

# Warming sounds

## Harpist Amy Kortuem to release music video



**MANKATO** — Most people probably don't associate harp with music videos, unless maybe it's one instrument in a full band playing something a little more hardcore than a relaxing harp solo.

But North Mankato harpist Amy Kortuem has broken that stereotype with her video for the song she composed called "I Heard a Bird Sing." She'll release the video, which is included on a DVD of the same name, during her fifth annual "To Drive the Cold Winter Away" concert, to be held Saturday at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church in Mankato.

The video features outdoor shots and

performance footage, which are woven into a story line of the song, giving viewers insight into "how inspiration can be gathered and put into form in meaningful ways," Kortuem wrote.

The DVD also includes commentary and a 30-minute "Conversation with Amy Kortuem," during which she talks about her personal insights into her creative process, musical history and the experience of being a harpist, performer and composer.

The DVD will be for sale at the concert and on Kortuem's Web site at [www.amykortuem.com](http://www.amykortuem.com).