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A Bit of Summertime in March: Chesapeake Chamber Music Gala Presents Gershwin

Concert goers can experience a little bit of “Summertime” when Chesapeake Chamber Music presents *Rhapsody In Blue*, a Gershwin concert at Easton’s Avalon on Saturday, March 3, 2012 at 6 p.m. The concert will feature Adam Birnbaum, world renowned jazz pianist, who has worked with artists as diverse as Greg Osby and Wynton Marsalis. Adam has performed frequently in New York jazz clubs like the Village Vanguard and the Blue Note, as well as numerous national and international venues. He will perform excerpts from *Rhapsody in Blue*, as well as a number of other Gershwin favorites. Top female jazz vocalist Carolyn Leonhart, who has worked as lead back-up vocalist with Steely Dan, will provide a mesmerizing performance with her vibrant, clear-eyed timbre.

Rhapsody in Blue established Gershwin as a serious composer in 1924 when it was commissioned by bandleader Paul Whiteman, who requested a concerto-like piece for an all jazz concert. The composition has become one of the most popular concert pieces in America.

The concert is part of Chesapeake Chamber Music’s Gala, underwritten by Wye Financial & Trust in partnership with Gilman Hill Asset Management, Jenny Van Leeuwen Harrington, Managing Director. Proceeds from the Gala benefit Chesapeake Chamber Music and its numerous musical offerings and outreach programs. Chesapeake Chamber Music’s performance programs have won critical acclaim, with award-winning artists in performance, its YouthReach programs including First Strings and Presto! and the free in-school concerts that CCM provides.

Concert tickets are for the balcony only and may be purchased for \$25 each. For further information or to purchase tickets visit the website ChesapeakeChamberMusic.org, or call the CCM office at 410-819-0380.

CUTLINES:

#1 PHOTO: Pictured is Adam Birnbaum, renowned jazz pianist who will perform at this year’s Chesapeake Chamber Music Gala: Rhapsody in Blue!

#2PHOTO: Top female jazz vocalist Carolyn Leonhart, who has worked as lead back-up vocalist with Steely Dan, will also perform at this year’s Chesapeake Chamber Music Gala: Rhapsody in Blue!



