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CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT BENEFIT

The Weekend of Chamber Music presents MUSIC IN THE BARN at **6 pm June 9** in Bethel, NY. Held at the private country home of a WCM patron, the evening includes a gourmet buffet supper with wine and a chamber music concert in the renovated barn, after which guests stroll back across the grounds to a candlelit terrace for dessert.

Performing music by Handel, Beethoven, Vaughan Williams and Mozart are flutist Judith Pearce, soprano Szilvia Schranz, clarinetist Allen Blustine, bassoonist Leonard Hindell and Kenneth Hamrick on the harpsichord. Each of these artists maintains an active professional career, and has earned rave reviews for their performances.

A conductor, keyboard soloist and musicologist, Hamrick is a top prizewinner at many major festivals and competitions, and he has performed with ensembles ranging from the New York Philharmonic and the Metropolitan Opera to tap legend Savion Glover. The New York Times has said Hamrick offers "...sensational playing with a refined elegance." He is also a WCM audience favorite who uses his knowledge and personality to introduce the music and make it accessible and 'user-friendly' for everyone.

Leonard Hindell recently retired from a 30-year career with the New York Philharmonic. He toured Japan and Hong Kong with the New York Symphonic Ensemble as soloist in Mozart's Bassoon Concerto, and has participated in many of the orchestra's recordings. Hindell frequently gives solo recitals at Carnegie Hall and Merkin Concert Hall, often including new music for the bassoon composed for him by contemporary composers.

WCM's annual event is a benefit for the programs and work of the Weekend of Chamber Music in the Sullivan County community. Each year since 1996, world-class performing artists such as these have traveled to Sullivan County to coach student musicians in the area's school bands and chamber music ensembles. All of the proceeds from MUSIC IN THE BARN help support these projects and WCM's other community events.

Reservations are required, and donations are \$75 per person. Directions will be given when reservations are made. Weekend of Chamber Music is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, and donations are tax deductible to the extent the law allows.

For information or reservations, call 845-932-8527 or 718-638-8962.

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