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WCM HONORED BY GRANTS

Weekend of Chamber Music recently received a \$1,000 Sullivan County Arts & Heritage Grant, provided by the Sullivan County Legislature through the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA). WCM extends its thanks to Jonathan Rouis, Sullivan County Chairman, and to the DVAA for their assistance with the grant, which supports the annual WCM Summer Festival. “The Russian Connection” ran from July 12 to 26 this year, and offered 10 events which include free programs, two concerts centering on Russian composers, dinner concerts and a special closing day family program at the Eddie Adams Farm in Jeffersonville.

WCM is also pleased to announce that its free opening day concert on the lawn was designated an official Sullivan County Bicentennial event. A \$1,000 Bicentennial stipend helps support the artist fees for this concert, which focuses on the music of Irving Berlin, Harry Woods and Lee Hoiby, composers with Sullivan County connections.

Judith Pearce, WCM’s artistic director said, “We sincerely appreciate the assistance DVAA and the County Legislature have extended to us over the past 16 years. Our longevity certainly wouldn’t be possible without the support of people who care enough about the arts to make opportunities for such funding available.”

WCM is also the recipient of a \$2,000 Arts Partners Challenge Grant of ArtsWestchester, with funding from the Arts in Education Local Capacity Building Program of the New York State Council on the Arts. This money is used to support WCM’s Artist Coaching Project in which it brings its professional musicians to the public schools to work one-on-one and in ensemble coaching sessions with local music students.

“Our Artist Coaching and Arts-in-Education work are remarkable projects,” says Ms. Pearce, “and we have the good fortune to collaborate with some outstanding teachers. When one sees first hand the tremendous impact hands-on experience with the arts has on young people, finding the extra time and funding to make sure it happens successfully requires no second thoughts.”

For more information about WCM’s summer festival or in-school activities and projects, visit web site at WCMconcerts.org.

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