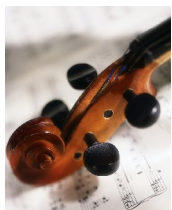


Dear Friends of the Festival:
HAPPY HOLIDAYS! We hope you have warm memories from the 2007 Methow Valley Chamber Music Festival and that the music and outdoor setting will inspire you to return again next summer. Our 13th annual festival is scheduled for July 25-August 3, 2008. It will be the inaugural year with our new artistic director and long time friend, Kevin Krentz. Along with the new leadership the festival will get a face lift that promises to bring the aesthetic feel of the festival barn into balance with the first class music that is already a tradition at the festival.

We continue to be touched by the exquisite outdoor chamber music concerts last summer, which included some of the best pieces of the repertoire, such as the Schubert Quintet with two cellos, all played by award-winning ensembles. Frederica von Stade charmed us all with her unforgettable performance up on Sun Mountain, truly bringing the MET to the Methow Valley. And the piano recital by Stephen Beus received only the highest praise.

The 2007 Festival reached a new level of excellence, carefully orchestrated by former artistic director Lisa Bergman, numerous volunteers, board & advisory members and staff. While this is rewarding, it also poses the challenge of maintaining or exceeding such a high level.



Krentz is already working hard to shape next summer's festival. He will bring two award-winning ensembles to the Methow Valley. The first, Finisterra Trio

(www.finisterra.org), is well-known to us from six years of outstanding festival performances and the second, the Biava

Quartet(www.biavaquartet.com), is recognized as one of today's most exciting young American quartets. Winner of the Naumburg Chamber Music Award and top prizes at the Premio Borciani and London International Competitions, the Quartet has established an enthusiastic following in the United States and abroad, impressing audiences with its sensitive artistry and communicative power.

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The two ensembles will work together during the week, creating both a sense of spontaneity as well as cohesion amongst these groups performing jointly in two concerts. They will be augmented

by additional guest artists. New this year, both groups will stay in the Methow for the duration of the festival to hob-knob with locals and visitors alike, and provide musical excitement up and down the valley.

The programs will continue to bring beautiful chamber music, old and new. This coming year, each concert will bring us, in addition to the great traditional works in the repertoire, one work by an

American composer. Our composers have, in a relatively short period, produced outstanding works, and the four periods of American compositions will be represented in successive concerts. In addition, the festival is working with visual artists using various media to add to the atmosphere of our venue.

"I love the concept of sitting in a barn as the sun sets and listening to quality music from engaging musicians, deer and horses roam the meadow."

-2007 Festival Participant

Enjoy great music!

-Festival Board & Staff

Festival Welcomes New Artistic Director



The Festival is proud to welcome Kevin Krentz as its new artistic director. Kevin is a career chamber musician, known to us as the cellist for the Northwest's only national or international competition

winning ensemble, Finisterra Trio. In 2000 he was a winner at the Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition with former

trio, In Flight 3. With the Finisterra Trio he has performed internationally and won prizes in the Zinetti International Chamber Music Competition and the Greenlake National Chamber Music Competition. At home in many different styles, he has been heard in national broadcast with the Bill Mays Jazz Trio, produced National Scottish Fiddling Champion Jamie Laval's Leaves of Green CD, and improvised parts on many other artists recordings including Jeremy Enigk and Emi Meyer. He is also

active as a recording studio session player in Seattle where he can be heard on many major films, commercials, video games, and CDs from Dave Mathews Band to Evanescence. Krentz can also be heard as the solo cellist on the upcoming movie, Bordertown, starring Antonio Banderas, Jennifer Lopez, and Martin Sheen. He is a dedicated and sought-after teacher in Seattle and has presented at the American String Teachers Association National Convention.

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- Four tickets-Meet the Musicians Party
- Special mention in Festival Program and Website

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- Special mention in Festival Program

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- Two tickets-Meet the Musicians Party

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