

## Deborah Henson-Conant and the Grand Rapids Symphony **DVD PROJECT COUNTDOWN**

Deborah's symphonic DVD/CD Project with the Grand Rapids Symphony spans nearly 3 years from inception to end. Below is a countdown to the recording/performance dates ... and beyond!

**SEPT. 24 - FINAL SNEAK PREVIEW:** "Maquette" performance with a chamber ensemble at Arlington Center for the Arts. (see pg. 2)

**OCT. 24 - 31 - APPEARANCES & REHEARSALS:** Deborah makes promotional appearances in Grand Rapids and rehearses with individual players. *Schedule TBA - Check HipHarp.com "Tour Schedule" in mid-October for dates.*

**OCT. 30 - GRAND RAPIDS MARATHON:** Deborah & Producer Jonathan Wyner run the 2nd annual Grand Rapids Marathon (OK, OK - Deborah's just running the half-marathon - and verrry slowly - Jonathan's running the whole thing).

**NOV. 8 & 9: PRODUCTION TEAM ARRIVES IN GRAND RAPIDS:** Director, Line Producer, Assistant Director and all the other production crew assemble in Grand Rapids to prepare for recording.

**NOV. 10-13: REHEARSALS, CONCERTS & RECORDINGS at DeVos Performance Hall in Grand Rapid:** (see pg. 2). These four days include two rehearsals, three performances and a "patch session" or "finishing touches" recording session, all with the Grand Rapids Symphony.

**NOV. 15 - FEB. 1, 2006 - POST PRODUCTION:** Editing both video and audio footage, development of the packaging, filming and editing of special features.

**SPRING '06 - ALBUM RELEASE & TOURING:** DVD/CD Release parties in Boston & Grand Rapids.

**MAR '06 - DEC '07- DVD RELEASE TOUR:** From March '06 through Dec. '07, Deborah will tour, performing music from the DVD/CD solo and with ensembles.

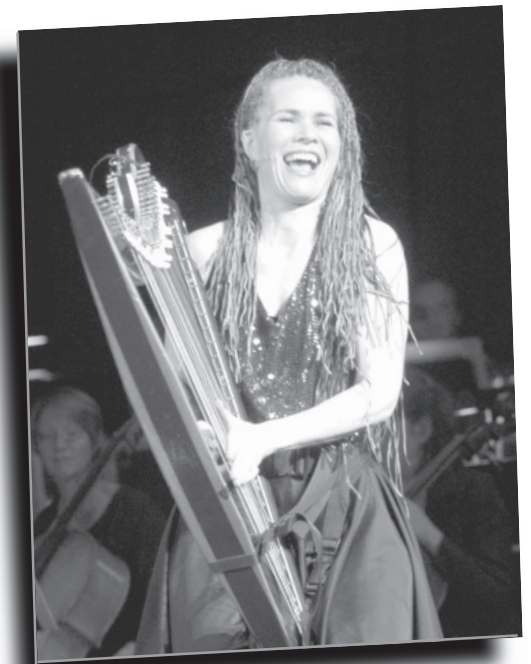
PHOTOS THIS PAGE: Brion Price (above) & GRS Photo File (below)

## What are shows like?

Whether she performs solo or with orchestra, Deborah's audiences know to expect the unexpected. Music, stories, comedy, and a symphony of sound - literally a symphony!

In over a dozen story-songs, and styles from Flamenco to Blues you'll see harp, voice and orchestra in ways you never dreamed of and hear unlikely musical stories: Flamenco dancers stumble onto a time machine and end up in Marie Antoinette's boudoir in "Baroque Flamenco." Poet Robert Burns and author J.D. Salinger share emotions in her "Catcher in the Rye." Scientists study the physics of strapless evening gowns in "The Danger Zone."

Conductor David Lockington says of Deborah: "She's a perfectionist, fireball and prima donna in the best possible way. She is a consummate artist: a virtuoso harp player and genius improviser. Performing for this DVD/CD project will stretch the orchestra in a new way."



## Isn't November 11th Deborah's birthday?

Yes, it is! When you come to the show in Grand Rapids, you're coming to Deborah's best ever birthday party (yes, even better than getting a bike AND a ukelele when she was 7)! So fans who come annually to Deborah's Birthday Bash, head on over to Grand Rapids for the biggest bash of all! Who needs cake and balloons? We'll have a whole symphony!



## Come to the show! Be part of the DVD!

At Deborah's shows, the audience is often invited to participate, so if you're in the audience for the November shows, you'll see the lights and the cameras - and you're likely to end up on the DVD! These performances will live on, nationwide, long after the last note is played - so come be part of the magic!

## Tell your friends!

Geographically challenged? Don't know if you have friends near Grand Rapids, MI? Well ... Chicago, Detroit, Ann Arbor, Flint and Kalamazoo are all within driving distance. Visit your friends! Bring them to the show! Or just send them tickets!

## Out-of-towners:

Check our website for links to hotels and B&B's near DeVos Performance Hall -- including one of Deborah's favorite hotels (Amway Grand Plaza), connected to the hall by an indoor walkway! You can walk to the concert right from your hotel room! See "Tour Schedule" page at HipHarp.com for links.

**"I believe my powerful connection with the Grand Rapids Symphony comes from the fact that we all take the joy, the passion and the humor of music equally seriously." Deborah Henson-Conant**



## The Grand Rapids Symphony

"A glimmer of hope for all of us in the music world." *New York Times*

[www.HipHarp.com](http://www.HipHarp.com)