

# Ars longa, vita brevis

Art is long, life is short



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The Official  
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Performing Arts

## Next week!

A picture really is worth a thousand words! *Voilà!* You are looking at Antibes in France on the Mediterranean Sea . . . a place that was significant in the life of Pablo Picasso. If you travel to the town of Antibes, you can visit the Musée Picasso. It is located in the Château Grimaldi, which was built upon the foundations of the ancient Greek town of Antipolis.



### OR

You can attend the 2011 Wintergreen Summer Music Festival and see the exhibition of Picasso prints that will be on display at Les Yeux du Monde in Charlottesville. Go for the *deluxe package* (which, by the way, is *100% free*):

- Two different talks by art historian Victoria Beck Newman

(Wednesday, July 13 at 4:00 pm at Wintergreen and Thursday, July 14 at 3:30 pm in C-ville)

- The Exhibition Opening (4:30-6:30 pm on Thursday, July 14 in C-ville)
- A talk on printmaking by artist Russ Warren (3:00 on Sunday, July 17 in C-ville)

So . . . what will it be? A \$1,300 air ticket to France or a nice short drive?



**Italian saxophonist Gaetano Di Bacco** will play two concerti with the Wintergreen Festival Orchestra on July 8 and 10!

## Poseidon is ready for some vino, are you?

**Enoteca Filippo Mazzei:  
Mediterranean Wine Tastings**

Every Saturday from 4:00-5:30 pm in the FPC (little tent) -

Each week will have a different focus . . . From the many wine regions of the Mediterranean



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### Special points of interest:

- *WSMF - Program Book*
- *Susan's Trip*
- *How to help WPA*
- *Notes from the President*

WPA's fiscal year runs from October through September. Your support is essential to the future of the Wintergreen Summer Music Festival. We deeply appreciate all of the support that we receive from our donors.

**2011  
Wintergreen  
Summer  
Music  
Festival**

**July 6-August 7**

# Larry Alan Smith: “I simply ran out of room”

Creating the Festival’s program book is a monumental undertaking. The 2011 book, finished on June 24 at 8:00 am, was no exception. Larry Alan Smith writes it in Connecticut, WPA Vice President Nanci Taylor edits it in Virginia and Anna Markell designs it in Florida. This year, it took 16 days to create, involved 738 e-mail messages and required the manipulation of 272 separate computer files! During the writing of the book, many great ideas surface, but in the end, we need to give priority to providing facts and dates and times (and ads!) . . . all of the things people want and need to enjoy the Festival. That being said, there are always things that have to be left out at the last minute.

Even though the 2011 Program Book won’t surface until Friday, July 8 at the Opening Night Reception and Performance, **Ars longa, vita brevis** is going to bring you one of the pages that didn’t make it. Why you ask? Because it contains some important information, and if you haven’t met any of these people, you need to know the cast of characters.

### Who’s Who at Wintergreen?



**Karen Quillen, Director of Development and Marketing & Office Manager**



**Sara Quillen, Marketing Assistant**



**Lorenzo**



**Giuseppe**



**John Echols**  
WSMA Residence Life Director



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**Poseidon, God of the 2011 WSMF**

**John Echols** (WSMA Residence Life Director) is a recent graduate from Virginia Tech with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics. He plays the trombone recreationally, and in his free time, John enjoys hiking and caving.



**Shana Allen**  
Assistant to the Artistic and Executive Director

A native of Dublin, Virginia, and a former intern for WSMF, **Shana Allen** returns in 2011 as Assistant to the Artistic and Executive Director. She is a recent graduate from The Florida State University with a Master of Arts in Arts Administration. She graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Music emphasizing music education and a performance certificate in hom.



**Grant Ellis, Production Manager**



**Meg Saunders, Orchestra Librarian**



+ our 2011 interns (Mariah Lowery, Matt Primm and Amelia Wegert)

## 2011 TEAM WSMF

# Go Team!

In case you haven't heard . . .

