



THE WEEKEND OF CHAMBER MUSIC, INC.

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Dear Members of the Media:

Staying close to home for summer vacations because of high gas prices is in the news everywhere, and for tri-state residents, it's a good time to remember that the beautiful Delaware Valley and Catskill regions are only a couple of hours away from many points in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. There is enough to see and do to easily fill a weekend or even a week's stay in the area, and visitors will find world-class arts programs, outdoor sporting activities and plenty of entertainment for families.

With a well-established reputation for its world-class summer music festival, Weekend of Chamber Music celebrates its 15<sup>th</sup> season in the area with a 2008 program grown to 10 events over two weeks, July 13 to 27. Dubbed "Music for All Time," Summer Festival 2008 offers five programs at the beautiful and historic Eddie Adams Farm in Jeffersonville, NY, dinner concerts in Hawley, PA and Callicoon Center, NY, and three events in downtown "Jeff," collaborations with regional craft artisans and member businesses of the Jeffersonville Area Chamber of Commerce.

"I see & hear the Festival's kaleidoscope of sound colours, all anchored by the music of Bach," says artistic director, flutist Judith Pearce. "We have, in just 2 weeks Messiaen's "Quartet for the End of Time," 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, and artists and crafts people on Opening Day...well, need I say more?"

Ms. Pearce provides her own unique blend of lively programming full of color and contrast in six concerts and dinner concerts featuring superb artists, two informal discussion evenings, and two free open rehearsals with behind-the-scenes looks at the artists and the Festival music in action. Students under 19 are always welcome to WCM concerts at no charge, and WCM again offers free high school musical internships with the artists this summer.

We always appreciate media support for the arts and invite your coverage of our Summer Festival. Electronic press kits and photos of the artists are available and I am happy to arrange interviews and to welcome reviewers to any of our concerts. Please contact me to arrange this, or if you have any questions.

We hope to see you in the Delaware Valley in July!

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## 15<sup>TH</sup> SUMMER FESTIVAL ANNOUNCED

Weekend of Chamber Music's 15th summer concert series, "**Summer Festival 2008 - Music for All Time**" is slated for **July 13 to 27** in the Delaware Valley region. The Festival offers 10 different events focused on the world's great chamber music, and is performed by a company of 22 professional artists.

WCM's founder and artistic director is flutist Judith Pearce (*see photo below*), recognized as one of the foremost chamber musicians of her generation. At the core of her company is a flexible group of performers, all of whom have earned national and international recognition. Among those returning this season are bassoonist Leonard Hindell, violinist Mark Rush, pianist Tannis Gibson and harpsichordist Kenneth Hamrick. WCM also introduces two brilliant, award-winning young artists for the first time, cellist **Caroline Stinson** and clarinetist **Jose Franch-Ballester** (*see photos below*).

Kicking off *Summer Festival 2008 Music for All Time*, "Downtown Arts Day" is a new collaboration with WCM and an Artisans' Street Fair on Main Street, which showcases works by local artists from potters and painters to jewelers and photographers. Open from 11 am to 3 pm on **July 13**, visitors can easily walk just across the street for WCM's opening day concert at 3 pm behind the Presbyterian Church, in downtown Jeffersonville.

On Tuesdays, WCM hits the road for "*Café Concerts with Panache*" – one in Callicoon Center, NY, and the other in Hawley, PA. These intimate dinner concert evenings feature a chamber music performance following a summer supper with the artists. On **July 15** at Hills Country Inn in Callicoon Center, there will be music for soprano, clarinet, flute and harpsichord. On **July 22**, an unusual opportunity to hear the sound of an authentic fortepiano presents itself, with music by Pleyel, Bach and Mozart at Settlers Inn in Hawley.

