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## **GRAMMY AWARD-WINNER AND LEGENDARY FOLK SINGER JUDY COLLINS TO PERFORM AT CARPENTER CENTER**

**LONG BEACH, Calif.** – Grammy Award-winning singer Judy Collins will help get the audience at the Richard and Karen Carpenter Performing Arts Center at Cal State Long Beach into the holiday spirit as the legendary folk singer performs seasonal favorites and her greatest hits on Dec. 22 at 8pm.

Judy Collins has thrilled audiences worldwide with her unique blend of interpretative folksongs and contemporary themes, and is well known for her classic renditions of “Amazing Grace,” Joni Mitchell’s “Both Sides Now,” and “Send in the Clowns” by Stephen Sondheim—which won Song of the Year at the 1975 Grammy Awards. In recent years, she has become a cabaret artist with an annual engagement at Café Carlyle in New York, and released her latest album, *Bohemian*, in 2011.

Ms. Collins’ career has spanned more than 40 years; she has released more than two dozen albums to become one of the most recognized folk artists of all time. She made her public debut at age 10 performing Mozart's "Concerto for Two Pianos" but it was the music of such artists as Woody Guthrie and Pete Seeger, as well as the traditional songs of the folk revival, that sparked Judy Collins' love of lyrics. She soon moved away from the classical piano and began her lifelong love with the guitar, releasing her debut album *A Maid of Constant Sorrow* at the age of 22.

Collins reached commercial and critical acclaim with the release of *Wildflowers* in 1968 as it reached No. 5 in the Billboard Charts, became her first gold album, and won the 1968 Grammy Award for Best Folk Performance for “Both Sides Now.” In addition, Collins wrote her memoir, *Trust Your Heart*, in 1987 and

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a novel, *Shameless*, in 1995. A more recent memoir, 2003's *Sanity and Grace*, tells of her son Clark's death in January 1992.

Tickets for *Judy Collins Holiday Concert* are on sale for \$40, with discounts for students and seniors. For group rates or special seating request, contact the ticket office at (562) 985-7000 or visit [www.CarpenterArts.org](http://www.CarpenterArts.org). This presentation is made possible in part by Season Media Partner KPCC 89.3FM and hospitality partner Long Beach Marriott.

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**Photos are available – Please contact Francisco Juanillo at (562) 985-1822**

**What: Judy Collins Holiday Concert**

**When: Saturday, December 22, 2012, 8pm**

**Where: Carpenter Performing Arts Center**  
6200 Atherton St.  
Long Beach, CA 90815

**Tickets: \$40 Regular**

**Ticket Office: (562) 985-7000, [www.CarpenterArts.org](http://www.CarpenterArts.org)**  
Box Office Hours are Monday-Friday, 11am-6pm  
Saturdays are closed except on season performance days from Noon – 4pm.

**In Brief:** Well known for her classic renditions of “Send in the Clowns,” “Amazing Grace,” and Joni Mitchell’s “Both Sides Now,” Collins is a Grammy Award winner, and a modern day Renaissance woman who continues to create music of hope and healing that lights up the world. Get into the spirit of the season with this legendary folk singer as she mixes seasonal favorites with her greatest hits.

**Additional information and tickets available at the Carpenter Center’s website: [www.CarpenterArts.org](http://www.CarpenterArts.org)**