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WCM Presents 'From Classic to Cool'

Weekend of Chamber Music's acclaimed musicians return to the Catskills to perform **July 10 to 24** in *From Classic to Cool*, WCM's 18th summer music festival. Hailed by critics as "powerful" and with "some of the finest music we are likely to hear anywhere in the world," the annual festival offers free open rehearsals, informal afternoon concerts, pre-concert talks, a Gala Grand Finale and much more. Special highlights this summer include the world premiere of "8 Singles" by Andrew Waggoner; a tribute and memorial performance for the late American composer Lee Hoiby (1926-2011), and the 10th Anniversary Celebration of WCM's Summer Festival Intern Project.

A concert on the lawn with all-American music for winds opens the series rain or shine **July 10** at the Presbyterian Church in downtown Jeffersonville. Free open rehearsals dubbed "At Work & Play Behind the Notes" are on Friday nights **July 15 and 22** in preparation for the Saturday concerts, all at the bucolic Eddie Adams Farm in Jeffersonville. "MusicTalks!" on **July 20** offers a musical tour-de-force program at North Branch Inn, and refreshments will be for sale. The Summer Festival mainstays are two Saturday concerts: "Tea Time Concert" **July 16** with music by Waggoner, Ravel, Hoiby and Stravinsky; and Brahms, Reger and Respighi inhabit the "Gala Grand Finale" **July 23**, followed by the Artists' Reception on the barn porch under the stars at the Adams Farm. Pre-concert talks pave the way for these two concerts on July 16 and July 23. Closing on **July 24** at the Nesin Theater in Monticello, the WCM Summer Festival Interns and Festival Artists perform in celebration of WCM's 10-year history of providing full scholarships for high school interns to study with its artists at the annual festival.

Artistic Director and flutist Judith Pearce and colleagues began the summer series in 1994, offering just one weekend of concerts at the old Lake Huntington Meat Market. Today, some of America's finest chamber musicians come to Sullivan County to perform great music of all eras for the Summer Festival. Ms. Pearce aims to stimulate the imagination and engage everyone with colorful, provocative concerts. As one reviewer wrote, "The programming was spectacular ...the works performed offered an incredibly wide infusion of contrasting sounds and colors."

Tickets range from free to \$30; admission is always free for students 18 and under. Call 845-887-5803, or visit WeekendofChamberMusic.org. Find WCM on Facebook by searching WCMconcerts.

FROM CLASSIC TO COOL – FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

July 10-24, 2011

Weekend of Chamber Music presents “From Classic to Cool!” – its 18th summer chamber music festival in the Catskills – from July 10 to 24. The two-week Festival offers seven events with concerts, free open rehearsals, pre-concert talks and a Gala Grand Finale and artists’ reception. Festival highlights include a world premiere by Andrew Waggoner, commissioned by WCM; tributes to composer Lee Hoiby; virtuosic music by Ravel, Brahms and Mozart, and a special 10th anniversary celebration of our Festival Intern program. Admission is free for students 18 and under.

Outdoor Concert - Sunday July 10

3pm Jeffersonville Presbyterian Church lawn
All American Music for wind ensembles. Suggested donation \$10.

At Work & Play Behind the Notes - Friday July 15

7pm Eddie Adams Farm, Jeffersonville
Free open rehearsal for Saturday’s concert.

Tea Time Concert - Saturday July 16

4pm pre-concert talk/5pm concert, Adams Farm
A world premiere by Andrew Waggoner, plus Ravel, Hoiby & Stravinsky.
\$25, includes refreshments at intermission.

MusicTalks! - Wednesday July 20

7:30pm North Branch Inn
Mozart & more musical wizardry. \$15; refreshments for sale.

At Work & Play Behind the Notes - Friday July 22

7pm Eddie Adams Farm, Jeffersonville
is an open rehearsal for Saturday’s concert. Free.

Gala Grand Finale - Saturday July 23

7pm pre-concert talk / 8pm concert, Adams Farm
Music by Reger, Brahms, Respighi & Bunch
Gala meet-the-artists reception with a light buffet follows. \$30.

10th Anniversary Celebration - Sunday July 24

3pm Nesin Theater, Monticello
Festival interns rehearse and perform Nancy Wegrzyn’s 2001 “Fantasy Creatures,”
commissioned by WCM for its first interns. WCM artists perform Mozart, Bunch and
more. Admission by donation.

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