

**Summer Synchrony** was commissioned by Meredith College as a piano duet whose different movements require different levels of pianistic skill so that each member of Octavia, Meredith's piano studio/ensemble could participate in its performance. Thus, **Summer Synchrony** may be performed as a four movement four-hand sonata by a single duo or by multiple, sequential duos at different levels of expertise.

**Summer Synchrony** recalls Wallach's childhood summers with her grandparents in New York's Hudson Valley, the sounds of birdsong, of folksongs, of church bells – a warm amalgam, a collage of countryside companionship and a tribute as well to Joelle's own joy in playing piano duets with friends.