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EVENT DATES: Friday, February 24, and Saturday, February 25, 2023

TODAY'S DATE: February 14, 2023

***European Postcards* presented by North Idaho Philharmonia**

North Idaho Philharmonia returns to the historic Panida Theater for two performances entitled *European Postcards* on Friday, February 24, and Saturday, February 25, featuring guest solo harpist Sophie Baird-Daniel. Friday evening begins with a pre-concert talk at 7:00 p.m., with downbeat for the program at 7:30 p.m. *European Postcards* begins with *The Art of Fugue* by J.S. Bach, followed by Handel's Harp Concerto. *The Art of Fugue* is characteristic of the Baroque era, where a single theme is repeatedly and masterfully presented in various voices. According to artistic director and conductor Jan Pellant, "Rarely is the harp featured as a solo instrument within an orchestral performance. As one of the oldest instruments in the history of music, with one of the most expansive ranges of tone and color, the harp presented in its full glory will delight an audience of all ages."

The second half of the evening will bring the sounds of Beethoven's Symphony No. 2, composed around the time Beethoven began to realize he was losing his hearing. Premiering in Vienna almost exactly 220 years ago, on April 5, 1803, the symphony is credited as one of the orchestral masterworks ushering in the Romantic era in music history.

If you miss Friday's performance, this musical treat repeats on Saturday with a 2:00 p.m. matinee, also at the Panida Theater, with a pre-concert talk beginning at 1:30 p.m. General admission tickets on Friday and Saturday are \$15 for students and \$30 for adults. Advanced purchase is recommended, and tickets are available now at sandpointconservatory.org/events or at the door before each performance.