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**Collaboration Concludes at “Last Night”**

Weekend of Chamber Music’s Artist Coaching Project and Monticello High School’s Music Department celebrate their 15<sup>th</sup> year of collaboration at 6:30pm Monday June 13. The final performance for WCM’s year-long collaboration at MHS is at the newly christened Eugene D. Nesin Theater for the Performing Arts on St. John Street in Monticello. The evening takes the audience through time for an experience of different cultures and different eras by way of music and dance performances. A grand finale features MHS students and faculty and the visiting artists from Weekend of Chamber Music (WCM) and American Virtuosi.

Dubbed “Steps and Sounds of Different Cultures,” the year-long project encouraged students to learn about a variety of cultures and ethnic origins through music and dance spanning from the Baroque period through modern times, and to produce the “Last Night” performance in its entirety from staging to publicity, themselves.

During the school year, students met periodically with WCM artists flutist Judith Pearce; clarinetist Allen Blustine; harpsichordist Kenneth Hamrick; bassist Andrew Trombley; violinist Akiko Hosoi, and Baroque dance specialist Carlos Fittante to hone their skills and performance in the art forms. The project was guided by MHS faculty members Ann Trombley; Nancy Wegrzyn; David Chidsey; Karissa Mollicone; Aaron Rovitz, and Eric Rubinstein.

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Open to the public, “Last Night” admission is a \$5 suggested donation, and free for students 18 and under. The Nesin Theater is at 22 St. John Street, Monticello. For more information, please call 845-794-8840, ext. 10501.

