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Music Festivals are for Little People, Too!

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Wintergreen, VA – Music festivals are for little people, too, and the 2008 Wintergreen Summer Music Festival (WSMF) includes several new events for children and families. This year's theme is "Old World, New World - Spain, France, Italy, and The Americas - A Journey of Discovery" and takes place July 7-Aug. 3, 2008.

On Tuesdays (July 8, 15, 22, and 29), children participating in Wintergreen Resort's nationally recognized Treehouse program will learn about a variety of musical instruments with students from the Wintergreen Summer Music Academy and on Thursdays (July 10, 17, 24, and 31), they will visit rehearsals of the Wintergreen Festival Orchestra or the Academy Chamber Orchestra in the Evans Center. A member of the WSMF staff will serve as the tour guide for the visits to the Evans Center.

These activities are free for children ages 2/12-12 attending the Treehouse program at Wintergreen Resort. For rates or to register, phone 434-325-8180.

Saturday afternoon ice cream making in the courtyard is a summer tradition at Wintergreen, and Saturdays during the Summer Music Festival will feature musical ice cream. Saturdays at 3 pm (July 12, 19, 26, and August 2), a member of the WSMF staff will be present to provide special musical toppings . . . Wintergreen style.

Families should also plan to attend the popular Coffee Concerts on Sunday mornings (July 13, 20, 27 and August 3) at 11 am in the Evans Center ($15 for adults, $10 ages 10-17, under 10 free). These are fun, informal, one-hour concerts that are performed without an intermission. The little people won't have to drink coffee – they'll have their own drinks!

These events are part of Wintergreen Performing Arts' 2008 Wintergreen Summer Music Festival, 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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