WINTERGREEN PERFORMING  
*Arts*  
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REALMS  
OF GOLD  
A MEDITERRANEAN  
ODYSSEY

2011 Wintergreen Summer  
Music Festival and Academy  
July 6-August 7  
Wintergreen Resort • Virginia

*The 2011  
WSMF: July  
6-August 7*

**AND . . .**

**Another idea that will have to wait until the 2012 Program Book relates to our photos and our photographers!**

**We want to list all of our photographers at the back of the book and identify their work by indicating page numbers.**

**FYI**

**About 10 % of the photos in the 2011 Program Book were taken by Ben Blankenburg at a photo shoot last July.**

**About 75 % of the photos were taken by Wintergreen resident John S. Taylor.**

**Poseidon would like you to mark your calendars!**

## Susan's Trip to Vienna, Austria, June 1-9, 2011

### The 2010 Wintergreen Summer Music Festival lives on!

*One of the great things about WPA and the annual Wintergreen Summer Music Festival is that new friendships are always being formed and new connections are always being made, even though we move from one Festival to the next.*

*Several people with Wintergreen connections recently made a trip to Vienna with composer Michael White and art historian Lisa Hahn (both WSMF regulars). Susan Montgomery, a member of the WPA Board of Directors, wrote about the trip for some of her friends. We are grateful that she is allowing us to include it here.*

Dear Friends,

Sarah [*Susan's daughter*] and I had the most wonderful trip to Vienna this June; I wanted to give you some of the highlights and touch base with you and yours for the summer. The trip was planned by friends from the Wintergreen Summer Music Festival in response to last summer's Festival theme of "Vienna." We had heard a lot of music from Viennese composers (which covers most of the 18th and 19th century composers you have heard). Vienna was truly a center for music and the arts for the three centuries of Hapsburg rule of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. The palaces and public buildings erected to support this empire were truly amazing (from Renaissance to the Wiener Jugendstil) and make Vienna, to me, the most beautiful city in Europe. Each day was full of visits to art museums and composers' homes, culminated by an evening concert; so we were incredibly busy.

We started our week with a visit to the Mozart House in Vienna and then boarded a fast train to Salzburg to visit his homes for the earlier years of his life. We saw his original piano and original compositions. We enjoyed the gardens of the Mirabell Palace where the Sound of Music was filmed.

Our concerts were wonderful. We enjoyed three different concerts at the Musikverein where the Vienna Philharmonic performs; one of these was traditional Viennese music of dances, others more classical repertoire. We had two piano concertos with the Vienna Symphony that performed at the Vienna Konzerthaus. We enjoyed two operas at the renowned Vienna State Opera House (*Salome* and *Eugen Onegin*) – a gorgeous venue to experience. Sarah and I also added an afternoon concert of the Vienna Boys Choir (instituted in 1498!) and performed in the Brahms Hall of the Musikverein. One of our guides is a professor at The Juilliard School and each evening discussed what we would hear, the performer and composer and details of the music. We visited the homes of Beethoven and graves of many of the great composers.

During the day, we saw a lot of wonderful art at a myriad of museums and palaces. We made a point to see whatever we could of the Vienna Secession movement of art wherever it was shown. These artists painted at the opening of the 20th century and are credited with ushering in the modern movement of art. In particular we discussed and saw works of Gustav Klimt and Egon Schiele. We toured the Liechtenstein Palace and heard a wonderful harpsichord concert in its Herculean Hall. Our art leader was a woman with a master's of art history degree, Lisa Hahn, who has a real love of architecture, and so we were introduced to a lot of beautiful buildings as well and their architects. On several days we were joined by an Austrian history professor.

One memorable evening we were invited to a private home of friends of our art historian and treated to appetizers and champagne on their roof-top terrace overlooking all Vienna! They also had engaged a string quartet to play for us!! Every evening we would stroll back to the hotel via a coffee and pastry café! The weather was good except for one major downpour. Can you tell that this was an extraordinary tour? I wish you all could have been with us. I would go back in a heartbeat.

Thanks for indulging me!

Susan Montgomery

# Photos from Susan's trip



**Have you purchased your Festival Season Pass?**

## Events Fair and Opening Night

Have you heard the news?

### Events Fair 2011-12

Come to the Opening Night Reception and Performance of the 2011 Wintergreen Summer Music Festival in order to sign up for these exciting events!

**BIRTHDAY DINNER WITH MICHAEL WHITE**

Monday, July 11, 6:30 PM, 20 guests @ \$90 pp

**SUNDAY IN THE PARK**

Sunday, July 17, 12:00 Noon, 20 guests @ \$35 pp

**TAVERNA BY THE LAKE (Greek Food, Wine and Dancing)**

Monday, July 25, 6:30-10:00 PM, 60 guests @ \$60 pp  
*(Tickets to this event are available online NOW)*

