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Heartland Singer Exhibits Artwork

Janice Furtner, Japanese Paper Cutter

November 15, 2011 Fort Wayne, IN -- Japanese paper-cutting and collage artwork by Heartland soprano Janice Furtner will be showcased in an exhibit at the First Presbyterian Gallery beginning November 18. Entitled "Toward a New Life: A Matter of Perspective", the show also displays work by Woodworking Friends, featuring the works of five artists: Bob Bahr, John Slick, Neil Gloudemans, Warren Briggs, and Gary Travis. The exhibit runs through New Year's Day, and an artists' reception will be held Friday, December 2nd from 5-7 p.m.

"Nature, music, spirituality and poetry are some of the pillars that help define my artistic vision. For over 40 years, I have gained perspective and sought balance by combining public performance and the media with my paper-cutting and poetry. This exhibition of current works with paper includes selections from my 'Etude', 'Cartographic Dreams', 'Water Music' and 'Ancient Airs and Dances' series," says Janice.

The First Presbyterian Gallery is located in the basement of the First Presbyterian Church in downtown Fort Wayne (300 W. Wayne St.) Use the west entrance.

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