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**News Release**

**Attention: Chief Reporter**

### **AMERICAN SUCCESS FOR LOCAL COMPOSER**

Local piano teacher, Jane Trotter, has had her first compositions published by one of America's leading music education publishers.

Ms Trotter, who has been teaching for 13 years, has written a book for beginner piano students entitled 'Garden Party', a collection of 13 short character pieces illustrating an assortment of garden creatures.

" 'Garden Party' was born out of frustration with the repertoire available for younger pianists" states Ms Trotter. "I wanted to write something that would help students to develop their technique but also give them plenty of scope to delve into their imagination and enjoy their music-making."

American publishers, The Willis Music Company accepted Ms Trotter's manuscript in 2001. Based in Kentucky with over a century's experience in specialist music education publishing, Willis Music have over 12,000 titles in their catalogue, making it one of the most prestigious in the business. Included are several well known tutor series which are widely used throughout the world.

After 15 months in production, 'Garden Party' is now selling internationally. While continuing to teach piano, Ms Trotter intends to further her compositional career and write specialist instructional music for pianists.

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