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15th Chamber Music Season in Sullivan Kicks Off with Big Twig Concert

Weekend of Chamber Music kicks off its 15th season in Sullivan County with the Sundays at Big Twig series, at **3 pm March 30** at the Big Twig Studio in Roscoe. Clarinetist Allen Blustine, violist Lois Martin, flutist Judith Pearce and pianist Marija Stroke perform a program of duos and trios, followed by a Meet-the-Artists reception in the Duke Pottery Gallery across the hall. Hosted by Dana & Carolyn Duke, the venue is at the summit of County Road 93, just past Tennanah Lake. Visitors are encouraged to come early & enjoy the pottery, art, and the scenic views of the Pocono Mountains & the Delaware River Valley.

The concert marks American composer Elliot Carter's centenary year with his piece for flute and clarinet, "Esprit Rude, Esprit Doux." Flute, viola and piano join forces for Venezuelan composer Reynaldo Hahn's "Romanesque." Jacques Ibert's "Aria" and "Three Waltzes" by Dmitri Shostakovich, two works for flute, clarinet and piano, are on the program, and two W. A. Mozart pieces, "Andante in C Major" for flute and piano, and the "Kegelstadt Trio" for clarinet, viola and piano, provide time-honored opening and closing bookends for this eclectic concert.

Long-time friends and collaborators, the musicians all have notable performing and teaching careers. They are also regular coaches in Sullivan County schools for WCM's Artist Coaching Project, which brings the professional musicians to the area to work with teachers and students. A Manhattan resident, Allen Blustine is a member of the New York Chamber Soloists, the Festival Winds, and the award-winning 20th-century ensemble, Speculum Musicae. Lois Martin is a founding member of the Atlantic String Quartet, and performs with the New York Chamber Symphony, Concordia, String Fever, the Salon Chamber Soloists, and the American Chamber Ensemble. Dubbed "...a rare and beautiful performer..." by The New Yorker, Judith Pearce's notable collaborators include Sir Simon Rattle and Peter Maxwell Davies, and she teaches flute at Princeton University. Pianist Marija Stroke, praised by The Strad for her "...magnificent perception and sensitivity..." is a noted recitalist, and founding member of the famed Apollo Trio.

Tickets are \$18 per person, cash or check at the door. Admission is free for students 18 & under. For directions, visit WCM online at WCMconcerts.org. Please note, Big Twig has limited handicapped access. For information, call **845-932-8527**.

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