

WFOM pr #1 announcing June 12 debut performance of Kingsford grand piano

June 12th at 2pm marks the debut performance of a Vintage 1919 Steinway 9 foot concert grand piano at the Kingswood Arts Center in Wolfeboro. This program, free to the public, will be an open house 2:00-5:00 p.m., featuring local pianists from Wolfeboro, the Lakes Region and the University of NH.

In addition to the June 12th concert, there will be Sunday afternoon concerts on June 26 featuring Sally Pinkas, Artist in Residence at Dartmouth College; and on July 17, a program performed by the collaborative pianists from The Heifetz International Institute. The idea behind the purchase of the concert grand piano and three summer concert programs designed to welcome the instrument into its new space began with a visionary initiative from Wolfeboro Friends of Music. However, making the vision reality required broader community involvement. Mentally visualizing a variation on the oft-quoted African proverb, "It takes a whole village to raise a child," brings this broader community of contributors into focus.

Transform the image of the child to the gleaming mahogany concert grand piano coming "home" to The Kingswood Arts Center. Envision the "performing arts villages" of Wolfeboro Friends of Music, Great Waters Music Festival, and Heifetz International Music Institute collaborating to celebrate the new arrival; and "village patrons" of The Wolfeboro Fund for the down payment and matching gift groups comprised of an anonymous private foundation and Judy and Russ Sabanek. Include private sector community members, who so generously funded the piano's arrival and without whom there would be no new family member. Emerging is a vision of communities "inspiring each other about future growth both in the realm of music as a language and music as a medium that convenes people." [Elizabeth McCrae, Music Coordinator for summer piano concerts, Wolfeboro Friends of Music.]

Many Wolfeboro folk and regional families have already become familiar with the warmth and grandeur of the Kingswood Arts Center on McManus Road, just off of South Main St. Returning summer residents might also hurry over to the Summer Piano Concerts as well as to the Great Waters Music Festival, since their five summer concerts will be at the indoor venue this year.

At the June 12 open house and concerts all visitors will be greeted by the volunteer cadre of Great Waters, whether for easy parking which is plentiful, for a glimpse at the beautiful lobby area, or entering the 850 seat hall. Andy Campbell and Don Holm, President of Wolfeboro Friends of Music, will welcome you to hear the very first notes from the Steinway Grand Piano at 2 PM, or your choice of Classical, Romantic, or Modern solo piano music throughout the afternoon.

While June 12 admission is free, tickets are required and may be obtained from the Great Waters Music Festival office, recently relocated to 15 Varney Road, Wolfeboro. Tickets are also available at the door during the afternoon. Please enter or exit the auditorium between numbers, or during the ten-minute intermissions. Further information may be obtained at www.wfriendsofmusic.org or <http://www.greatwaters.org/>.

Fund raising for the piano will continue through the end of July. All donations will be 100% matched. Anyone who would like to make a tax-deductible contribution of any amount, large or small, is welcome to contact the organization at 569-2151, write to Don Holm for information at info@wfriendsofmusic.org or send a check payable to Wolfeboro Friends of Music to PO Box 2056, Wolfeboro NH 03894