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### TWO SCHOOLS TEAM UP FOR ARTS IN EDUCATION

The Weekend of Chamber Music Artist Coaches, the Monticello & Tri-Valley High School music teachers & their music students perform a series of concerts marking the end of the first year of a unique new arts in education initiative.

The grand finale of the 11<sup>th</sup> year of WCM's Artist Coaching Project work with the MHS Chamber Music Student Performers is at **7:30 pm June 1** in the Monticello High School Band Room. The students and their mentors will present a joint concert, featuring music by Handel, Mozart & others. MHS student ensembles vary in size, and a unique feature of this program is an arrangement of the Pachelbel Canon, revised by the student group Funky Shoes as "Canon Remix." This concert is open to the public. Admission is \$10, and free for performing students' family members, & students 18 & under.

On **June 8**, the MHS music students and their Tri-Valley counterparts team up for a series of four concerts capping off the first year of a unique Arts in Education collaboration between the two districts. The program is a new interdisciplinary model bringing the subjects of music and English together in a unique learning experience for the students. A highlight of the concerts is a presentation of poetry written by Tri-Valley teacher Russell Morey's 9<sup>th</sup> grade students, and set to music performed by the WCM musicians and a student ensemble.

Two of the programs are open to schoolchildren only, presented at 9:30am at the Monticello Elementary School, and again at 12:30pm at Tri-Valley. The other two later on the same day are free and open to the public, at 4pm at the Monticello Senior Citizen Center, and at 7:30 pm in the Tri-Valley School Theatre in Grahamsville.

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For more information on any of the concerts or the project, call Judith Pearce at 845-932-8527.