



From the Artistic Director

“Beethoven [is] a great man, but Oh for just one big strong chord not tied to any key.”

– Charles Ives

Dear Friends,

I'm writing this after a recent dream of weird concert programs with exotic, impractical instrumentation, 15 minute rehearsals and no time to get to concert halls: a nightmarish mish-mash of what, when, who, where! As you read the newsletter you may see why, for this must be the busiest period of WCM's life since 1994: hectic and exhilarating.

I've decided to introduce you to WCM-behind-the-scenes and since we're all about live sound, you must imagine an audio-jumble of telephone voices, chairs scraping, audience clapping, students being coached, the tapping of computer-keys, musical fragments from Bach through to Hoiby.....

In just two months, June and July, WCM will appear with the largest group of Sullivan County's student musicians so far and perform a remarkable repertoire. In the Summer Festival, music of Beethoven and Schubert (the great Septet became an "instant hit" at its first performance in 1800) frame some stunning American compositions: the earliest, Charles Ives' solo piano piece, "The Celestial Railroad" is rarely played, and the latest (from 2006), Lee Hoiby's poignant "Last Letter Home" has already made a deep impression on audiences and performers.

The June schools' collaborative concerts close a particularly good year; by now most of us understand the myriad ways in which children can blossom through hands-on arts experiences, but it probably is NOT said enough how much we, the coaches, thrive through these school projects. It always reminds me of the invaluable aspects of collaboration: the stimulation to one's creative thinking of both wide-ranging and the nicely specific discussions. We look forward to seeing you!

Judith Pearce

Coming Events

Late May - Very exciting news!

WCM LAUNCHES A NEW WEB SITE at WCMconcerts.org

A technical grant from the New York State Council on the Arts has made it possible to renovate WCMconcerts.org. Visit our beautiful new site, expertly crafted by Shelly Flaherty of Freda & Flaherty Creative. Among its new features are a dedicated page to learn about & follow our education programs, a special place to order tickets & merchandise or become a supporter, & a one-stop location for our season calendar & concert details. We hope you will visit us often!

June 1 - WCM Artist Coaching Project Final Performance. *Details on page 2.*

Open to the public

7:30pm Monticello High School - A joint concert by the WCM Artist Coaches & the Monticello Chamber Music Performers, with pieces by Handel, Pachelbel, Mozart & more. Admission is \$10; free for the parents of the performing students & children under 18.

June 8 - School & Community Arts-in-Education Collaboration Concerts

Open to school children only

9:30am - Monticello Elementary School 6th grade

12pm - Tri-Valley Central School 6th grade

Open to the public - FREE

4pm - Monticello Senior Center, 2 Jefferson St.

7:30pm - Tri-Valley Central School Auditorium, Grahamsville

June 9 Music in the Barn *Details on page 2.*

6pm - WCM's annual benefit dinner & concert benefit at a Bethel country home. Enjoy summer supper & a concert by the WCM Artists. Seating is limited & reservations are necessary. The benefit is \$75 per person. Call 718-638-8962 to RSVP.

July 8 to 22 Summer Festival 2007, Jeffersonville. *Details on page 3.*

Join WCM for its 13th season of world-class music in the Catskills! WCM returns to the beautiful Eddie Adams Farm for a second summer, where audiences will again enjoy outstanding programs. Opportunities to meet our celebrated musicians, a special event for young people in collaboration with NaCl Theatre, & a return of last year's popular Café Concerts are just a few of our plans. Come, explore the colorful world of chamber music with flutist Judith Pearce & friends.

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Newsletter by Treehouse Arts

School News

The WCM Artist Coaches, the Monticello & Tri-Valley High School music teachers & their students welcome you to a special year-end celebration of their first Arts-in-Education project, a natural outgrowth of more than 10 years of WCM chamber music coaching in area schools. A joint concert with WCM & the Monticello Chamber Music Performers on June 1, & four collaborative, in-school & community concerts on June 8 are the culmination of this year's exciting new coaching & cross-disciplinary classroom project.

Monticello High School hosts the June 1 program at 7:30 pm in the Band Room. The Monticello Chamber Music Performers, consisting of 13 of the nearly 50 in the MHS chamber music program, perform a variety of works in several different ensemble combinations. Their program will have music by Handel, Mozart & Pachelbel's Canon, arranged by the student ensemble Funky Shoes as "Canon Remix." WCM Artists Coaches joining the performance are flutist Judith Pearce, clarinetist Allen Blustine & oboist Matt Sullivan with music by Arnold, Haydn, Bartok & Handel.

On June 8, the MHS student ensembles Smokin' Strings, Funky Shoes, Trouble in the Basement, Smokin' Fish Sticks, Get Rich or Die Trying & Senioritus perform in collaborative concerts with Tri-Valley School. The self-titled groups range from duos to quintets, & a highlight of the programs is work the students have done with spoken word in the new interdisciplinary English/ Music curricula. Students from Russell Morey's Tri-Valley 9th grade English class recite poetry that came from their classroom work, & two student trios from the school's new chamber music program perform Prokofiev, Haydn, Kabalevsky & Beethoven. Please check details on page 1.



The WCM Artist Coaching Project at the Tri-Valley & MHS Schools is made possible in part by the Sullivan-Ulster BOCES Coser program & the Amateur Chamber Music Players Foundation.

