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## **Gifted Alumni Lead Answers for Women Conference**

**CEDARVILLE, OHIO** – Musician and Cedarville alumna Lori Jean Smith will perform and lead worship at the upcoming Answers for Women conference on April 7-8, Defend: Ready to Give an Answer. Hosted by Answers in Genesis, the conference seeks to equip women to answer questions about the foundation of their faith.

The conference will be at Florence Baptist Church in Florence, Kentucky. Smith will perform in concert and lead worship during the two-day conference.

Smith has become a world-class violinist in demand across North America and abroad since earning her degree in music from Cedarville University in 1994 and later her Master of Music from the University of Utah. Blending her classical training with her love for Celtic and folk music, Smith's engaging presentation captures the attention of her audiences.

Smith is not the only Cedarville alumna to participate in the Answers for Women conference. Her college classmate, Georgia Purdom, will also contribute to the event. Smith and Purdom have been friends after meeting at Cedarville more than 20 years ago.

"Lori and I met at Cedarville University 20-plus years ago," said Purdom. "She was a very talented musician then, so I know we are in for a real treat. We are privileged to have her perform in concert and to lead worship for Defend."

Purdom will speak on the reality of Noah's ark and the flood during the conference's opening session. Purdom received her Ph.D. in molecular genetics from The Ohio State University and currently serves as a researcher, speaker and writer for Answers in Genesis.

Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution with an enrollment of 3,760 undergraduate, graduate and online students in more than 100 areas of study. Founded in 1887, Cedarville is recognized nationally for its authentic Christian community, rigorous academic programs, strong graduation and retention rates, accredited professional and health science offerings and leading student satisfaction ratings. For more information about the University, visit [www.cedarville.edu](http://www.cedarville.edu).