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An All Star Finale

Bay Chamber Concerts closes its 49th Summer Music Festival

Bay Chamber Concerts closes its 49th Summer Music Festival with two concerts featuring principal musicians from the nation's top orchestras performing several woodwind masterworks, including the unforgettable Dvořák Wind Serenade. "First Chair All Stars: Treasures" will be performed on Wednesday, August 26 at 8:00 p.m. at the Strand Theatre in Rockland. Thursday, August 27, 8:00 p.m., will bring the Summer Music Festival to a close with a concert titled, "First Chair All Stars: Masterworks."

First Chair All Stars is the classical music equivalent of "baseball All Star games" where the best in the profession come to play together. The idea for the concerts was expressed by Joseph Robinson, former principal oboist at the New York Philharmonic. Robinson and Thomas Wolf, artistic director of Bay Chamber concerts, were at a conference discussing ways to increase participation in classical music when Robinson suggested an "All Star" series for musicians.

"I have been looking forward to these concerts all summer," commented Bay Chamber Concerts' artistic director Thomas Wolf. "It is a rare opportunity to have this many musicians at this level onstage together performing chamber music – it is one of the many things that makes Bay Chamber Concerts unique!"

The performers come from the top orchestras across the country. They are: Demarre McGill, Principal flute, San Diego Symphony; Katherine Needleman, Principal oboe, Baltimore Symphony; Liang Wang, Principal oboe, New York Philharmonic; Loren Kitt, Principal clarinet, National Symphony; Joshua Ranz, Principal clarinet, Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra; Greg Raden, Principal clarinet, Dallas Symphony; Michael Rusinek, Principal clarinet, Pittsburgh Symphony; Judith LeClair, Principal bassoon, Philadelphia Orchestra; Daniel Matsukawa, Principal bassoon, Philadelphia Orchestra; William Cabellero, Principal French horn, Pittsburgh Symphony; Richard King, Principal French horn, Cleveland Orchestra; Jennifer Montone, Principal French horn, Philadelphia Orchestra; James Sommerville, Principal French horn, Boston Symphony; Glenn Garlick, Principal cello, National Symphony; and Edwin Barker, Principal bass, Boston Symphony.

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On Wednesday, August 26 they'll perform Hummel's "Octet-Partita in E flat," Gounod's "Petite Symphonie, Op. 90," and Mozart's "Serenade in B flat, K.361." There will be a reception with the artists following the concert at the Jonathan Frost Gallery. The concert is co-sponsored by Bartlett Woods.

The concert on Thursday, August 27 will include Mozart's "Movements from 'The Abduction from the Seraglio,'" Beethoven's "Octet for winds, Op.103," and Dvořák's "Serenade in D minor, Op.44." Before the concert there will be a pre-concert talk at 7:00 p.m. with Thomas Wolf and some of the visiting musicians. After the concerts there will be a reception with the artists at CMCA. The concert is sponsored by Windsor Chairmakers.

Tickets to "First Chair All Stars: Treasures" and "First Chair All Stars: Masterworks" are \$25 to \$35 for adults, \$8 for youth ages 18 and under. Discounts are available for subscribers and groups of 8 or more. Bay Chamber Concerts is a 501(c)(3) registered non-profit organization. The media sponsor is VillageSoup.com. 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.

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Calendar Listings:

Date: Wednesday, August 26, 8:00 p.m.

Location: The Strand Theatre, 345 Main Street, Rockland, ME 04841

Title: First Chair All Stars: Treasures

Sponsors: Co-sponsor: Bartlett Woods.

Performers: Demarre McGill, flute; Katherine Needleman and Liang Wang, oboes; Loren Kitt, Joshua Ranz, Greg Raden and Michael Rusinek, clarinets; Judith LeClair and Daniel Matsukawa, bassoons; William Cabellero, Richard King, Jennifer Montone, and James Sommerville, French horns; and Edwin Barker, bass. .

Program: Mozart: Serenade for 13 winds, K.361; Hummel: Octet Partita in E flat; and Gounod: Petite Symphonie.

Description: Great principal players from America's finest orchestras, including the symphonies of Boston, Cleveland, New York and Philadelphia come together to provide a one-of-a kind performance. Only in Midcoast Maine at Bay Chamber Concerts can one hear these great performers on the same stage!

Price: \$25-\$35 for adults, \$8 for ages 25 and under. Discounts available for subscribers and groups of 8 or more.

Date: Thursday, August 27, 8:00 p.m.

Location: Rockport Opera House, 6 Central Street, Rockport, ME 04856

Title: First Chair All Stars: Masterworks

Sponsors: Sponsor: Windsor Chairmakers.

Performers: Katherine Needleman and Liang Wang, oboes; Loren Kitt and Greg Raden, clarinets; Michael Rusinek and Joshua Ranz, clarinets and basset horns; Judith LeClair and Daniel Matsukawa, bassoons; William Cabellero, Richard King, Jennifer Montone, and James Sommerville, French horns; and Edwin Barker, bass..

Program: Dvořák: Wind Serenade Op.44; Mozart: "Abduction from the Seraglio," K.384; and Beethoven: Wind Octet, Op.103.

Description: Bay Chamber Concerts' 49th season ends with fanfare as 13 principal players from the great American orchestras perform the unforgettable Dvořák Wind Serenade, plus a delightful arrangement of one of Mozart's operas, and a piece by Beethoven.

Price: \$25-\$35 for adults, \$8 for ages 25 and under. Discounts available for subscribers and groups of 8 or more.

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