the repertory for piano left-hand alone. He premiered Ryan's ***Verbs, Book 1***, at the 2007 PMTNM conference. Both books of ***Verbs*** are dedicated to him.

Snell also has an extensive career as an author and editor of piano teaching publications and a producer of recordings of standard teaching repertoire. He maintains residences in Santa Fe and in Bath, England.

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