

# Story Ideas

## Garth Newel Music Center

### 2009 Season



#### Summer Music Festival

10 weeks, 20 fabulous concerts.  
Here are some highlights.

#### July 3 ☞ Opening Night Soiree

Garth Newel's opening night champagne soiree has always been a season highlight for music and gourmet food. This year, **Nurit Bar-Josef**, Concertmaster for National Symphony Orchestra and the **Garth Newel Piano Quartet** will perform three of Garth Newel favorites from Haydn, Mendelssohn and Schumann.

#### July 4 ☞ American Gypsy Jazz and an all-american picnic

Grammy Award-winning pioneer of American gypsy jazz, **John Jorgenson** and his Quintet, complements this all-american family day.

#### July 26 ☞ Bluegrass comes to Garth Newel!

##### Laurie Lewis & the Right Hands.

Singer, songwriter, fiddler and band leader — Laurie Lewis' fresh, eclectic style of bluegrass, folk and country is why she's won a Grammy and was twice named Female Vocalist of the Year by the International Bluegrass Music Association.

#### August 15 & 16 ☞ Fry String Quartet Returns . . .

Hailed as "a triumph of ensemble playing" by *The New York Times*, **The Fry String Quartet** will feature Beethoven's Opus 18 string quartet.

#### World-class music, incredible food, and overnight accommodations, all in one place.

##### A culinary experience

A delightful concert followed by gourmet dining with friends, new acquaintances, and often the musicians themselves, sets Garth Newel apart from other concert venues. Unforgettable dinners, with the finest wines, are prepared by resident Chef Randy Wyche using only the freshest of ingredients.

##### Sample Menu

- ◆ Minted Pea Soup with Scallop Mouseline
- ◆ Baby Spinach with Tamarind Dressing and Flatbread Croutons
- ◆ Roulade of Chicken with Ham and Apricots
- ◆ Wild Rice Pilaf
- ◆ Dark Chocolate Truffle Torte with Orange Sabayon and Godiva Sauce

Chef Randy loves to cook. When he's not preparing food for Garth Newel guests, he caters and prepares carry-out for any occasion. His cooking classes are popular, too!

##### A short walk to bed.

Garth Newel's Holiday Weekends are truly unique with Friday and Saturday evening concerts, followed

by a fantastic culinary experience, then a short walk to your room. The 1924 Manor House, and Christine's Cottage, offer ten spacious rooms featuring original art and a glimpse into Garth Newel's creative past. In the morning, guests enjoy a delicious continental breakfast next to the fireplace.

#### The Garth Newel Piano Quartet plays year-round

The Garth Newel Piano Quartet, known for high-energy performances, offers fresh insight into both standard and new repertoire. Their concerts are informal, conversational, and interactive. As artists-in-residence at Garth Newel Music Center, they perform over 50 concerts each year and on tour.

#### Garth Newel and the Visual Arts

Even before there was a concert hall, Garth Newel was a gathering place for musical and visual artists. In keeping with this tradition, Garth Newel features a regional fine artist's work every year on marketing materials and on display in the concert hall. This year, Philip Barter's acrylic on canvas, titled *Allegheny River*, is featured. His career as an artist can best be described by one word — remarkable. By the 1980s he emerged as one of Maine's leading regionalist painters, and was soon heralded as the The Pine Tree State's quintessential painter.

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### **Keeping the Music Alive . . .**

Keeping classical music alive is much more than presenting outstanding professional performances. It's also about teaching upcoming generations to appreciate and play the music. Each year, exceptional young 18 - 26 year old musicians are awarded highly-competitive fellowships to attend the 4-week Garth Newel Summer Chamber Music Fellowship Program. For children 3 and up, Garth Newel offers violin lessons based on the Suzuki approach of violin instruction, which applies the principles of learning a language to the learning of music. Music in the schools enhances what students are already learning in their particular grade with an interactive program for group and individual instruction. And adult amateur musicians can learn and play with friends and new acquaintances at the Adult Chamber Music Retreat in March of each year.

### **Bath County: A History of Preservation**

*The fragile and unique Warm Springs Mountain Preserve is one of The Nature Conservancy's top global priorities. And at the Homestead Preserve, a unique real estate development owned by Celebration Associates, all but 325 acres of their 11,500 acre property is set aside for preservation . . .*

In Bath County, Virginia, preservation is a way of life and, since the 1920's, Garth Newel has been an intimate

haven dedicated to the preservation and celebration of nature and the arts. The 114-acre mountain property began as a private residence for famed painter, William Sergeant Kendall and his wife, artist and musician Christine Herter Kendall. After her husband's death, Christine Herter Kendall began to search for another use for the property, and began the conversion of the historic buildings into a music center and concert hall. Since Mrs. Kendall's death in 1981, Garth Newel Music Center has been home to resident and visiting artists dedicated to world-class artistry, and the preservation of music and music education.

### **Beyond the Music . . .**

The spectacular beauty of Virginia's Alleghany Mountains has always lured travelers and settlers to its rolling mountains and lush valleys. A rich history and a combination of cultures have shaped these mountains, and they continue to entice those in search of gorgeous vistas, history and unlimited recreational opportunities. Garth Newel provides music and fine dining, unique art and antique galleries dot the countryside, and outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy hiking, biking, fly fishing, and birding. There's also world-class golf on one of the Homestead Resort's three challenging courses.



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