**MORSELS ON THE MOVE: A PROGRESSIVE DINNER**

Saturday, August 27, 6:00 PM, 48 guests, \$75 pp

**IMPROV NIGHT**

Saturday, Oct. 1, 7:00 PM, 75 guests, \$30 pp

**WINTERGREEN GOING TO THE DOGS**

Sunday, Nov. 6, 2:00-4:30 PM, 100 guests, \$35 pp  
*(30 dog entries accepted)*

**YOUR TABLE IS READY:**

**A DISPLAY OF FESTIVE TABLE DECOR**

Sunday, Dec. 4, 1:00-4:00 PM, \$20 pp

**BUON APPETITO!**

Saturday, Jan. 21, 2012, 6:30 PM, 16 guests \$75 pp

**DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE**

Sunday, May 2012 - TBD, 2012, 50 guests, \$50 pp

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**Odysseus plans to attend Opening Night!**

## We need your help . . .

### What can you do to help Wintergreen Performing Arts?

We have immediate needs in the following areas:

1. After many years of service to WPA and the Wintergreen community as the Chair of our Housing Committee, Nancy Nevill plans to step down at the end of the 2011 season. This is a big, but most rewarding job. It involves making contact with Wintergreen residents in order to identify housing for members of the Wintergreen Festival Orchestra and the Festival's guest artists. While some residents make their homes available on an annual basis, we always need new homes and creative solutions. The ideal Housing Chair would be someone who knows the community well, probably lives on the mountain (certainly not a requirement), is available throughout the entire Festival and loves to solve problems. Are you that person? Do you know that person?? It is said that the fastest track to sainthood is to serve as the Housing Chair for WPA.
2. Speaking of housing . . . Would you be willing to host someone in your home . . . or allow us to use your home for some or all of the Festival?
3. We are also enlisting volunteers to participate in the WPA Workout Plan. Briefly stated, we are looking for hale and hearty types who enjoy working with their hands in the great outdoors . . . putting up tents, taking down tents, cleaning chairs, placing chairs, etc., etc. Like Wonder Bread, WPA builds strong bodies! Seriously, the folks who help us with this provide a tremendous service, and we are extremely grateful.
4. Finally, if you have an uncontrollable urge to drive between Wintergreen and Charlottesville, we could use your help during the upcoming Festival.

*For further information, contact Karen Quillen at (434) 325-8292.*

## Let the good times roll on August 13th!

6th Annual



Blue Ridge Mountain



Music Fest



**Venus wants to hear the bayan on Classics III!**

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## Notes from the President

Dear Friends and Supporters:

Just when you thought you could relax after enjoying the 33 days and 200 events of this year's Wintergreen Summer Music Festival, WPA will transport you in just six short days from the azure beaches of the Mediterranean to the lush Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. The Wintergreen Summer Music Festival ends on Sunday, August 7, and on Saturday, August 13, our annual all-day celebration of the musical heritage of the land in which we live takes place, the *6<sup>th</sup> Annual Blue Ridge Mountain Music Fest*. The music starts at noon and goes until 7:00 pm.

Returning to the Mountain Music Fest all the way from Middlebrook, Virginia, will be *Robin and Linda Williams and Their Fine Group*. For more than a quarter of a century, they have delighted audiences large and small with a blend of bluegrass, folk, old-time and acoustic country music that truly merits the title of "American music." They have gained widespread national prominence on Garrison Keillor's "A Prairie Home Companion," as one half of The Hopeful Gospel Quartet, as well as performing in their own right.

Also appearing will be *The Dry Branch Fire Squad*, an old time Appalachian String Band with a humorous twist. The band is known for its exceptional live performances and the self-deprecating humor and intelligence

that mandolin player and lead singer Ron Thomason brings to the stage along with the music. Ron is from southwest Virginia – Russell County to be exact – and DBFS's performances are embellished with his humorous stories. For those of you who haven't heard this group before, you are in for an exceptional afternoon of very fine music and side-splitting humor.

Also performing will be the *Virginia Ramblers*, a Nelson and Albemarle County-based bluegrass group, and the afternoon of music will conclude with the old time music of *Kim and Jimbo Cary with Pete and Ellen Vigour*. The Carys and Vigours will be leading jamming sessions throughout the day. So come out and enjoy this kind of music where it should be heard, in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia.



As if you weren't geographically confused enough by this fast transition from the Mediterranean to Virginia, we will make you positively dizzy with our *International Wine Festival* on Saturday, September 3, and our *Oktoberfest* on Saturday, September 24. So don't even try to resist. Let Wintergreen Performing Arts seriously disorient you this summer.

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Don Burland, President  
Wintergreen Performing Arts

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