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## ***FIRST LADIES OF MUSIC* with HOST VIRGINIA ESKIN**

**Chicago, Illinois , March 1, 2010** – Virginia Eskin, well-known concert pianist and lecturer, hosts a second series of the award-winning *First Ladies of Music*. These thirteen one-hour programs continue Ms. Eskin’s chronicle of women in music – composers, performers, conductors, and patrons. Starting in March (*Women’s History Month*), each *First Ladies* program provides listeners with both entertainment and information about all types of music, some well known and some forgotten. Ms. Eskin provides insightful commentary together with her unique keyboard explanations that take the listener behind the music.

The Association for Women in Communications presented Ms. Eskin with its 2007 Clarion Award for Best Radio Documentary Series. This new series spans 1,000 years, beginning with Sappho and ending with classical and jazz artists of today. Ms. Eskin is ideally suited to her role as host. For three decades she has championed the works of women composers in her concerts, lectures, and numerous recordings.

The College of Arts and Sciences at Boston’s Northeastern University, where Ms. Eskin is Visiting Artist in Residence, continues to underwrite *First Ladies of Music*. WFMT’s Carolyn Paulin and Northeastern’s Valerie Henderson produced this innovative series with Steve Robinson, Senior Vice President and General Manager of WFMT Radio, as Executive Producer. Alice Abraham of WGBH-Boston helped spearhead project research and resources. WFMT Radio Network, will distribute these broadcasts to more than 100 stations worldwide.

Known for her musical acumen and described by The Boston Globe as “part history lesson and part sheer fun,” Eskin’s lively presentations are sure to be welcomed by Women’s History Departments everywhere and will also appeal to the general public who want to expand their musical experience.

Details of each program are provided on the enclosed 98.5FM listings.