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## **SUMMER FESTIVAL INTERNS ANNOUNCED**

Monticello High School 2008-09 teachers Ann Trombley & Nancy Wegrzyn have announced the 2009 Weekend of Chamber Music Summer Festival Interns. They are:

Marina Lombardi, soprano

Emma Laufersweiler, dance

Aimee Pelosi, violin

Meghan Kocijanski, viola

Jessica Nesin, piano

It is a special honor to be selected as a WCM Festival Intern, because it's based on the commitment, progress and hard work the students have shown in their chamber music sessions during the school year. WCM Artist Coaching Project musicians Judith Pearce, Kenneth Hamrick, Matt Sullivan, Allen Blustein, Marija Stroke and Leonard Hindell have been working with various ensembles and privately at the high school throughout the year.

As Festival Interns, the students receive individual and ensemble coaching during the Festival from July 12 to 26, and they are given complete scholarships (valued at \$900 each) for this intensive training by artists with world-class performance and teaching careers. Harpsichordist Ken Hamrick, violist Tawnya Popoff, violinist Sunghae Anna Lim, and pianist Marija Stroke will work with the 2009 Festival Interns. The group will rehearse and perform Aaron Copland's "Simple Gifts," arranged for quartet by Ms. Wegrzyn, who is also a composer and violist. The student dancer, Emma, will create and perform her own choreography for the piece.

Students will also work for the Summer Festival as volunteers, learning how a major public event is run by assisting in festival operations, such as box office and front of house duties, parking and stage crew support.