



From the Artistic Director

Dear Friends,
Each time I write to you, my thoughts have been rambling for a few weeks. Since I'm a news junkie, the world

outside provides a lively context, & this time one idea has surfaced forcefully: a solid optimism.

First, a big THANKYOU to all of you who helped us reach our end-of-year "challenge" goal! The committee was Ann Trombley, Ellen Nesin, Lori Orestano-James & Judy Shapiro, with stuffing & mailing help from students Ruby & Esther Hong, Trevor Goldstein & Jessica Nesin. Now we wait to see if, & to what extent, the NYS budget will allow State Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther to match the funds.

There's more good news. WCM is a NYSCA direct grant recipient since 1997, making us eligible for 3-year "General Operating Support" funds. In a year when NYSCA cannot fund any new grants, WCM is still supported. We've also received another arts-in-education award for our work with Monticello High School (see "School News").

And finally, WCM was awarded the Sullivan County Bicentennial Seal title & funds for our Summer Festival opening concert. Thinking ahead to the Summer Festival, I'd like to put an idea to you: why not sponsor one of our Festival artists, or help bring in the Steinway on which you'll be listening to so much, including Rachmaninov, Arensky & Shostakovich?

An early spring benefit returns to Brooklyn March 15, & Sunday at Big Twig is March 29 in Roscoe. The concerts share a great program. Classical elegance from Mozart & DeViennes; cool elegance from Alban Berg; a liltily lovely Chopin Mazurka, & Glinka's *Trio Pathétique*, whose stirring drama & luscious harmonies hint at the summer festival's Russian theme.

Back to the optimism I mentioned. It comes from knowing that WCM's strength lies within our friends, audience & volunteers, & my group of colleagues, musicians & teachers. In this uncertain economy, we are fortunate to be a small, focused arts organization. We all need the arts in our lives, & it is a great privilege to work in both. Till we meet...

Judith Pearce

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Coming Events

March 15 - Early Spring Benefit, Brooklyn

March 29 - Sunday at Big Twig, Roscoe

May 12 & June 15
Monticello High School Concerts

June 20 - Music in the Barn, Bethel

July 12 to 26 - 16th Summer Festival
Jeffersonville region

**Check inside & online for
details & updates.**

HELP WANTED!!

VOLUNTEER BOOKKEEPER

WCM is looking for a responsible, trustworthy volunteer who is proficient with the Quickbooks program & basic bookkeeping. Work on your own schedule & computer, recording & tracking WCM's expenses & revenues, & generating reports as needed for the board of directors, grants, & marketing purposes. See below to call or email Judith Pearce for an interview.

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March Concerts

Judith Pearce, Flute
Allen Blustine, Clarinet
Marija Stroke, Piano
Leonard Hindell, Bassoon



MARCH 15 - 4 pm BROOKLYN BENEFIT

... at a private home overlooking the East River & the glittering lights of Manhattan. Mozart, Glinka, Chopin & more for flute, clarinet, bassoon & piano. Concert & light supper, \$75. minimum suggested donation. **Reservations are required & seating is limited, so reserve your place now.**

☎ 718-638-8962

MARCH 29 - 3 pm SUNDAY AT BIG TWIG - Roscoe, NY PROGRAM

Mozart - Divertimento
Debienne - Sonata
Berg - Vier Stücke
Chopin - Mazurka
Glinka - Trio

Admission \$20, cash or check only at the door.

Free for students 18 & under

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School News

On Feb. 10, WCM received an **Arts Partners Challenge Grant** for the third consecutive year. The \$2000 grant from the New York State Council on the Art's Arts in Education Initiative is administered by ArtsWestchester in White Plains.

Pictured, **Judith Pearce, Ann Trombley & Ellen Nesin** accept the award from ArtsWestchester board member **Jerri Lynn Fields** & consultant **Alison Paul** (left), & Education Committee co-chair **Hannah Schmerler** (right).

The funding supports a project combining music & physics at Monticello High School (MHS). Participating music students will develop a basic understanding of acoustics by exploring the properties of sound & its relationship to performance in projection, intonation, balance, blend & recording.

Students in combined music & physics classes will compare & analyze live instrumental & electronically generated sounds in the physics lab; build sound generators & learn how sound is transmitted through the human ear. In addition, WCM Artist Coaching Project musicians continue their work with MHS chamber music students, coaching in ensembles & private lessons. WCM artists who have worked with the students so far this year are clarinetist **Allen Blustine**, pianist **Kenneth Hamrick** & flutist **Judith Pearce**.



16th SUMMER FESTIVAL of CHAMBER MUSIC IN THE CATSKILLS

July 12 to 26, 2009

Sullivan County is rife with anniversaries this year! The Callicoon Band turns 75; the Fremont Memorial Day Parade is 125; the Woodstock Festival was 40 years ago, & the townships of Bethel & Rockland are aligned with the County in celebrating Bicentennial Anniversaries.



The Sullivan County Legislature & the Visitors' Association are dreaming up plenty to observe this 200th birthday, & WCM joins the fun with its own Bicentennial Sealed event on **July 12**. Watch as details unfold in upcoming newsletters, emails & on our web site. Mark your calendars now for a not-to-be-missed birthday party!

SAVE THE DATES!

July 12 - Downtown Arts Day, Jeffersonville. Invitational Artisans' Fair returns from 11am to 3pm, followed by WCM's **Bicentennial Concert** at 3pm, & a meet-the-artists' reception at Global Home afterwards. Composers with a Sullivan connection are highlighted: **Irving Berlin, Lee Hoiby & Harry Woods**.

July 14 & 21 - Café Concert with Panache dinner concerts

July 16 & 23 - MusicTalks! Illustrated music & lecture demos

July 17 & 24 - At Work & Play Behind the Notes workshops

July 18 & 26 - Gala Saturdays highlight Russia, a touch of romance & new American music.

July 26 - Family Day at the Farm with a tale of wind & energy on the fantastical planet of "Zephyronia," featuring special guest **Bruce Adolphe**, composer & narrator.

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