## Take a break with Bach Sept. 9

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Take a quiet break from the busy Soybean Festival activities on Sept. 9 and enjoy the calming music of J. S. Bach. Two local musicians, pianist Dr. Elaine Harriss and violinist Beth Ostenson, will present a program of well-known Bach favorites such as "Sheep May Safely Graze," "Prelude in C Major," and "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring." The program begins at 10-11 a.m. in the Martin Library's conference room and will last about 45 minutes.

Beth Ostenson has studied the violin with professors and teachers from Western Washington University, Columbia Basin College and Brigham Young University. She has regularly performed with the



BYU Philharmonic Orchestra, the Utah Valley Symphony and the Jackson Symphony Orchestra. She has also performed with various folk music groups including the BYU Folk Music Ensemble and most recently,

Ryman Shadows Bluegrass Band. She lives in Martin with her husband Joe and their four children.

Dr. Elaine Harriss, professor of music at the University of Tennessee at Martin, received her bachelor's

and master's degrees from Peabody College, now Vanderbilt University, and her Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. She is well-known for her solo and collaborative playing and has extensive piano duo, duet, and eight-hand experience with her former partner Allison Nelson. Harriss has appeared as featured soloist with the University Center Orchestra, the Jackson Symphony, and the UTM Wind Ensemble. In addition to her teaching, she currently performs with the University Trio and is pianist for Trinity Presbyterian Church. She is president of the Martin Area Music Teachers Association and the Martin Philharmonic Music Guild, and for many years directed Kindermusik of Martin.

