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ROCK HILL, S.C. - Two Winthrop University Department of Music faculty members will present a recital of Japanese Art Songs on Monday, Sept. 26.

The 7:30 p.m. event by Kristen Wonderlich (soprano) and Tomoko Deguchi (piano) will take place in the Barnes Recital Hall on the campus of Winthrop University. Deguchi, a native of Japan, also will give a brief talk regarding the Japanese Art Songs selected.

The program will include songs that were written at different times after Japan ended its national isolation. The first set of songs are the so-called "first songs in Western classical style."

Next, the duo will present four songs from a set composed by Saburo Takata written between 1959-63. The songs were set on poems by Sumako Fukao who expressed her impression of her journey to Paris.

The final set is called "From the Poems of Matinée Poétique" (1950) by Yoshinao Nakata. This set incorporates French impressionism and late-Romantic compositional idioms and is considered one of Nakata's masterpieces.

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