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Bay Chamber Concerts opens its 50th Anniversary with Peter Serkin and Shmuel Ashkenasi.

Join the celebration!

Bay Chamber Concerts turns 50 this summer as **Midcoast Maine's premiere presenter of the performing arts!** Bay Chamber Concerts Artistic Director and Co-founder, Thomas Wolf, announces the organization's 50th Anniversary season. "It is a milestone for us and so many distinguished musicians from all over the world want to be part of it. We are thrilled that opening night on July 1 will feature Shmuel Ashkenasi, violinist and Peter Serkin, pianist," says Wolf.

International violin star, Midori, and pianist Menahem Pressler, now in his eighth decade of performing are among those luminaries returning to Rockport this summer. The series will be anchored by Bay Chamber Concerts' resident ensemble, the St. Lawrence String Quartet. Wolf commented, "We are so fortunate to have one of the leading quartets in the world today. And I am pleased that there will be ample opportunity to hear young and emerging talent. "

Bay Chamber will also be offering three free concerts this season, including a special 50th Anniversary outdoor concert at the Camden Harbor Park. Emil Stuccio and The Classics return to Camden to perform with The Chiclettes in Bay Chamber's "July 3rd Doo-Wop Bash." This performance was coordinated with the Camden Rotary Club and the CRL Chamber of Commerce as part of a daylong series of performances in Harbor Park culminating with the traditional evening of Camden fireworks.

Founded in 1961 by brothers Andrew and Thomas Wolf, Bay Chamber Concerts features world-renowned artists. During July and August the Summer Music Festival brings classical, jazz and film events to the historic Rockport Opera House and Strand Theatre in Rockland. In the summer of 2010, Bay Chamber Concerts will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary with an exciting line-up of award-winning international artists!

Bay Chamber Concerts is also committed to providing educational opportunities to students of all ages. For 50 years, Bay Chamber Concerts has awarded annual prizes to young Maine Musicians. Bay Chamber Concerts also offers private instruction, orchestral opportunities, and other music education to local musicians and community members of all ages and abilities.

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Throughout the rest of the year (October through May) the Performing Arts Series features classical, jazz, and world music, as well as dance events. Bay Chamber Concerts is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization. For more information, or to purchase tickets, contact Bay Chamber Concerts at (207) 236-2823, toll free at (888) 707-2770 or online at www.baychamberconcerts.org.