



2010 Spring Concerts *Fundraising Appeal*

May, 2010

Happy Spring!

This has been a fantastic season for WCMS. Our concerts have received critical acclaim, our audiences are growing, and our organization is expanding.

None of this would be possible without the support of our donors and we thank you.

Our May concerts *Around the World* (we should have named it *Violas Abound!*) feature violists Peter Sulski and Mark Berger performing George Benjamin's *Viola, Viola*. Joshua Gordon, cellist with the Lydian String Quartet, joins us for these concerts.

The WCMS Summer Festival has a new home at Anna Maria College in Paxton. Classes and concerts will be held in the newly renovated Miriam Hall. We are looking forward to further developing our relationship with the college and the Paxton community.

Our big news is that we are ensemble-in-residence at Assumption College beginning in the fall of 2010. It is an opportunity for us to work closely with the Assumption College students and to perform two free concerts in Worcester sponsored by Assumption College *HUMANARTS*.

We are putting the final touches on our 2010-2011 season: our most ambitious yet. As always, we are committed to making WCMS concerts financially accessible to all in the community. Next year, as a special effort to reach out to families with young children, we are offering a *free family concert* scheduled for March 6th in Mechanics Hall.

Four new towns are on our list of concert venues for 2010-2011, Hardwick, Leominster, Oakham, and Whitinsville, further expanding our geographic accessibility to those in Worcester County.

We look forward to your financial support as we continue our commitment to enriching the cultural life of Worcester County, and educating future generations of musicians and audiences. Without you, WCMS would not exist. We count on you to donate what you are able so that we can continue to bring you music that will feed your heart and fill your soul.

With deepest gratitude,



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WCMS, First Impressions

By David Russell

It’s been a bit more than two years since Krista Buckland Reisner asked me if I might be interested in playing a fun-sounding chamber concert in Worcester. I have known Krista for quite a few years now, and we play together regularly in several groups in the Boston area. Many of those groups specialize in contemporary music, so I was delighted at the chance to perform on a Baroque program, including a Bach cantata to be sung by Maria Ferrante.

As it turned out, my WCMS debut took place in the living room of Ruth Westheimer, a devoted supporter of the organization who was hosting a VOR which was attended by a group of absolutely delightful, perceptive and intrigued music-lovers. What a wonderful event that was, and I was hooked!

Since then, I’ve been welcomed by this eclectic and talented bunch, and look forward to every concert we

have together. I am strongly impressed and deeply moved by the overwhelming enthusiasm that WCMS has garnered in the short time I’ve been involved as their cellist. The support and excitement I feel at every event is certainly due, in no small part, to the extraordinary vision and leadership of Peter Sulski and Tracy Kraus. Tracy and Peter work tirelessly and brilliantly to bring this group into halls, churches, schools and homes all across central Massachusetts. Brava, and thank you!

WCMS, in a very short time, established itself as a vital force in the arts in Massachusetts. This is, of course, also due to the devotion of our listeners. In a time when the music of the concert hall seems, at times, to be fading away, it’s heartening to be reminded of how powerful this music is by seeing so many people of all ages attend, and enjoy, these concerts. We thank you, our audience, for letting us play for you!

2010-2011 SEASON PREVIEW

THE RUSSIAN SPIRIT - September 25/26
 Schnittke, Rachmaninoff, & Tchaikovsky

BEETHOVEN REVISITED - October 23
 Grosse Fugue, Piano Concerto No. 4 & E-flat Piano Quintet

FRENCH CONNECTION - November 20/21
 Ravel, Saint-Saens, Koechlin & Debussy

SONGS OF INNOCENCE & EXPERIENCE - Jan. 8/9
 Weil, Schubert, Berger, Mozart & Foote

BAROQUE CONCERT - Feb. 12
 Bach, Telemann & Handel

FREE FAMILY CONCERT - March 6
 For the young and young at heart

THE BOHEMIANS - April 9/10
 Dvorak, Martinu, Schulhoff & Dvorak

HOLLYWOOD STARS - May 14/15
 Williams, Herrmann, Rota & Korngold

FREE SENIOR CONCERT - June 14

Look for our season brochure in your mailbox in June for details.

EDUCATION & OUTREACH

WCMS strives to increase public awareness of chamber music through education and outreach events. We present concerts and workshops in public middle and high schools. This past season, we worked with students from Clinton Middle School, The Bromfield School (Harvard), North High (Worcester), Burncoat Fine Arts Magnet (Worcester) and Shrewsbury High School.

Support for our education and outreach events has been funded to date by grants, corporate foundations, and funds raised through our Very Open Rehearsals. These rehearsals held in private homes and are advertised as fundraisers earmarked specifically for our outreach work. If you are interested in hosting a future VOR, contact us at 978-456-2730.



2010 WCMS Summer Festival

Applications are rolling for our 2010 festival!

Our festival is a non-competitive chamber music program intended to nurture musicians through training and performance opportunities. Many of our summer participants come to us after being exposed to WCMS through our work in their public school.

The program accepts strings, woodwinds and pianists, age 12 and up, including adult amateurs. Up to 50% of the participants receive scholarship assistance that enables them to attend.

Participants are placed by the faculty into groups that reflect their ability. Private lessons, chamber orchestra, chorus, and other non-performing musical workshops are offered. In addition, there is plenty of time for fun! Bowling, ultimate Frisbee, and just hanging out include some of the evening activities offered during the week.

For more information, visit us on the web at www.worcesterchambermusic.org/festival.html

WCMS Summer Festival includes four concerts by members of Worcester Chamber Music Society and QX String Quartet.

July 13, July 15, July 20 & July 22.

All concerts begin at 7:30 PM and are held at Anna Maria College, Miriam Hall. Tickets are available at the door or can be purchased in advance at www.worcesterchambermusic.org.

Around the World

Saturday, May 15 7:30 PM
All Saints Church
10 Irving Street, Worcester

Sunday, May 16 3:00 PM
St. John the Evangelist
80 Union Street, Clinton

Tickets and info at
www.worcesterchambermusic.org

These concerts are sponsored in part by a grant from the Bolton, Clinton, Harvard, Lancaster, Leominster, and Shrewsbury Cultural Councils, local agencies funded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

New this spring.....

An important part of the WCMS mission is to make our concerts accessible. We have added a final concert this season, **FOR YOUR EARS ONLY. Tuesday, June 15, 2010, 2:00 PM at Briarwood.** This concert is *free for senior citizens!* Seating is limited and reservations are recommended. Call 978-456-2730 for more information. *This concert is sponsored in part by a grant from the Worcester Cultural Commission and The Briarwood Continuing Care Retirement Community.*

SAVE THE DATE : 2010 Donor Thank You Event

Sunday, June 6 4-6 pm at the home of Jean Borgatti and Don Morrison. Invitations will be mailed shortly to all WCMS supporters. This year we will honor Matthew Erskine.

Coming in July.....

2010 WCMS Summer Festival

July 12-23 at Anna Maria College
Applications are due May 15 and are available online at www.worcesterchambermusic.org

2010-2011 Very Open Rehearsals

We have scheduled three house concerts which are carefully coordinated with our season. The dates are September 19th, February 6th and April 3rd. Call 978-456-2730 to reserve a seat.

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