A Holiday Postcard
Two years ago Mike Tomaro, professor of music and chair of jazz studies in the Mary Pappert School of Music, lost his wife Nancy to pancreatic cancer. On December 5, 2011, the first anniversary of Nancy’s passing, Tomaro held A Love Remembered—A Concert in Memory of Nancy Tomaro, a benefit concert that would not only pay loving tribute to Nancy’s life, but would serve to raise much-needed funds for pancreatic cancer research.

The highly successful 2011 concert raised more than $3,000 for the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, a group dedicated to the advancement of pancreatic cancer research, providing support for patients, and creating hope for those affected by pancreatic cancer and their loved ones. After seeing the success of A Love Remembered, Tomaro decided to establish the concert as an annual event not only to pay tribute to Nancy, but also to raise money in order to help fight the disease that ended her life so prematurely.

This year’s event, titled A Holiday Postcard: A Concert Benefitting Pancreatic Cancer Research, took place on Thursday, November 29, in the Power Center Ballroom and featured Tomaro with performers Joe Negri, Maureen Budway, Sean Jones, members of the Pittsburgh Jazz Orchestra, the Children’s Festival Chorus (under the direction of Christine Jordanoff) and other guests.

The concert was again successful, raising more than $3,000 for pancreatic cancer research. Tomaro, who was recently promoted to full professorship in the Mary Pappert School of Music, plans to continue the benefit for years to come.

To learn more about the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, visit www.pancan.org.