



Photo by CHUCK COTY

Kelly Barton, left, Jessica Eaton, Jessica Squitieri and Hope Plourde prepare to play a variety of pieces at their final recital June 1 as students of Debora M. Coty, far right.

## Piano Recital is Finale For Teacher, Author

**SEFFNER** — After years of lessons and months of preparation, four of Debora M. Coty's piano students performed in a final recital June 1 at Coty's home in Seffner. Coty is retiring after teaching 20 years to pursue a writing career.

The musicians, **Kelly Barton, Jessica Eaton, Jessica Squitieri** and **Hope Plourde** will continue studying music with other instructors.

Coty, who also has worked 29 years as an occupational therapist, said she is not ready to let go of that career. However, two of her books have been published and she has contracts for seven more — historical novels, women's humor and devotionals.

"Heavenly Humor for the Woman's Soul," released in May, "is a collection of the writings of a dozen inspirational humorists, including

**Patsy Clairmont, Anita Renfroe and Martha Bolton,"** Coty said.

"Patsy and Anita tour with the Women of Faith conferences," she said. "Anita's rendition of a hilarious ode to motherhood set to the tune of 'The William Tell Overture' on YouTube set all kinds of records for hits ... and made her a national sensation.

"Martha Bolton is the author of more than 50 humor books ... and was a comedy writer for Bob Hope," Coty said.

"I consider it a major honor for me to be included in that elite group. Ten of my funny stories are featured in 'Heavenly Humor,' and I was surprised and thrilled to find one of mine won the coveted first position," she said. "I wish I could continue teaching, but alas, something has to go to free up more time for my ... book contracts."

For information about Coty and her book release dates, visit [www.deboracoty.com](http://www.deboracoty.com).