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Some Enchanted Evenings with Chamber Music

The Weekend of Chamber Music kicks off its 2006 season with a benefit concert and dinner in a private Brooklyn home, and with the group's first Sullivan County concert of the year in the "Sunday at Big Twig" series in Roscoe, NY.

Spring Benefit

High atop glittering New York city lights, a quartet of distinguished musicians tune up at **4 pm March 12** to play Weekend of Chamber Music's annual benefit dinner concert at a private home in Brooklyn. Food and wine will follow an hour-long concert. Music for wind quartet will be on the musical bill of fare, including music by Mozart, Vivaldi, Francaix and Berger. Former San Francisco restaurateur Julia Grady provides the nutritional bill of fare with gourmet delights for the occasion.

Featured performers are oboist Matt Sullivan of Quintet of the Americas; clarinetist Allen Blustine of Speculum Musicae and Columbia University; flutist Judith Pearce, Weekend's founder, artistic director and Princeton University faculty member, and bassoonist Leonard Hindell, who recently retired from the New York Philharmonic.

Seating is limited and reservations are required. Admission donation for the benefit is \$75. The proceeds directly support ongoing projects in Sullivan County's public schools and the development of WCM's school chamber music coaching program. Through these collaborations with county educators, WCM works with several hundred students every year. Now in its 10th year, the program will expand into 2 other schools in Fall of 2006.

For reservations, call 718-638-8962.

Sunday at Big Twig

Spend an enchanted evening with Weekend's chamber music artists as they kick off the 2006 with the first of the 2006 Sunday at Big Twig concerts at **3 pm March 26**. Come a little early and enjoy Carolyn Duke's beautiful gallery of pottery and other art, and meet the artists in a reception following the program

Flutist and founder Judith Pearce and her colleagues, violinist Sunghae Anna Lim, cellist Alberto Parrini and pianist Marija Stroke perform at Big Twig Studio and Gallery, on a scenic hilltop

near Tennenah Lake in Roscoe, overlooking the Pocono Mountains and the I

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The New Yorker dubbed flutist Pearce " ...a rare and beautiful performer..." and among her many notable collaborators have been Sir Simon Rattle and Peter Maxwell Davies. She and violinist Lim,

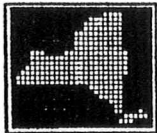
who the Boston Herald said has "A tone of silvery purity..." teach at Princeton University, where they are also members of the Richardson Chamber Players. Mr. Parrini tours regularly as a member of the American Chamber Players, and has earned the praise of the Los Angeles Times for his "...refined playing." And Marija Stroke, a pianist who was praised by The Strad for her "...magnificent perception and sensitivity..." is a noted soloist, recitalist and founding member of the Apollo Trio.

On their program are the Haydn Trio in G Major for flute, cello and piano; Elliott Carter's "Enchanted Preludes" for flute and cello; Ravel's Sonata for violin and piano, and after a short intermission, Beethoven's Trio Opus 1 No. 3 in C minor, for piano, violin and cello.

Open to the public, admission is \$18; and free for students under 18. Call 845-932-8527 for information or reservations.

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