



WINTERGREEN PERFORMING ARTS CELEBRATES 20 YEARS WINTERGREEN RESORT MARKS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

WINTERGREEN, Va. (June 2 2015) – [Wintergreen Resort](#) celebrates its 40th anniversary throughout 2015 and will host the 20th annual Wintergreen Performing Arts Summer Music Festival - **“Cheers! Toast 20 Years of Music in the Mountains”** honoring WPA’s evolution and growth as an organization with new artistic and management leadership. This summer, the festival will again welcome music enthusiasts from across the country to Virginia’s premier Blue Ridge Mountain destination southwest of Charlottesville.

Founded in 1995, Wintergreen Performing Arts core commitment of many years remains strong: to present beautiful music, exciting performances and stimulating programs to audiences from Wintergreen and throughout the Mid-Atlantic region.

Opening night July 8 will raise the curtain on the 2015 season with a birthday celebration. As in previous years, the festival’s 20th season will feature national and international artists, and events and performances that embrace the performing, visual and literary arts. Patrons will find orchestra, chamber music, jazz and solo concerts structured around this year’s celebratory theme.

A few 20th anniversary highlights include Mendelssohn’s Symphony No.4, vocal and jazz tributes to Frank Sinatra and Billy Holiday, Schubert’s Symphony No. 8, “Unfinished”, Music of the 1970s – classic Rock, Folk and Popular, Wagner’s Siegfried Idyll, Haydn’s Cello Concert in D Major, Traveling Through Americana, Beethoven’s Symphony No. 5, and Opening Night’s surprise birthday celebration.

Wintergreen Resort’s Blue Ridge mountain setting includes 45 holes of championship golf, and tennis center offering 19 outdoor clay courts and three indoor deco-turf courts. The adventurous will find the Zipline that soars downhill 900 feet approaching speeds of 40 mph, bungee trampolines, mechanical bull, and tubing on summer slopes. The resort’s 20-acre Lake Monocan Park provides canoes, kayaks, fishing, and bike rentals. Miles of well-marked nature trails provide spectacular views of the mountain and Rockfish and Shenandoah valleys.

The Wintergreen Spa delivers soothing relaxation and is furnished with 13 individual massage and treatment rooms, two of which feature horizontal Vichy showers, plus a staff of licensed professional therapists, and full service salon. Adjacent to the spa the Aquatics & Fitness Center has top of the line fitness equipment, indoor and outdoor swimming pools and outdoor Jacuzzis.

Accommodations at Wintergreen Resort include 230 villa-style condominiums and rental homes, from studio suites to seven-bedroom homes, each offering a fully equipped kitchen and a comfortable living area, most with fireplaces and a balcony or deck.

For more information about Wintergreen Performing Arts Summer Music Festival please visit www.wintergreenperformingarts.org. For Wintergreen Resort lodging rates during the festival, please call 855-491-1486. Discounted lodging, packages and special offers are available. For general Wintergreen Resort information, visit www.wintergreenresort.com.

###

About Wintergreen Resort: Wintergreen Resort is an 11,000-acre, four-season resort located in the Blue Ridge Mountains southwest of Charlottesville, Va. This beautiful hideaway is the ultimate vacation and conference spot, nearly 230 condominium-style accommodations; 45 holes of championship golf; snow skiing, snowboarding and snow tubing; an award-winning tennis program; a full-service, destination spa; 40,000 square feet of meeting and event space; and savory dining options. The resort is located adjacent to the Blue Ridge Parkway in beautiful central Virginia near Charlottesville, just 90 minutes from Richmond, Va., three hours from Washington, D.C. and Raleigh, N.C., five and a half hours from Philadelphia, and eight hours from Atlanta. For more information, guests can call (434) 325-2200 or visit the resort's web site at www.wintergreenresort.com.

About Wintergreen Performing Arts, Inc.: Wintergreen Performing Arts, Inc. (WPA) is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization that produces a high-quality summer music festival, as well as other performing arts programming throughout the year. The presentation of symphonic and chamber music is at the core of its mission, but by attracting first-rate artists to serve as performers and educators, it diversifies its musical programming as well as offers educational opportunities in the literary, culinary, creative and performing arts to the communities of Central Virginia. Education is a major part of the organization's mission reflected both in the Wintergreen Summer Music Academy and in the variety of cultural programs it presents. It strives to enrich the lives of a broad audience of individuals, who participate as residents or visitors, in the unique Wintergreen experience. Dr. Erin Freeman serves as Artistic Director and Karen Quillen serves as Managing Director. Wintergreen Performing Arts is supported in part by the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.



Media Contacts:

Betsy Dunkerton
Wintergreen Resort
(434) 325-8150
bdunkerton@wintergreenresort.com

Karen Moraghan
Hunter Public Relations – East
(908) 876-5100
kmoraghan@hunter-pr.com