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Music Festival Makes Merry with Mozart

A worldwide celebration

In the news from Salzburg to San Francisco, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's 250th birthday celebration this year has gone global. Weekend of Chamber Music (WCM) joins the international revelry with a Mozart festival of its own **July 9 to 22**, in the town recently (and reluctantly?) made famous by a certain makeover show on The Learning Channel – Jeffersonville, N.Y.

WCM and the Sullivan County village plan to 're-do' that overhaul, however, and paint the town red on July 9. That's kickoff day for the non-profit organization's Mozart celebration, christened *Summer Festival 2006 – In the Company of Mozart*. Shops along Main Street will open with special bargains and events all day, and a free all-Mozart outdoor concert by the world-class WCM musicians is at 2 pm.

The Austrian composer – perhaps most widely known for his ability to compose music just out of toddlerhood – will be well represented in concert this summer, but he's not alone. Each *In the Company of Mozart* program is different, and composers keeping Mozart 'company' through July 22 are Rameau, Roussel, D. Scarlatti, Handel, Ibert, Turina, Carter, Cowell, Beach and F. Strauss.

A world-class barn

WCM's annual summer festival continues with eight chamber music events after opening day, six of which are at the Eddie Adams Farm, also in Jeffersonville. The Farm is to home the renowned photojournalism workshop, *Barnstorm: The Eddie Adams Workshop*, begun in 1988 by its namesake photographer. Alyssa Adams, the late Pulitzer Prize-winner's wife, has graciously agreed to host *Summer Festival 2006: In the Company of Mozart*, and WCM is pleased to recognize the Eddie Adams Farm as its Presenting Sponsor for 2006.

At Work & Play Behind the Notes, WCM's popular and free interactive open rehearsals are on Thursday evenings, and four concerts dubbed *Fabulous Fridays* and *Sophisticated Saturdays*, are all in the Adams barn. On Tuesdays, WCM presents *Café Concerts with Panache* at the Dead End Café in Parksville July 11, and at Hills Country Inn in Callicoon Center July 18. Both restaurants offer a light summer supper, and WCM artists perform an early 1-hour program followed by dessert.

And world-class music

Artistic director Judith Pearce brings critically acclaimed artists to the Catskills festival each summer, and her 13th season is no exception. Chosen from colleagues she's worked with during her own 39-year flute career as a concert and recording artist, the summer festival musicians all maintain active, professional careers with orchestras, universities, chamber ensembles and in solo recitals across the country. Bassoonist Leonard Hindell, for example, a 30-year New York Philharmonic

veteran, joins WCM's Artist Roster for the first time this year. (*Artist bios and photos for 2006 are attached*).

Audiences can always expect some musical surprises at Pearce's summer festivals. This season she includes music for 'dueling keyboards,' glass harmonica 'reinterpreted', and ensembles ranging from duos to a rarely performed wind octet. She aims to give audiences a diverse mix of sound, contrast and color, with programs ranging from lush and romantic to classical and contemporary.

Of her programming, Pearce says there is nothing like the experience of listening to live music, and she is "always looking for either connections or contrast in sound...I want audience members to experience an immediate visceral effect of live music making. No recording can replace that!"

For tickets, the public should call **845-887-5803** or order online at **WCMConcerts.org** with PayPal or credit card. For information, visit the web site at **WCMConcerts.org**, call 845-932-8527, or email info@WCMConcerts.org.

Festival Tickets

Sunday & Thursday – Free!

Tuesday - \$40 (Light supper & dessert included)

Friday - \$20 (1-hour concert only; dinner discounts available at participating restaurants with concert ticket)

Saturday - \$25 (Main event concerts with gala reception)

Concert admission is free for students under 18.

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Tickets ordered before July 1 will be mailed. All others will be held at the box office. Handling fees apply to credit card orders.

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