

Fine Art Series Continues At Wesley Centre

KATZEN-GUTHRIE TO PERFORM FEB. 8

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Heritage Hall will be ringing this weekend.

The 10,000-square-foot auditorium on the first floor of First United Methodist Church's Wesley Centre, 202 W. Reynolds St., will host the sixth show in the church's Fine Arts Series.

The series, produced by Bob Moffa, First United's music director, has booked another international performer for the show – Joy Katzen-Guthrie.

She will perform on the piano and sing some original and traditional pieces Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. The doors will open at 6:30.

"Joy Katzen-Guthrie is a gifted musician that will absolutely astound you with her talent," Moffa said. "Listening to her perform, and watching how she brings all the elements of music and voice together often leaves me breathless. She will present a unique performance of original and traditional songs that will engage and touch audiences of all ages."

"Let the people of Plant City know that this Fine Art Series, which is free of charge, brings together great talents from the international stage that cannot be seen anywhere at that price but here," Moffa said. "While we appreciate the support of the church in allowing us to use church facilities, this is music for music's sake."

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The First United Methodist Church will hold its next installment in its Fine Art Series in the church's newly renovated Heritage Hall, on the first floor of the Wesley Centre, above.

world who bring their talents to our stage, not for money, but for the love of the performance of the fine arts."

Katzen-Guthrie's career includes performing for years at Bern's Steak House in Tampa. She created a continuing education program for children in which musicians explain their instruments and involve children in music through singing, listening and playing along with the musicians.

Her career also includes a tenure as operations manager for a Tampa Bay talk radio station. She and her husband also manage a music production company.

"Joy is a Florida girl who has per-

formed all over Florida and in China," Moffa said. "She sings a lot of her own material, putting an energy into her music that can't help but thrill those who are listening. She is a fantastic performer."

Moffa said the Fine Art Series has been excellent and the responses gained from the audience and the performers themselves has been very positive.

"Many people in the city and the surrounding area love fine arts," Moffa said. "This gives them the opportunity, on a Sunday evening, to see some of the world's best musicians and singers. It is family friendly entertainment and something worth seeing over and again."