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## **“Harmonic Nature”**

### **PHOTOGRAPHS BY CHIYUKI TANAKA TO SHOW IN HIMMELFARB GALLERY AT TAI SOPHIA INSTITUTE**

Laurel, MD (August 2007). “Harmonic Nature,” photographs by Columbia artist Chiyuki Tanaka, will be on display from December 5, 2007 to March 1, 2008, in the Himmelfarb Gallery on the Tai Sophia Institute campus, 7750 Montpelier Road, Laurel, Maryland (off Rt. 29 and Johns Hopkins Road – 5 miles south of Columbia). Regular gallery hours are 8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Friday. Call 410-888-9048 for weekend hours.

Chiyuki Tanaka is a photographer who loves nature and music. Most of the images in the exhibition – black & white and color -- will reflect these interests. Born in Japan, Ms. Tanaka has lived in the U.S. for 32 years. These images, like the artist herself, integrate both Eastern and Western aesthetics.

“When I see a beautiful flower, I photograph it to see how I picture it...to see if I can demonstrate how I view the flower,” says Tanaka. Some of images are of a violin. “I’ve always been fascinated with this instrument – its shape and its sound.” This comes as no surprise, as her husband Yasuoki is a violinist with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.

This exhibition marks twenty years of employment at Tai Sophia Institute for Ms. Tanaka. She views her friends at Tai Sophia as part of her American family. To commemorate this anniversary, she has designated proceeds from the sale of her work to benefit the student scholarship fund at Tai Sophia.

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“Harmonic Nature” is a very public celebration for Chiyuki, who is customarily very modest about her talents,” says gallery coordinator John Wilson. “We are delighted that she has chosen to share her sensitive images with this community.”

Tanaka began studying photography in 2000 in a class at Howard Community College, and has shown her work in student shows on the HCC campus. She attributes her success at photography to the encouragement and support of her friend and mentor, Toshiko Mecklenburg.

- Images available electronically by request.

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