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**The Heckscher Award Performance
at Ithaca College**

An evening with composer Jennifer Higdon
and performance of her "Trio"

by faculty members:
Susan Waterbury, violin
Elizabeth Simkin, cello
Read Gainsford, piano

**Tuesday, September 14, 2004
Hockett Family Recital Hall
8:15 p.m.**

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The Heckscher Prize

The Heckscher Composition Prize is an international, annual composition prize of \$4,000, sponsored by the Ithaca College School of Music Composition Program, and supported by a generous grant from the Heckscher Foundation.

Jennifer Higdon

Jennifer Higdon is active as a composer, flutist, and conductor. Her works have been heard in concerts around the country in performances by such artists as flutist Carol Wincenc, pianist Marc-Andre Hamelin, the Prism Quartet, The Pacifica String Quartet, The Dale Warland Singers, the Oregon Symphony, the Louisville Orchestra, the Women's Philharmonic, the Cincinnati Symphony, at the music festival of the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, Bowling Green State University, The National Flute Association's Convention, The National Saxophone Alliance, and at the Walker Art Center, CAMI Hall, the Baltimore Museum of Art, the National Museum of Women in the Arts, and at the White House.

Her awards include a Guggenheim Fellowship, two awards from the Academy of Arts & Letters, the International League of Women Composers, Composers Inc., the University of Delaware New Music Competition, the Louisville Orchestra, the Cincinnati Symphony's Young Composer's Competition, NACUSA, and ASCAP. In addition she has received grants from the NEA, Meet-the-Composer, the American Forum, Pew Charitable Trusts, and the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts. She has served as composer-in-residence with the Prism Sax Quartet, the Philadelphia Singers, at the Norfolk Chamber Music Festival and at the Institute at Deer Valley. USA Today, in its December 30, 1996 edition of Classical of the Year, named Jennifer Higdon the composer of the "Best New Piece of 1996".

Ms. Higdon is currently on the faculty of the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. She formerly served as conductor of the University of Pennsylvania orchestra and wind ensemble and has served as a visiting assistant professor in music composition at Bard College. She is published by Lawdon Press.