*Music for All Time* casts a special spotlight on composers **Elliott Carter** and **Olivier Messiaen**, marking their centennial anniversaries this year. The Festival's Presenting Sponsor, the **Eddie Adams Farm** (home of the celebrated Eddie Adams Photography Workshop) in Jeffersonville, hosts five WCM events beginning **July 18**. These include two open rehearsal Friday workshops **July 18 and 25** dubbed "*At Work & Play Behind the Notes*," during which the musicians work on some music from the "*Gala Saturday*" concert programs that will be performed **July 19 and 26**. "*Family Day Sunday*" closes the festival on **July 27**, with an outdoor performance of several Chinese Fables by the artists of Music from China (*see photo below*), and narrated by actor Paul Austin.

Information and tickets for "*Summer Festival 2008 - Music for All Time*" can be found at [www.WCMconcerts.org](http://www.WCMconcerts.org). The Summer Festival Hotline is 845-887-5803.



Flutist Judith Pearce  
Photo: D. Duke



Clarinetist  
Jose Franch-Ballester



Cellist Caroline Stinson



Music from China

**NOTE: COLOR PHOTOS & ADDITIONAL PHOTOS ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST**

Weekend of Chamber Music

# Summer Festival 2008 - Music for All Time

July 13 to 27

Eddie Adams Farm, Presenting Sponsor

## Festival at a Glance

### WEEK ONE

**Sun. July 13**

Downtown Arts Day – 11am to 3pm  
Festival Kickoff **Concert for Winds** - 3pm  
Free. Presbyterian Church, Jeffersonville  
NY

**Tues. July 15** – *Café Concert with Panache!* 6pm  
Schubert, Mendelssohn & more for fortepiano,  
clarinet, flute & soprano.  
\$55, includes dinner. Reservations required.  
Hills Country Inn, Callicoon Center

**Thurs. July 17** - *MusicTalks!* 6pm  
Nate Randall presents illustrated talk on  
Messiaen. Free, donations welcome.  
Western Sullivan Public Library, Jeffersonville

**Fri. July 18** - *At Work & Play Behind the Notes.* 7pm  
Interactive rehearsal workshop. Free.  
Eddie Adams Farm, Jeffersonville

**Sat. July 19** - *Gala Saturday.* 8pm  
Concert & Meet-the-Artists Reception.  
Messiaen & Haydn.  
\$25; Free for students 18 & under Eddie  
Adams Farm, Jeffersonville

### WEEK TWO

**Tues. July 22** - *Café Concert with Panache!* 6pm  
Bach, Pleyel & more for fortepiano, flute, violin &  
cello.  
\$55, includes dinner. Reservations  
required. Settlers Inn, Hawley, P A

**Thurs. July 24** - *MusicTalks!* 8pm  
Cellist Caroline Stinson in conversation with  
Bach. SAMBA, Main St. Jeffersonville  
Cover charge \$15.

**Fri. July 25** - *At Work & Play Behind the Notes.* 7pm  
Interactive rehearsal workshop & Student Intern  
Showcase. Free.  
Eddie Adams Farm, Jeffersonville

**Sat. July 26** - *Gala Saturday.* 8pm  
Concert & Meet-the-Artists Reception.  
Carter, Bach, Martinu & more.  
\$25; Free for students 18 & under  
Eddie Adams Farm, Jeffersonville

**Sun. July 27** – *Family Day Sunday.* 3pm  
Music from China artists & actor Paul  
Austin perform Chinese Fables outdoors.  
\$10; Free for students 18 & under  
Eddie Adams Farm, Jeffersonville

**Festival Hotline: 845-887-5803**

**Tickets & Info at [WCMconcerts.org](http://WCMconcerts.org)**



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# Summer Festival 2008 – Music For All Time

## July 13 To 27

### Repertoire List & Performers

#### WEEK ONE

##### July 13

*Pearce, Sullivan, Foutz, Franch-Ballester, Baeza, Grabois, Schommer, Hindell & Cuffari*

Mozart C Minor Serenade  
Duos for 2 Horns

Joplin Solace

d’Rivera Habanera

Shostakovich Two Dances

Gounod Petite Symphonie (2 mvts.)