The ACMP Foundation



The MHS project was made possible in part by the Arts Partners Challenge Grant program of the Westchester Arts Council, with funding from the AIE Local Capacity Building Program of the NY State Council on the Arts.

You are cordially invited to WCM's annual benefit

Music in the Barn

June 9, 2007 6pm

Private Country Home, Bethel, NY

Your evening includes a delicious gourmet summer supper & an outstanding chamber music concert, with dessert by candlelight.

Program

Judith Pearce, Flutist Szilvia Schranz, Soprano
Matt Sullivan, Oboe Leonard Hindell, Bassoon
Kenneth Hamrick, Harpsichord



*Perform the music of
Handel, Beethoven, Vaughan Williams & Mozart*

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

\$75 per person, cash or check

Your Contribution is tax deductible to the extent the law allows.

RSVP 718-638-8962

Summer Festival 2007

Masterworks from 1700 to 2006

Eddie Adams Farm, Presenting Sponsor

WCM is delighted to return to Jeffersonville & to the Adams Barn for a second time with its 13th Summer Festival! This one brings together some of America's finest musicians in works by history's greatest composers, from the 1700s through 2006. We begin with another free outdoor concert in downtown Jeffersonville. Bring your friends, & while you're at it, enjoy the eclectic collection of shops & boutiques in this lovely country town. Some of the best chamber works in the repertoire are planned this summer. To tempt you with a few, we have the Beethoven Septet, the Schubert Piano Trio in B-flat & Bach's Coffee Cantata. From a more recent era, you'll hear Ives, Shields & composer Lee Hoiby performing his own work, "Last Letter Home" with baritone David Trombly. WCM Goes Baroque! on Tuesdays as Café Concerts return by popular demand, first to Hawley, PA & a repeat program for Week Two in Callicoon Center. An exciting first-time collaboration with NaCl Theatre wraps things up with Camille Saint-Saens' "Carnival of the Animals." Additional details & tickets in advance (with PayPal or credit card) can be found at WCMconcerts.org. The Box Office opens May 25. This is one July you won't want to miss, so come, relax & enjoy WCM's beautiful music *Up Close & Personal!*



Week One – July 8 to 14		
Sun.	July 8 – Opening Day Concert in the Park 3pm Downtown concert with Beethoven, Gounod & Mozart in the great outdoors. Bring a lawn chair. <i>Main Street location TBA, Jeffersonville, NY</i>	FREE!
Tues.	July 10 – Café Concert with Panache! 6pm WCM Goes Baroque! Bach's "Coffee Cantata" & much more. Limited Seating! Reservations are required. <i>Settler's Inn, Hawley, PA.</i>	\$55
Fri.	July 13 – At Work & Play Behind the Notes 7pm Open Sat. preview rehearsal & interactive workshop with the WCM Artists. <i>Eddie Adams Barn, North Branch Road, Jeffersonville, NY</i>	FREE!
Sat.	July 14 – Gala Main Event Concert 8pm World-Class concert followed by Meet-the-Artists Reception. Beethoven's Septet & his Quintet for Piano & Winds; Ives, "Celestial Railroad" for solo piano, Hoiby, "Last Letter Home." <i>Eddie Adams Barn, North Branch Road, Jeffersonville, NY</i>	\$25
Week Two – July 17 to 22		
Tues.	July 17 – Café Concert with Panache! 6pm <i>Sponsored by The River Reporter</i> WCM Goes Baroque! Bach's "Coffee Cantata" & much more. Limited Seating! Reservations are required. <i>Hills Country Inn, Callicoon Center.</i>	\$55
Fri.	July 20 – At Work & Play Behind the Notes 7pm Open Sat. preview rehearsal with the Artists, & a very special presentation of the WCM Artist Coaching Project, our Student Intern SHOWCASE! <i>Eddie Adams Barn, North Branch Road, Jeffersonville, NY</i>	FREE... <i>Donations Welcome!</i>
Sat.	July 21 – Gala Main Event Concert & Grand Finale 8pm World-Class concert & gala Meet-the-Artists Reception. Schubert Lieder & Piano Trio in B-flat; a Martin Bresnick solo piano piece; Alice Shields' "Wildcat Songs" for soprano & piccolo. <i>Eddie Adams Barn, North Branch Road, Jeffersonville, NY</i>	\$25
Sun.	July 22 – Closing Day Children's Concert 3pm A unique chamber music "Carnival of the Animals" performance with NaCl Theatre Company! Bring blankets & lawn chairs to sit on. (This day is not <i>just</i> for kids!) <i>Eddie Adams Barn, North Branch Road, Jeffersonville, NY</i>	FREE for Children! \$10 for Adults

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Volunteer Opportunities

WCM has accomplished much & succeeded greatly for over a dozen years thanks to many, very dedicated volunteers. We need & welcome your help again with Summer Festival 2007. The Festival is a series of 8 events from July 8 to 22, & you can help with any part or all of the festivities. With our thanks, volunteers get a free WCM T-shirt & attend any event at which they assist at no cost. To sign up, just call **845-932-8527** & leave us your name & number, or, you can fill out & mail this form to:

WCM Volunteers / PO Box 304 / Lake Huntington, NY 12752

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- _____ Reception Host & Setup
- _____ Other ideas?