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**Walk/Run to support Wintergreen Performing Arts:
The "Tour de France . . . ON FOOT!"**

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Wintergreen, VA – Lace up your sneakers and get set for the first-ever "Tour de France . . . ON FOOT!" Sunday, July 20, 2008, at Wintergreen Resort. Sponsored by Ragged Mountain Running Shop in Charlottesville, VA, this 5K run/walk event takes place on the last day of France Week during the Wintergreen Summer Music Festival. The race will be followed by a deluxe continental brunch and one of the popular Sunday morning Coffee Concerts -- Café au Lait for France Week!

The "Café au Lait" concert features the Wintergreen Chamber Players performing music by Lili Boulanger, Poulenc and Fauré. Coffee will be served prior to the one-hour concert.

Registration for the race begins at 7:30 am, with the race scheduled to begin at 8:30 am. Brunch and the concert follow at 9:30 am and 11:00 am, respectively. The \$20 entry fee (\$25 after July 13, 2008) includes the race, a t-shirt, brunch, and a ticket to the concert. Entry for ages 10-17 is \$10; under 10 free. Spectators and other non-participants can enjoy the brunch and attend the concert for \$20. Single tickets for just the concert are available for \$15 for adults and \$10 for ages 10-17; children under 10 will be admitted free.

Prizes will be awarded for overall and age-group winners. Entry forms and detailed information can be found at www.wintergreenperformingarts.org.

The race is just one of many events during Wintergreen Performing Arts' 2008 Summer Music Festival July 7-Aug. 3: "Old World, New World - Spain, France, Italy, and The Americas - A Journey of Discovery," which includes orchestra and chamber music concerts, solo recitals, a series of informal seminars, cooking classes, wine tastings, plays, cabaret performances, a film festival – more than 150 events in all. Ticket information and a full schedule of activities can be found at www.wintergreenperformingarts.org.

Located in Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains, Wintergreen Performing Arts, Inc. (WPAI), under the Artistic and Executive direction of Larry Alan Smith, is a non-profit organization that produces a high-quality summer music festival featuring symphonic and chamber concerts, as well as other performing arts programs throughout the year. Education is a major part of the organization's mission, reflected both in the Wintergreen Summer Music Academy and in outreach programs for those living in the surrounding area. By attracting first-rate musicians to participate as performers and educators, WPAI strives to enrich the lives of all—residents and visitors alike—who share the unique Wintergreen experience.

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