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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Birch Creek Presents the Janice Borla Vocal Jazz Camp**

*Egg Harbor, WI – March 26, 2014* – Birch Creek Music Performance Center is pleased to announce that the Janice Borla Vocal Jazz Camp is joining Birch Creek's 2014 concert season.

This marks the first time in Birch Creek's history that a vocal curriculum has been offered to students. *Birch Creek Presents the Janice Borla Vocal Jazz Camp* will add a ninth week to the schedule that already covers Percussion and Steel Band, Symphony, and Big Band Jazz sessions.

"We are absolutely thrilled to bring another phenomenal music education opportunity to Birch Creek and our students," says Birch Creek Executive Director Alan Kopischke. "The Janice Borla Vocal Jazz Camp is an outstanding session with world-class faculty, and their music education goals and philosophy align with ours. This is an ideal partnership, providing a complement to our instrumental programs that allows more students to grow and learn at Birch Creek. I think our students and audiences will be delighted."

Now in its 26<sup>th</sup> year, the Janice Borla Vocal Jazz Camp provides a unique educational experience for aspiring jazz vocalists in an intensified, one-week course of study and skills development conducted by a faculty of professional performing and recording artists. The camp's international reputation draws students from all parts of the U.S. and Canada, Europe and Asia.

Camp founder Janice Borla's recordings and performances have earned her consistently high praise for her beautiful sound, adventurous repertoire and imaginative improvisations. Her new CD release *Promises to Burn* has already received numerous outstanding reviews: "*Among the best, boldest and most innovative vocalists around ... vocal-based jazz symbiosis rarely reaches such splendor.*" (Jazz Times) Borla's prior CD *From Every Angle* was named one of DownBeat's "*Best CDs of the Year.*" A recognized pioneer in vocal jazz education, Borla established the vocal jazz program at

Saskatchewan School of the Arts in Canada, and is currently director of vocal jazz at North Central College in Naperville, Ill.

Janice Borla says, "We are really excited about this opportunity for the camp to be associated with a presenting organization with such a longstanding reputation for excellence. This is indeed an ideal partnership, as Birch Creek's educational mission and philosophy are in sync with ours. Birch Creek Music Performance Center is rapidly gaining a reputation for being the "Tanglewood of the Midwest," providing the camp the optimal environment in which to continue its mission of bringing vocal jazz to students and audiences alike."

In addition to Janice and the vocal faculty artists Madeline Eastman and Kate McGarry, instrumental camp staff include trumpeter Art Davis, vibraphonist Brad Stirtz, and the Dan Haerle Trio, composed of pianist Dan Haerle, bassist Bob Bowman and drummer Jack Mouse.

Four evening public concerts featuring the camp faculty artists will run Tuesday through Friday, Aug. 12 – 15, with a fifth concert on Saturday, Aug. 16, showcasing all camp participants performing with the faculty rhythm section.

The camp is open to participants age 13 through adult. The fee for tuition, housing and meals is \$1,000. For further information regarding *Birch Creek Presents the Janice Borla Vocal Jazz Camp*, as well as Birch Creek's Percussion and Steel Band, Symphony, and Big Band Jazz series, visit [www.birchcreek.org](http://www.birchcreek.org).

Birch Creek Music Performance Center is a summer music school in Door County, WI, for advanced young musicians. With a performance emphasis, students are taught by nationally-known performers and educators during the day, and perform alongside them in concerts at night. Five sessions focus on percussion and steel band, symphony, big band jazz, and vocal jazz. Applications are welcome.

#### 2014 Season Concert Schedule

Percussion & Steel Band – June 19 – 28

Symphony – July 3 – 12

Big Band Jazz – July 16 – August 9

Janice Borla Vocal Jazz Camp – August 10 – 16

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