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Listen, Learn and Listen at Wintergreen Summer Music Festival Seminars

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Wintergreen, VA – Rhythm, melody and harmony are the building blocks of music but how do they make Debussy sound so French or put the salsa in salsa? This year's Wintergreen Summer Music Festival (WSMF) "Old World, New World - Spain, France, Italy, and The Americas - A Journey of Discovery" to be held July 7-August 3 at Wintergreen Resort, VA will offer a series of seminars designed to enhance appreciation of the Festival's extensive musical, literary, and cinematic events.

Expanded to both weekday and Saturday mornings, the seminars are opportunities for relaxed and informal learning from the masters themselves. Ambassador Inocencio F. Arias, Composers Michael White, Anton Garcia Abril, Kirk Nurock and Nathan Currier will be among the distinguished faculty members as well as chanteuse Hélène Delavault, pianist Gustavo Diaz-Jerez, and playwright Peter Coy. Christina Ball, owner and director of Ecco Italy in Charlottesville, VA, will discuss Italian films and the Italian film industry at the morning seminars on July 21, 22 and 23.

This year, participants will be able to pick and choose from a host of topics during the four weeks of the Festival. Find out why composers Haydn and Mozart were such great friends as well as great composers; learn how orchestration and form contribute to a masterpiece; or get inside the musical workings of Olivier Messiaen's *Quartet for the End of Time* or Mozart's *Paris Symphony*.

Designed for the Wintergreen Resort weekend warrior, the Saturday Seminars will be offered July 12, 19, 26 and August 2 from 9-10:30 am at Tuckahoe School in the valley and will be repeated from 11:00 am -12:30 pm at Trillium House on the Wintergreen mountaintop. The cost is \$40 for the four seminars or \$15 for the day. Morning Seminars will offer two topics each day and take place each week from Monday through Friday at 9:30 am and 10:45 am on the mountain during weeks I, II and III and in the valley during week IV of the WSMF. Each topic is scheduled for an hour and coffee will be served. The weekly rate is \$50 and daily attendance is \$15 per day. Festival Season Pass holders may come and go as they please.

Morning seminars are only part of the WSMF which includes orchestra and chamber music concerts, solo performances, 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 seminars and 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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