##### July 15

*Schranz, Pearce, Franch-Ballester & Hamrick*

Schubert Four Songs  
Shepherd on the Rock

Mendelssohn Sonata for Clarinet & Piano

Kummer Concertino for Flute, Clarinet & Piano

##### July 17

Messiaen Talk – *Nathan A. Randall*

##### July 18

*Pearce, Franch-Ballester, Lim, Stinson & Gibson*

Rehearsal: Quartet for the End of Time

##### July 19

*Pearce, Franch-Ballester, Lim, Stinson & Gibson*

Messiaen Quartet for the End of Time  
Le Merle Noir

Haydn Piano Trio in C Major Hb XV:27

#### WEEK TWO

##### July 22

*Pearce, Rush, Stinson & Hamrick*

Bach Sonata in E Major for Violin, Continuo  
Suite for Solo Cello

Pleyel Trio in D Major for Flute, Cello, Piano

Field Two Nocturnes

##### July 24

Bach – *Caroline Stinson, Cellist*

##### July 25

*Pearce, Sullivan, Rush, Stinson, Wagner & Hamrick*

Rehearsal: Carter Sonata / Artist Coaching  
Project Demonstrations with High School  
Interns

##### July 26

*Pearce, Sullivan, Rush, Stinson, Wagner & Hamrick*

Carter Sonata for Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Piano  
“A 6 Letter Letter” for English Horn

Bach Sonata in E Maj. for Flute, Continuo  
Concerto in D Minor

Martinu Promenade for Flute, Violin and  
Harpsichord

##### July 27

*Music from China (Gouwei, Cheng, Li), Stinson, Cassara & Austin*

Chinese Fables  
Menacing Tiger  
Squabbling Ducks



Summer Festival 2008

July 13 to 27

Music for All Time

*A core company of world-class, critically acclaimed musicians...*

**Judith Pearce, flutist and artistic director**

"...her playing is searching and characterful, which makes her almost one of an endangered species among flautists!" - *Sir Simon Rattle*

**Tannis Gibson, pianist**

"Mature and eloquent... this was a superb performance." - *The Washington Post*

**Kenneth Hamrick, pianist/harpsichordist**

"A thrilling performance... sensational playing with a refined elegance" - *The New York Times*

**Szilvia Schranz, soprano**

"...her voice was utterly secure... her delivery breathtakingly perfect." - *The Register Guard*

**Sunghae Anna Lim, violinist/violist**

"A tone of silvery purity..." - *The Boston Herald*

**Mark Rush, violinist**

"Performed with ardor and passion." - *San Francisco Chronicle*

**Daniel Grabois, hornist**

"... a wonderful rendering ... punctuated at the end by bravos from the audience."  
- *The Phoenix (Brooklyn)*

**Leonard Hindell, bassoon**

"a tone of sturdy and robust attractiveness" - *D. DeBolt*

**Matt Sullivan, oboist**

"...gorgeously lyrical playing..." - *The New York Times*



## *And our 2008 Guest Artists...*

**Caroline Stinson, cellist**

"[an] unusually adept contemporary-music specialist" - *The New Yorker*

**Jose Franch-Ballester, clarinet**

"that rare find, an artist whose brilliant mastery of his instrument is matched by sound and secure gifts as a musician," - *The News-Gazette (Illinois)*

**Music from China**

**Susan Cheng, yanqin, Wang Gouwei, erhu and Sun Li, pipa**

"Music from China is music from heaven!" – *Kansas City Star*

**Paul Austin, actor**

"... so ferocious that if [Austin] had cast one glance in my direction, I would have run from the theatre." - *Brendan Gill, The New Yorker*

Complete bios and more information about WCM's entire 2008 company of performers is available at

**<http://wcmconcerts.org/pages/performers.html>**

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