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Soloists, Strings Serenade at Wintergreen Summer Music Festival

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Wintergreen, VA – Spanish music lovers won't have to go to Spain this year to be serenaded by the rhythms of the Iberian peninsula. Pianist Gustavo Diaz-Jerez will be the guest soloist during Spanish week "Old World, New World - Spain, France, Italy, and The Americas - A Journey of Discovery," the 2008 Wintergreen Summer Music Festival (WSMF) to be held July 7-August 3 at Wintergreen Resort, Wintergreen, VA.

Señor Diaz-Jerez will perform the complete *Iberia* by Isaac Albeniz on July 10 at 7:30 pm. This monumental work for solo piano was completed in 1908, and WSMF joins in the celebration of the 100th anniversary of this important music. Festival attendees will continue their Spanish musical enjoyment on July 12 when guest artist Lukasz Kuropaczewski will perform "An Evening of Spanish Guitar Music" at 6:00 pm.

This paradise of solo stars will continue during France week on July 17 at 7:30 pm with a violin recital given by Christopher Pulgram, Concertmaster of the Wintergreen Festival Orchestra. Mr. Pulgram, assisted by pianist Peter Marshall and flutist Justin Berrie, will present music by Leclair, Martinu, Mozart and Fauré.

Solo recitals are only part of the Spain, France, Italy, and The Americas "Journey of Discovery" of WSMF, which includes orchestra 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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