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16th Catskills Chamber Music Season Kicks Off at Big Twig

Weekend of Chamber Music begins its 16th season at **3 pm Sunday March 29** at the Big Twig Studio in Roscoe. Hosted by Dana & Carolyn Duke, the venue is at the summit of County Road 93, just past Tennenah Lake. Visitors are encouraged to come early & enjoy the pottery gallery and scenic views of the Pocono Mountains & the Delaware River Valley.

Listeners will hear music by Mozart, Chopin, Berg and Glinka in various ensembles for flute, clarinet, piano and bassoon. The first half of the program includes a W.A. Mozart Divertimento, and Alban Berg's *Vier Stücke* for clarinet and piano. After a short intermission, a Marzurka by Frederic Chopin and Mikhail Glinka's Trio in E-flat Major are on the program. The audience is invited to stay for a meet-the-artists reception and refreshments immediately after the concert in the gallery.

The concert is performed by flutist Judith Pearce, pianist Marija Stroke, clarinetist Allen Blustine and bassoonist Leonard Hindell, all of whom have notable performing and teaching careers. A Manhattan resident, Blustine is a member of the New York Chamber Soloists and the Festival Winds. Recently retired from the New York Philharmonic, Hindell also toured Japan and Hong Kong with the New York Symphonic Ensemble, and with Zubin Mehta and the Israel Philharmonic's South American tour. The New Yorker dubbed Pearce "...a rare and beautiful performer...", and her collaborators have included Sir Simon Rattle and Peter Maxwell Davies. She teaches flute at Princeton University and founded Weekend of Chamber Music in 1994. Marija Stroke was praised by The Strad for her "...magnificent perception and sensitivity." She is a recitalist and founding member of the renowned Apollo Trio, and has performed with several string quartets, including the Brentano and Cassat.

Tickets are \$20 per person, cash or check at the door. Admission is free for students 18 & under. For directions, visit online at WCMconcerts.org. Please note, Big Twig has limited handicapped access. For information, call 845-932-8527 or email info@WCMconcerts.org.

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