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Red Cedar Chamber Music and Bruce more are partnering for Home Sweet Home, a nostalgic evening of music in the warmth of Bruce more's Great Hall on February 24 and 25 at 8:00 p.m. The intimate wintertime concert features poignant Stephen Foster melodies, 19th-century American popular music, and light classics from the salons of Europe, including arias from Mozart's opera The Magic Flute. Red Cedar Chamber Music's flutist Jan Boland and guitarist John Dowdall will be joined by Lisa Ponton, Principal Viola of Orchestra Iowa and violist of the Orchestra Iowa String Quartet. A champagne and dessert reception will be held during intermission. Tickets are \$35 per person or \$30 per Bruce more member. Space is limited; please call (319) 362-7375 to purchase tickets.

The Home Sweet Home concert provides a natural partnership between two local cultural organizations—nineteenth-century chamber music in a nineteenth century parlor. As artists in residence at Bruce more in 1983, Jan Boland and John Dowdall began performing nineteenth century music on period instruments—an 1830 wooden flute and an 1830 gut-strung guitar. Currently celebrating its fifteenth season, Red Cedar Chamber Music continually strives to reach, challenge, and expand audiences that rarely have the opportunity to attend chamber music performances. Red Cedar Chamber musicians inform and entertain audiences, engaging them with lively commentary about the music, composers, and instruments. Their first recording, Czech Chamber Music, received a Critics' Choice award from the American Record Guide, which stated, "Chamber music should be just like this—intimate, bonding, and conversational." The artists will be performing Serenade, Op. 26 by Wenceslaus Matiegka from Czech Chamber Music for the first time since it was released by Fleur de Son Classics in 1998. Red Cedar Chamber Music returned home to Bruce more in 2009 and 2011. For more information about Red Cedar Chamber Music or other Home Sweet Home performances visit www.redcedar.org or call

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Bruce more, Iowa's only National Trust Historic Site, is located at 2160 Linden Drive SE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The 26-acre park-like estate in the heart of Cedar Rapids boasts a Queen Anne style mansion built between 1884 and 1886. Bruce more has been home to three prominent families who used the estate as a center for culture and the arts. The estate continues to be a hub for cultural, philanthropic, and educational activities. Each year thousands of visitors attend specialty tours, concerts, fine arts performances, children's programs, holiday celebrations, preservation events, and garden workshops on the estate. For more information, call [\(319\) 362-7375](tel:3193627375)

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