



Farewell Patricia Callahan

September 27, 1961 - December 2, 2010

Heartfelt thanks to all of our customers and friends who have expressed sympathies at the loss of my sister Patricia. Patricia Louise Callahan, age 49, died peacefully at home with us in Oakland on December 2nd after a short but valiant struggle with brain cancer. After a lifetime of interesting careers, Trisha had settled into full time employment in our workshop for the past several years and was well on her way to becoming an excellent piano technician. She had also taken over as our webmaster. She

was a bright shining light in many people's lives, and will be sorely missed by all of her co-workers at Callahan Piano. Your support and friendship at this time has meant so much.

Trisha was a marvelous and very refined musician, performed throughout her life with numerous choral groups, including the Oakland Children's Chorus, the Oakland Youth Chorus, the California Bach Society, Coro Hispano, the San Francisco Bay Area Chamber Choir and the Malmö Kammer Kor in Sweden. She also played the oboe and the clarinet.

At the time of her illness, she had almost completed her third master's degree, this time in Music Education at Holy Names and CSUEB. She also held a a master's degree in German Linguistics from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, a master's degree in Spiritual Psychology from the University of Santa Monica.

Trisha's life is commemorated at a blogspot, online, at <http://patriciacallahan-trishafisha.blogspot.com/> and she can be seen in the movie "Miracle in a Box" (www.miracleinabox.com). A celebration of her life is planned for January 29th, 2011. For details please email goodman156@comcast.net.

Patricia will be terribly missed by all of us here at Callahan Piano, and of course in the wider world she touched. She cared deeply about the environment, recycled everything, and tried to live lightly on the planet. For those so moved, donations can be made in Patricia's memory, either to brain tumor research or to an environmental cause such as Sustainable Conservation in San Francisco:

In Memory of Patricia Callahan
The Musella Foundation for Brain Tumor Research
1100 Peninsula Blvd, Hewlett, NY 11557

In Memory of Patricia Callahan
Sustainable Conservation
98 Battery Street, Suite 302, San Francisco CA 94111

Again, our thanks for your sympathy,

John Callahan

John Callahan, Callahan Piano