



From the Artistic Director

Dear Friends,

It's the "silly season" when the summer festival seems to be rushing towards us at the same time that our arts-in-education collaborations at Tri-Valley & Monticello schools approach their final presentations. And it seems that the best surface to keep all the separate piles of music is the floor of the music room. Indeed by the time you read this, Tri-Valley's concert "The Fascinating Rhythm of Poetry" will have been performed three times, & the folder of more than 30 poems can move from floor to shelf, ready to become "evidence" for the Final Report. The other project, "Between the Wars: A Living Timeline," is on May 30th at Monticello High School, & wouldn't have been possible without WCM's 12-year history with its chamber music program. I am VERY excited as I work with & observe the students' natural (at that age!) imaginative energy, & impressively, their organizational skills being activated. I urge you come that evening (see below).

In June, to have Brentano cellist Nina Lee back, & Ken Hamrick with fortepiano for *Music in the Barn*, should make this always popular event a high priority on your calendar. Moreover, the unavoidable cancellation of our March benefit means your support is even more invaluable!

As I look beyond June to the Summer Festival, I see & hear that "kaleidoscope" of sound colours, all anchored by the timeless music of Bach. To have, in just 2 weeks Messiaen's work named the "most ethereally beautiful music of the 20th century," a seminal early work of our own centenarian Elliott Carter, the gorgeous sounds of authentic Chinese instruments, plus the alliance of exceptional musicians (Franch-Ballester is one of the star clarinetists of his generation), the actor Paul Austin, & artists & crafts people on Opening Day...well, need I say more? I look forward to seeing you!

Judith Pearce

Coming Events

MAY 30 - 7:30 pm, Monticello, NY
Final Performance Artist Coaching & Arts in Education Project, **"Between the Wars: A Living Timeline,"**
Monticello High School. Admission donation is \$10, free for students.

JUNE 21 - MUSIC IN THE BARN - 6 pm, Bethel, NY
Annual benefit at the country home of a WCM Patron.
Reservations required! See details on the right.

JULY 13 to 27

Summer Festival 2008 - Music for All Time

WCM presents its 15th summer of world-class music in the Delaware Valley when it returns to the beautiful Eddie Adams Farm in Jeffersonville. Excitement mounts daily as our two weeks fill with a kaleidoscope of music from Bach to Bernstein. There are free events, Gala Saturdays, the popular dinner concerts, & something sure to please every generation!

In a brand new collaboration with local artisans, the Festival kicks off on 'Downtown Arts Day,' just after a fabulous arts fair right across the street from our free opening day concert. NEW for '08 are "MusicTalks!" on Thursdays, centennial tributes to Elliott Carter & Olivier Messiaen, & a very special Family Day Sunday when Music from China & actor Paul Austin bring some clever fables to life in a very interactive way.

WCM is also thrilled to present two prize-winning young artists whose musical stars are on the rise – clarinetist Jose Franch-Ballester & cellist Caroline Stinson.

The Festival Hotline & online box office open Memorial Day Weekend so don't miss it! Mark your calendars now to come explore the colorful world of chamber music – *Up Close & Personal* – with Judith Pearce & friends! See page 3.

Music in the Barn

June 21, 2008
6 pm

A feast for all senses is the bill of fare for WCM's annual fundraising event at a lovely country home in Bethel. The evening begins with a scrumptious buffet al fresco supper served as guests meet & mingle over wine & the expertly prepared gourmet culinary creations.



A twilight stroll to the renovated barn follows for a feast for the ears, when cellist Nina Lee of the Brentano Quartet, pianist Ken Hamrick & flutist Judith Pearce present their exquisite musical menu.

The program is planned around the fortepiano, the transitional keyboard between the baroque harpsichord & the modern piano. In between Bach's E major Flute Sonata & Pleyel's "Grand Trio," the audience will hear exquisite piano nocturnes by John Field, plus cello & flute solos by Bach & Peter Maxwell Davies, who wrote "The Kestrel Paced Around the Sun" for Judith Pearce in the late '70s.



Then it's back to the candlelit terrace for delicious desserts & coffee, a romantic ending to an intimate evening! Reservations are necessary for this private, elegant fundraiser, & directions will be given when you call.

The admission donation is \$75, with 100 percent of the proceeds used, thanks to the generosity of our hosting patrons, for WCM's school & community programs. To reserve your place, call 718-638-8962 or 845-932-8527.

Giving Makes Great Music Possible!

We invite you to be an active participant in the exciting life of The Weekend of Chamber Music! You can be involved with a donation of time, money, or simply bring friends, all of which are critical to our success.

INDIVIDUAL DONOR CATEGORIES

Friend \$25-\$99

Name in the Summer Festival Program.

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Left, plus 2 Summer Festival Saturday tickets.

Donor \$100-\$249

Above, plus advance notice of special ticket discounts.

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Above, plus a WCM Summer Festival CD.

Sponsor \$250-\$499

Above, plus WCM Official Tote Bag.

Angel \$2500 & up

Above, plus "Director's Dinner" - A special Summer Festival evening with the Artistic Director & WCM Festival Artists.

