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From the Artistic Director

Dear Friends,
I started writing this two weeks ago in a log cabin in northern Maine, looking out over a small bay, on the one day of rain & that was all I could hear.....

I didn't get very far because the sun came out, the weather became beautiful & I seemed to be in an indolent mood. And I think I needed to bask a little longer in the still fresh memories of a great Summer Festival.

Well, the lazy days are over... but the real satisfaction with those two weeks & the ten events that filled them is no less present. Yes: 10 events! It was ambitious but it worked, & one of the main reasons rests with OUR VOLUNTEERS. It would have been impossible without these people:

Randy Harris: Cecily Fortescue: Edna Calkins: Joyce Perelman: Edie Downs: Ben from Apple Pond Farm; Gert Kreibich: Lois Burrill: Debra Segall: students Rebecca Perلمان, Mary Setren, Ruby Hong & Owen Goodman; Ann Trombley: WCM directors Doris Kreibich & Ekkehart Trenkner; David & Alex Duke: Jill Wiener & Carolyn Duke for making Downtown Arts Day possible; Kathy Herbert & Tom Maus for hanging our banner; Greg Brooks for hosting the Opening Day Reception; Reverend Lee & Jeffersonville Presbyterian Church; Mark Keppen for moving the platform; Rosemary Palms, Don & Ellen Singer Simkin & Roy & Delia Tedoff for hosting WCM musicians, & Alyssa Adams for so much!

THANK YOU to all of you: your help in so many different ways is deeply appreciated.

And if anyone else reading this would like to become a volunteer & to know the kinds of help we need, not just in the summer, please get in touch (info@WCMconcerts.org, or 845-932-8527).

Look out for the "Festival of Noels" in early December!

Judith Pearce

Coming Events

October - December

Fall fundraiser, a holiday concert & a contemporary music collaboration at a gallery are on the drawing boards for Brooklyn and Sullivan County. Nothing is definite yet, but stay tuned - events will be announced in the Fall newsletter & online.

Another Look - Summer Festival 2008

Summer Festival 2008 was a success by many standards. There were capacity crowds on opening day and at the Gala Saturday concerts: everyone who attended the low-cost & free events downtown Jeffersonville seemed to enjoy them, & early feedback from local business owners shows that the Festival brought more people into their stores. Cafe concerts were as popular & elegant as when they began 2 years ago, & the artist coaching & student Festival Internships capped an innovative school year of arts-in-education activity.

And...did you know that it takes 10's of thousands of dollars to produce the Summer Festival? State & local grants & individual donors all provide crucial support, but WCM still does not turn a profit, & only about 8% of it is covered by ticket sales. WCM's fundraising committee is hard at work on our next appeal, & if our work is valuable to you, we hope you will consider becoming a donor, or increasing your annual gift this year. Meanwhile, take a stroll back to July & enjoy a few Festival photos inside, & in color at WCMconcerts.org.



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Music Up Close & Personal!

Summer Festival 2008 - Music for All Time

Downtown Arts Day - Opening Concert & Artisans' Craft Fair

More than 100 people turned up despite threatening skies for the free outdoor wind concert behind the Presbyterian Church in 'Jeff.' The Blue Victorian hosted a delightful post-concert reception, and visitors to Jeff on July 13 also found holiday shopping deals at the fabulous artisan's invitational craft fair across the street. Check out WCM's beautiful new banner at left!



Café Concerts with Panache!

WCM's popular Tuesday dinner concerts were well-attended at Hills Country Inn in Callicoon Center (left), & at Settlers Inn in Hawley, PA (right). Centered around Ken Hamrick's fortepiano, soprano Szilvia Schranz & clarinetist Jose Franch-Ballester are shown rehearsing with him at Hills, and violinist Mark Rush & cellist Caroline Stinson at Settlers. The music was superb - the food delicious!



Artist Coaching Project

Each year, the WCM Summer Festival provides selected high school student musicians from the **WCM Artist Coaching Project** at area schools a chance to become interns during the two-week Festival. This year, violinist Rebecca Perlman, pianist Ruby Hong, flutist Mary Setren (shown left to right above) & cellist Owen Goodman (not shown) participated. As part of their internship, the students received free private lessons & ensemble coaching with WCM's world-class artists. Rebecca is also WCM's 2008 Steven Rovitz Scholarship recipient.



Main Event Saturdays

This summer WCM observed centennial anniversaries for composers Olivier Messiaen and Elliott Carter. Shown left to right are violinist/violist Sunghae Anna Lim, pianist Tannis Gibson, cellist Caroline Stinson & clarinetist Jose Franch-Ballester after their unforgettable performance of Messiaen's *Quartet for the End of Time*, July 19. On July 26, WCM's tribute to Elliott Carter's 100th birthday also brought the capacity crowd in the Eddie Adams barn to its feet! Gala meet-the-artist receptions followed each concert, and we were delighted to have *Delaware Highlands Conservancy* as our 'Catering the Muse' sponsor for the first Saturday. You can read the reviews at WCMconcerts.org.



Family Day at the Farm!

Music from China & Actor Paul Austin closed out the Festival on July 27 with a fascinating look at Chinese instruments, music & stories. Children created a collage to go with the music & again the rainstorms stayed away from this unique & fun outdoor grand finale!