



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
May 22, 2012

CONTACT: Don Buxton 410 819-0380
or Amy Steward 410 829-0436

2012 Chesapeake Chamber Music Festival Offers *New Venues*

Chesapeake Chamber Music's 27th annual Festival will run from June 3 through June 17, 2012, crisscrossing the Mid Shore with venues in Easton, Centreville, Queenstown, St. Michaels and Trappe. The two-week Festival will feature 13 events, including six concerts, five artist recitals and two free open rehearsals.

Bernice Michael, the 2012 Festival Chairperson, comments, "We have enriched the Festival with daily and nightly performances ranging from early to new music. To showcase world-class chamber music to our growing audience, we offer performances in an exciting variety of venues. The unique appeal of the Chesapeake draws internationally acclaimed chamber musicians who delight us all. Come join us!"

This year's venues range from the historically significant St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Centreville to the new Performing Arts Centre at St. Michaels High School; from Queenstown in the north to Trappe in the south, expanding the Festival's reach to new audiences across the Shore. The newly renovated St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Liberty Street in Centreville, belongs to one of the oldest parishes on the Eastern Shore, having been established in 1692. On Saturday, June 9 at 4:30 p.m., the oak-vaulted ceiling of St. Paul's sanctuary, shaped like the inverted hull of an early ship, and the cathedral-style floor plan, will provide the perfect ambiance for enjoying chamber works from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries, featuring a Boccherini string quintet, the Brahms Clarinet Quintet and Argento's *Six Elizabethan Songs*.

Another new Festival venue is the Colonial-style Heathland Manor House at Hunters Oak in Queenstown. Steeped in beauty and rich in tradition, Hunters Oak is one of the Eastern Shore and Chesapeake Bay's hidden treasures. Expansive views from the manor, ponds and the nearby Wye River provide the perfect backdrop on June 10 at 4 p.m. for a Beethoven Trio, Vaughan Williams' *Blake Songs* for Oboe and Soprano and the Shostakovich Piano Quintet.

Nineteen artists will perform this year, including many familiar faces, as well as newcomers to the Eastern Shore Festival scene. Among the Festival's newest participants are violist Hsin-Yun Huang, pianist Lydia Brown, cellist Julia Lichten, French horn player David Jolley, and flutist Mindy Heinsohn, who grew up in Talbot County and had her Carnegie Hall debut under the baton of Krzysztof Penderecki.

Festival Artistic Director Marcy Rosen, a founding member of the world-renowned Mendelssohn String Quartet, remarks, "Because the music world is so close-knit, I don't have to look very hard to find wonderful musicians – they are often my colleagues and friends. This year I am thrilled to include among our "new" musicians the pianist Lydia Brown, who has been my colleague at the Marlboro Festival for many years and the marvelous violist Hsin-Yun Huang, who was for many years in the Borromeo Quartet."

The generous financial support from the business community and public enables Chesapeake Chamber Music Festival to offer affordable tickets for the Festival concerts and recitals, as well as access to open rehearsals that are free to the general public. Institutional support has been provided by Wells Fargo Advisors Financial Network and its representative, Vantage Wealth Management, the Talbot County Arts Council, the Maryland State Arts Council, Chesapeake Publishing, Benson & Mangold, and the Midshore Community Foundation.

For further information or to purchase tickets, visit www.chesapeakechambermusic.org or call 410-819-0380.

CUTLINES:

Photo #1: Pictured is St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Centreville, MD, which on Saturday, June 9 at 4:30 p.m., will host a Chesapeake Chamber Music Festival concert featuring a Boccherini string quintet, the Brahms Clarinet Quintet and Argento's *Six Elizabethan Songs*.

Photo #2: Pictured is Heathland Manor House at Hunters Oak in Queenstown, MD, which on June 10 at 4 p.m. will provide the backdrop for a Chesapeake Chamber Music Festival concert featuring a Beethoven Trio, Vaughan Williams' Blake Songs for Oboe and Soprano and the Shostakovich Piano Quintet.

BOX

Chesapeake Chamber Music Concert Series

Sunday, June 3, 2012, 5:30 p.m. – St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Easton - Recital

Tuesday, June 5, 2012, 5:30 p.m. – Inn at 202 Dover, Easton – Recital

Wednesday, June 6, 2012, 10:00 a.m. – Academy Art Museum – Open rehearsal (free)

Thursday, June 7, 2012, 5:30 p.m. – Academy Art Museum, Easton – "Four Hands" Recital

Friday, June 8, 2012, 8:00 p.m. – Avalon Theatre - "*Magnificent Mendelssohn*" Concert

Saturday, June 9, 2012, 4:30 p.m. – St. Paul's Church, Centreville - "Quint-Essential" Concert

Sunday, June 10, 2012, 4:00 p.m. – Hunters Oak, Queenstown – Concert

Tuesday, June 12, 2012, 5:30 p.m. – Christ Church, Easton – Recital

Wednesday, June 13, 2012, 10:00 a.m. – Academy Art Museum – Open rehearsal (free)

Thursday, June 14, 2012, 5:30 p.m. – Easton Studio and School - "Dynamic Duos!" Recital

Friday, June 15, 2012, 8:00 p.m. – Avalon Theatre – Concert

Saturday, June 16, 2012, 3:00 p.m. – Performing Arts Centre at St. Michaels High School, St. Michaels - "Musgrave and More!" Concert

Sunday, June 17, 2012, 4:00 p.m. – La Trappe Creek Farm – Angels Concert

