

HELLO,

Your participation is appreciated.

This recital is not only a fundraising event for cystic fibrosis research but is also a goodbye gesture from Tamas to the Chapel Hill community and his many friends, coworkers and acquaintances. He has asked me to express his deep felt gratitude to all for the wonderful interactions and almost inexpressible experiences he has enjoyed during his last 4 years.

First of all to his colleagues, members of the Riordan and Dokholyan research groups, others in Thurston Bowles and the Department of Biochemistry. Then not to forget Peter the landlord, and his roommates who became friends with whom he could often discuss the various aspects of life over a few good beers. Along the way Tamas has appreciated Eszter, who became his American mother and Alessandra who became an American sister. And then not to forget all his Hungarian and Italian friends, rock-climbing partners, or Jeff whose Roanoke Island is a place of Peace.

Tamas wishes to give special thanks to the Newman and St Thomas More communities for their teaching, support, thoughtfulness and musical activities all of which provided unique opportunities for him to participate fully in our community. It is impossible to name everybody so he would like to simply thank all of those here, and also those who couldn't be here, who helped make his stay so enjoyable and also so productive both professionally and personally. Although his home now calls I am sure he will carry many wonderful feelings and memories with him on his return to Budapest. However we do look forward some day to his future visits. Although he may claim to have gained so much it is very true that the whole is often greater than the sum of its individual parts. Therefore we have also been greatly enriched by Tamas's stay and by his professional and personal contributions to our community

And now we continue to the second shorter part of our recital including Portuguese, Celtic and Hungarian folk songs. Joao is from the school of dentistry, and John is at the school of pharmacy. Their common thread with Tamas is that they don't just play and sing at the Newman Center but also occasionally visit Franklin Street pubs to perform similar music to what we will hear tonight. But remember that won't be for very long now. If you are fortunate you may still be able to hear him play one more time before the end of July.

And last but not least Tamas especially thanks Petra Berenyi who helped prepare this concert and also wrote the viola part for John's song.