FESTIVAL '08 MAJOR DONOR LEVELS

Please ask us about the benefits to contributing in these areas. Our Major Donors enjoy recognition ranging from press to in-house publications to summer events, with your name or logo prominently linked to your category.

"Musicians at Work" / Your gift of \$2000 helps defray the Artist fees for the free opening day event.

"Artist Angel" / Your gift of \$1500 pays for full 2 weeks of one Festival Artist – take your pick!

"Future of Music" / Your gift of \$800 pays lesson, coaching & attendance for a High School Summer Intern.

"Festival Fan" / Your gift of \$750 helps meet a variety of festival costs like equipment, grounds & marketing.

"Walk the Clef" / Your gift of \$500 rents, moves & tunes the Steinway grand piano.

"Catering-the-Muse" / Your gift of \$300 for Saturday catering fills the tables at the gala receptions.

Please Remember!

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How to donate? Simply mail your contribution & category to: WCM / PO Box 304 / Lake Huntington, NY 12752.

Questions? Call us at 845-932-8527 or email us at Info@WCMconcerts.org.

Festival Volunteers Needed

Help is needed for any or all of the Summer Festival dates. Volunteers attend Summer Festival concerts at which they help at no charge. *Festival 2008* is a series of 10 events from July 13 to 27 in & around Jeffersonville, NY (see pg. 3).

Summer Festival 2008 Special Offer!!

Café Concert with Panache at Settlers Inn, Hawley PA.



Buy 4 Tickets – Get 10% off! PAY just \$200.00 (reg. \$250) in advance.

* Tickets valid only on July 22, 2008 *

Gather up your friends for an intimate evening of chamber music & a delicious summer supper with the WCM Artists. Reserve your table now!

HURRY! Offer expires June 21!

Call 845-932-8527 or visit WCMconcerts.org to get this great deal.

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July 13 to 27

Eddie Adams Farm, Presenting Sponsor

*BOX OFFICE OPENS MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
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Week One – July 13 to 14

NEW in 08!

Sun. July 13 – Downtown Arts Day! Jeffersonville, NY
Before WCM's kickoff concert, come to the new, free
Invitational Artisans' Fair with everything from pottery to
jewelry to photography at the Main Street Parking Lot from
11am to 3 pm. Then cross the street for WCM's Free
Outdoor Concert on the lawn behind the Presbyterian
Church at 3 pm.



Carolyn Duke



Jill Wiener

SOLO OUT in '07!

Tues. July 15 – Café Concert with Panache!
6pm Limited Seating! Reservations required. \$55 for an
intimate dinner & concert evening.
Hills Country Inn, Callicoon Center, NY
Sponsored by The River Reporter

NEW in 08!

Thurs. July 17 – MusicTalks!
6 pm - WCM marks Olivier Messiaen's centennial with an
illustrated talk about the composer by Nathan A. Randall of
Princeton University. Suggested donation \$10.
Western Sullivan Public Library, Jeffersonville

Fri. July 18 – At Work & Play Behind the Notes
7pm Free Open Rehearsal & Interactive Workshop.
Eddie Adams Barn, North Branch Road, Jeffersonville

SOLO OUT in '07!

Sat. July 19 – Gala Main Event Concert
8pm Main Event Concert. Featuring
Messiaen's haunting *Quartet for the End of Time*
with clarinetist Jose Franch-Ballester.
Gala Reception sponsored by the Delaware
Highlands Conservancy - thank you!
\$25, free for students under 19.
Adams Barn, Jeffersonville.



Week Two – July 22 to 27

Tues. July 22 – Café Concert with Panache!

SEE OUR SPECIAL TICKET OFFER PAGE 2!
6pm Limited Seating! Reservations required, \$55 for this
intimate dinner & concert evening with Mark Rush, Caroline
Stinson, Ken Hamrick & Judith Pearce.
Settlers Inn, Hawley PA.
Sponsored by D & H Canvas

NEW in 08!

Thurs. July 24 – MusicTalks!
8 pm Cellist Caroline Stinson plays
solo Bach. Come, have coffee & join a
lively discussion of Bach's music.
Admission is a \$15 cover charge.
SAMBA, Main Street, Jeffersonville.



Fri. July 25 – At Work & Play Behind the Notes
7pm Free Open Rehearsal & Student Intern Showcase.
Adams Barn, Jeffersonville

Sat. July 26 – Gala Grand Finale Concert
8pm Main Event Concert & Gala Meet-the-Artists Reception.
WCM observes Elliot Carter's centennial.
Adams Barn, Jeffersonville

Sun. July 27 – Closing Family Sunday
Special Guest Artists...



Music from China
3pm \$10, free for students under 19.
Adams Barn, Jeffersonville

“Chinese Fables” with narrator, plus
“Menacing Tiger” & “Squabbling
Ducks” are performed on traditional
Chinese instruments with percussion.
An interactive event for the whole
family on the back lawn - so bring the
kids & a lawn chair!

“..... Attention to sonic detail is still an essential part of traditional
Chinese music, as Music From China demonstrated with grace and
virtuosity.” -- *The New York Times*

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