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Wintergreen Summer Music Festival Brings Spain to Charlottesville

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Wintergreen, VA – On Friday, July 11, Wintergreen Performing Arts brings its 2008 Summer Music Festival, “Old World, New World,” to Old Cabell Hall Auditorium. As part of Spain Week in the Festival’s “Old World, New World - Spain, France, Italy, and The Americas - A Journey of Discovery,” the Wintergreen Festival Orchestra, conducted by Christopher Zimmerman, will conduct the rarely heard original version of Manuel de Falla’s “gypsy piece” *El Amor Brujo* (Love, The Magician). This composition for voice, actors and chamber orchestra captures the rhythms and passions of gypsy Spain. *El Amor Brujo* tells the story of the gypsy Candelas who cannot find love again until she escapes from the spell of her former lover, who was killed in a knife fight. Listeners will recognize the Ritual Fire Dance and the Dance of Terror as familiar and beautiful pieces that stand on their own.

Also on the program is *Beethoven’s Piano Concerto No. 5 (the Emperor Concerto)*. The soloist is renowned Spanish pianist Gustavo Diaz-Jerez. Diaz-Jerez is one of the foremost Spanish pianists of his generation, known for his mastery of the contemporary and the time-honored repertoire.

The Old Cabell Hall Auditorium concert is only part of Wintergreen Performing Arts’ 2008 program which includes solo recitals and chamber music concerts, a series of informal seminars, cooking classes, wine tastings, plays, a piano marathon, a Bastille Day Celebration, cabaret performances – 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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