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Wave Hill Sunday Concert Series Begins October 15

-- *Family Concerts New This Year* --

Bronx, NY (September 13, 2006) — Wave Hill provides a superb setting for small ensembles. Whether it is the walk through the gardens to reach Armor Hall, or the views of the landscape from the Hall's cathedral-like windows, nature enhances not just our enjoyment of a musical performance, but also our understanding of the deep connections between nature and the arts. This year, we present six concerts that begin in mid-October and offer a varied repertoire of classical, jazz and contemporary music. New this season is a pair of family concerts.

SUN, OCTOBER 15: David Rothenberg – Why Birds Sing: Musician, philosopher and naturalist David Rothenberg's evocations of the beauty of birdsong have included jamming in the rainforest with lyrebirds. He and his band kick off Wave Hill's concert season with bird-inspired music.

SUN, NOVEMBER 5: Ambos Mundos / Spinetti-Vega Project

Soprano Sharon Spinetti and trumpeter Ray Vega, in their first collaboration, bring their quintet of vibes, bass, drums, trumpet and voice to a program of opera, jazz and world music. Come and be part of a "live" audience: This performance will be recorded for a future CD release.

SUN, DECEMBER 17: Andy Gonzalez and the Latin Jazz Lab

Considered the premiere bassist in Latin Jazz today, Andy Gonzalez and his Latin Jazz Lab blend complex Latin rhythms with impeccable jazz improvisation.

SUN, JANUARY 21: Children's Orchestra Society Ensemble

Violinist Yeou-Cheng Ma and her ensemble of distinguished faculty from the Children's Orchestra Society present a program of classical and contemporary works by composers from Beethoven to Dadap.

SUN, FEBRUARY 18: Antares Quartet

Two-time winners of the ASCAP/CMA Award for Adventuresome Programming, this piano-clarinet quartet draws on a vast and colorful repertoire spanning the last three centuries.

SUN, MARCH 18: NOW Ensemble

Rooted in the musical classics, the Nation of We Ensemble uses its unique instrumentation – flute, clarinet, electric guitar, double bass and piano – to create a vital new sound.

Tickets for the six-concert series are \$90 and \$75 for Wave Hill members. Individual concert tickets are \$15 for Wave Hill members and \$18 for others. Tickets can be purchased by calling 718.549.3200 x385

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Family Concerts in January and April

January 7: Gustafer Yellowgold's Wide, Wild World

A golden, part-feline alien from the sun, Gustafer makes friends with some of earth's odder creatures. Creator Morgan Taylor combines music and live animation to create an imaginative blend of media. Fun for ages 3 and up.

April 1: Astrograss for Kids

This interactive performance features a quirky mix of humor with bluegrass and folk music traditions. Highlights include musical interpretations of the Shel Silverstein's poetry and sign-alongs to beloved children's tunes. Kids also provide the lyrics for an original song that is completed by the end of the show. Enjoyable for ages 5 and up.

Tickets for the family concerts are \$7 for adults who are members, and \$5 for each child, and \$12 for non-member adults and \$7 for each child. Call 718.549.3200 x385 to purchase tickets.

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Accessible by car, MTA Express Bus, Metro-North rail (to Riverdale Station), #1 subway (with a transfer at 231 St. to Bx 7/10 bus or the A train (with a transfer at 208 St. to Bx 7 bus)

HOURS 9am – 5:30pm, Tuesday through Sunday. Open until 9pm Wednesdays in June and July.

GALLERY, CAFÉ, SHOP 10am – 4:30pm, and until 8pm on Wednesdays in June and July.

ADMISSION Tuesday: Free all day
Wednesday – Sunday: \$4/general public; \$2/students and seniors 65+
Free to members and children under 6
Saturday: Free 9am to noon

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