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### *Commissioning of New Sonata for Horn and Piano by Joanna Murphy*

Jeffrey Powers, horn, and Vincent de Vries, piano, have been performing as a duo for a number of years, both nationally and internationally. They have also been active in recording, especially significant works by lesser known composers and new works written for them. Last March while performing in Flanders they attended a concert which featured a new work by the Baylor graduate, Joanna Murphy, who was living, studying and writing there at the time. Both felt that this work was indicative of a very significant talent and thought that it would be good to commission a new sonata from Ms. Murphy for the duo. This work is intended to make a valuable addition to the rather sparsely populated genre of sonatas for horn and piano, while also promoting and encouraging the work of a young rising talent who is also a Baylor graduate. The money asked for is to cover half of the commission fee while the other half will be covered by the International Horn Society Commissioning Assistance Fund. The Powers-DeVries Duo has been invited to premiere this new work at the 2010 International Horn Symposium in Brisbane, Australia this coming July, and intends to record the new work as part of a project that is underway to produce a CD of major sonatas for horn and piano.