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WCM PRESENTS EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Weekend of Chamber Music (WCM) is pleased to announce that the 2008 **Steven Rovitz Chamber Music Scholarship** recipient is **Rebecca Perlman**. A Monticello High School violinist and June graduate, Ms. Perlman is on her way to study music education at SUNY Fredonia this September.

As a participant in the high school's chamber music program directed by Ann Trombley, Ms. Perlman also had the opportunity to work with the WCM Artist Coaching Project, which brings professional musicians to the school to work with the chamber music students several times during the year. During these special sessions, the pros rehearse the student ensembles and provide private lessons, preparing them for a joint public concert at the end of the year.

The final concert this year was a cross-curriculum project titled "Between the Wars," which brought music and social studies students together to produce a 'living timeline' using poetry, dance, art and literature and centered on that historic era. Ms. Perlman was one of the senior students chosen to perform with WCM artist coaches in the May 30 program, playing music by Hindemith, Stravinsky, and others. She was also selected as one of four **Summer Festival 2008 Student Interns**, who all receive scholarships underwritten by WCM for intensive professional ensemble coaching and private lessons during the two-week annual festival. The other Student Interns were flutist **Mary Setren**, cellist **Owen Goodman** and pianist **Ruby Hong**. The quartet then performed "Trio Sonata" by Jean-Baptiste Loeillet at the festival's July 25 "At Work & Play Behind the Notes" program.

Ms. Perlman was presented with the Rovitz Scholarship at the Gala Saturday festival concert July 26. As a senior music student, she was eligible for the \$500 Rovitz scholarship based on her participation in the Artist Coaching Project, her interest in pursuing music after high school, and on a written essay. In her essay, Ms. Perlman describes her experience in the school music program as she learned to arrange a favorite song, perform with close friends and enjoy a feeling of accomplishment. She believes "chamber music is important to the learning process [because it] teaches not only musicality, but also leadership, patience and communication skills."

This marks the 12th year of WCM's participation as guest artists in the Monticello High School music program, and Ms. Perlman is the sixth recipient of the scholarship. It was established in 2003 to honor former Monticello Central School Music Director Steven Rovitz for his 33-year contribution to the district on his retirement.

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