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## Nurock Rocks Wintergreen Summer Music Festival

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Wintergreen, VA – Wintergreen Summer Music Festival's (WSMF) traditional array of symphonic and chamber concerts is "jazzin' up." July 28-August 3, 2008, week four of "Old World, New World - Spain, France, Italy, and The Americas - A Journey of Discovery" will feature the cool cadences of jazz pianist and composer Kirk Nurock.

Mr. Nurock's three concerts will pay tribute to the past and celebrate the present. On August 1, he will be joined by trumpeter John D'earth for America's Jazz legends – Duke Ellington, Thelonius Monk and more. Prominent in the concerts of August 2 and 3 will be vocal jazz as featured in Nurock's *Jazz Meets Poetry: The Kirk Nurock Songbook*. Latin Jazz will be highlighted as Robert Jospé and Inner Rhythm perform at Veritas Vineyard & Winery in Afton, VA, on July 30.

Americas Week will not overlook the great contributions of the Americas to the traditional, though. The James Piano Quartet and violinist Christopher Pulgram will perform an evening of chamber music on July 29<sup>th</sup>, and six performances of playwright Peter Coy's Helen Hayes Award-winning play, *A House in the Country*, will be presented July 29-August 2 in cooperation with the Hamner Theater of Nellysford, VA.

Jazz is only part of the July 7- August 3 WSMF, which includes symphony concerts, solo recitals, a series of informal seminars, cooking classes, wine tastings, 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](http://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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