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## **WCM ANNOUNCES 2011 FESTIVAL INTERNS**

Ten summers ago a handful of high school students joined the inner circle of Weekend of Chamber Music's professional musicians at the its annual summer festival for the first time. This year, three Monticello High School students have been chosen as Festival Interns for WCM's 18<sup>th</sup> summer festival, From Classic to Cool, July 10 to 24 in Sullivan County.

**Alexander Gallegos**, a clarinetist who also plays guitar and just graduated from MHS; violinist **Aimee Pelosi** and pianist **Jessica Nesin**, both seniors at MHS in the fall, will attend the Festival on full scholarships, and receive intensive individual and ensemble training by artists with world-class performing and teaching careers. Students also work as Festival volunteers, and by assisting in Festival operations such as box office, public relations, parking and stage crew support, they learn what's needed behind the scenes for a major public event. Festival artists who will work with the students are clarinetists Pavel Vinnitsky and Jose Franch-Ballester; violinists Anna Lim and Nurit Pacht and pianist Tannis Gibson. In addition, cellist Caroline Stinson will perform with the students, filling out their quartet at the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert.

Teaming up for the celebration concert at **3pm July 24**, WCM musicians and students present a coaching demonstration, and a full concert program with intermission. In the first half the students perform and discuss their work on "The Unicorn that Lost Her Horn," one of four movements from Nancy Wegrzyn's "Fantasy Pieces." WCM commissioned this quartet for the first set of festival interns 10 years ago, and reprises it especially to mark this anniversary. The second half of the concert features the Festival musicians with music by Brahms, Reger and Bunch. The celebration is at the recently restored and christened Eugene D. Nesin Theater on St. John Street in Monticello. Admission is by donation.

Summer Festival Interns are chosen for their outstanding commitment to music study and their participation in WCM's Artist Coaching Project during the school year. MHS music teachers Ann Trombley and Nancy Wegrzyn, and WCM musician/coaches flutist Judith Pearce, clarinetist Allen Blustine, harpsichordist Kenneth Hamrick, double bassist Andrew Trombley and violinist Akiko Hosoi worked with all the students in the MHS chamber music program in 2010-2011.

For more information on the Summer Festival or the Intern Program, call 845-887-5803.