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Winter 2005

Not Washed Up Yet—Thanks for Your Support!

Tropical Storm Tammy not only drenched this year's Fair visitors, crafts people, and volunteers, but also left a hole of nearly \$100,000 in the Foundation's annual operating budget.

We need your help to continue our mission to protect the Waterford National Historic Landmark—especially since we are now committed to buying and protecting another 25 acres within the Historic Landmark and purchasing an easement on an additional 25 acres. (See President Jim Behan's letter on page 2).

We need your help to preserve thirteen historic buildings in the Village and sponsor educational programs like our highly successful Second Street School Living History Program attended by more than 1,500 local school children each year (the next generation of preservationists) since 1984, and the popular Waterford Concert series and George Bentley Lectures which bring top musicians, authors, and speakers from all over the Washington Metropolitan area for programs at our newly restored Waterford Old School.

If you have already made a donation to our Annual Appeal mailed in mid-November—thank you! If not, please consider a generous gift this year. We may have been washed out, but with your help, we won't be washed up!

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The Waterford Fair 2005 Meets Tropical Storm Tammy

A Washout for Foundation Finances

A Deluge of Goodwill

Thanks to All Our Visitors and Volunteers!

Usually beautiful autumn weather brings to the popular Waterford Fair enthusiastic crowds with spirits high, eager to watch artisans demonstrating eighteenth- and nineteenth-century crafts. But not this year. On October 7 and 8, Tropical Storm Tammy brought two days of torrential rain, wind, and mud down on our Fair. Thanks to the thousands who bravely "reported for duty" and helped those equally brave people who attended the Fair.

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Another 50 Acres of Precious Farmland to be Protected within the Landmark—Thanks to our Supporters!

Rain Forces Emergency Financial Actions

I wish to extend heartfelt thanks to all those who helped at the 2005 Waterford Fair. It had been a long, long time since the Fair suffered through anything like Tropical Storm Tammy's fury on the Friday and Saturday of the Fair. In my view, this year's volunteers and village residents had their finest hour as they reported for duty despite the torrential rains, wind, and overall muck!

Traditionally, the Fair is the Foundation's largest source of revenue, bringing in a little less than half of the annual income. Of course, this year was different. Despite the reduced ticket sales the Fair still made a profit, though much less than normal. Following the Fair, the Board of Directors determined the Foundation was facing an almost \$100,000 budget deficit for 2005.

A couple of immediate steps were taken. First, for the remainder of 2005 expenditures will be limited to only those essential for the Foundation's operations and those required by existing contractual obligations.

Second, the annual appeal letter was released on November 10, much earlier than normal.

As of the first week in December over \$37,050 has been received!

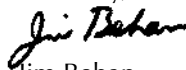
How the Foundation Uses Its Resources

All I can say is: Thank You very much for your continued support of the Waterford Foundation's preservation and educational goals!

Let me bring you up to date on those goals. On November 12, the Foundation signed an agreement to purchase 25 acres within the Historic Landmark. We will place a conservation easement on the property and resell it. In addition, we have contracted to purchase an easement on an additional 25 acres. Preserving these 50 acres will be another important step in the protection of the Historic Landmark. It is hoped the purchases will be finalized in a couple of months—I'll keep you informed. On December 1, we were awarded a grant of \$135,000 by the Virginia Land Conservation Foundation, which will reduce the cost of purchasing one of the easements by approximately one half.

The past two months have been very busy for our educational programs. Since our last newsletter, there have been two superb concerts, a wonderful lecture by author Tom Matthews, and the continuation of our very special Second Street School Program. There are many things being accomplished by the staff and members of the Waterford Foundation that we can take pride in. I wish you a very happy holiday season.

Sincerely,



Jim Behan
President



Treat Yourself to a Year of Beautiful Music in Waterford

Waterford Concert chair Eric Christenson has announced an exciting six-concert season for 2006. Be sure to subscribe or book in advance for these concerts in the renovated Old School, where seating is limited and the music unforgettable. **Treat yourself to the following sounds in 2006:**

March 5—An afternoon of arias sung by future stars from the **Washington National Opera’s Domingo-Cafritz Young Artist Program**. Founded in 2002 under the leadership of Plácido Domingo this program supports the artistic development of talented young opera singers, coach-accompanists, directors, and conductors. World-renowned singers, directors, and coaches work with the Young Artists to guide them in their transition from musician to artist and help them build long-lasting and healthy careers. This popular spring concert of opera has become a much anticipated tradition for Waterford Concert goers.

April 23—**Marc Ramirez and Olivia Hajioff** of the violin-viola duo MARCOLIVIA return to Waterford with internationally known pianist Gregory Sioles. This dynamic team performs extensively throughout the world and with chamber music notables including Leon Fleischer, Awadagin Pratt, and Edgar Meyer. They are recipients of a Fulbright fellowship, and prizes from competitions including the BBC Young Musician of the Year, the European Violin Competition, and the Henryk Szerying Violin Competition, and they were the only chamber music finalists in the Concert Artists Guild International Competition 2000.

June 4—**The Levine School of Music** will again bring its competition winners to the Waterford Concert Series’ **Next Generation** concert. Immensely popular last year, this year’s program promises to be dazzling and fun and will be free to students who are accompanied by adult members of their families though tickets are required. Please note how many students you will bring when you subscribe to the series or reserve your tickets. A limited number of youth tickets will be available at the door; availability not guaranteed.

October 22—**Ibis Chamber Music Society** is an energetic young quintet with violinist Joe Scheer, concertmaster of the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra; harpist Susan Robinson, principal harpist of the Kennedy Center Opera House Orchestra; flutist Adria Sternstein, principal flutist of Kennedy Center Opera House Orchestra; and violinist Dan Foster, principal violinist of the National Symphony Orchestra.

November 12—**Pacifica Quartet**, featuring Simin Ganatra, violin; Sibbi Bernhardsson, violin; Masumi Per Rostad, viola; and Brandon Vamos, cello. Winners of an impressive array of awards, including Chamber Music America’s prestigious Cleveland Quartet Award, they have performed in America’s most important venues,

and have been appointed a member of The Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center’s CMS Two program for gifted young musicians. “There’s no point in predicting future greatness for the young Pacifica Quartet. That future is already here,” praised *The Los Angeles Times*.

December 3—**The Master Singers of Virginia** perform twentieth- and twenty-first century choral music. Directed by Erik Reid Jones, they will present a “Winter Festival” with carols and spirituals to celebrate the holiday season. *The Washington Post* has praised them as “... among the state’s finest choral ensembles and one of the best-kept secrets in Loudoun County.”

The Waterford Concert Series offers an annual subscription for the six concerts of \$105 that includes the following benefits:

- significant savings over the price of individual tickets
- priority seating
- invitations to special events
- a reception with performers

To order tickets by phone, please call the **Waterford Foundation**, (540) 882-3018. Single concert tickets are \$20 if purchased in advance, \$25 at the door, for unassigned seating only. Visa and Mastercard accepted.

YES, I want to help the Waterford Foundation, Inc., carry out its mission to preserve the historic buildings and the open spaces of the National Historic Landmark of Waterford, Virginia, and, through education, to increase the public’s knowledge of life and work in an early American rural community. Enclosed please find my tax-deductible contribution of:

\$50 “Contributor” \$100 “Sponsor” \$ 250 “Advocate” Other: _____

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YES, please send me information about bequests to the Waterford Foundation

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Waterford Concert Series – Spring 2006

March 5: Domingo-Cafritz Young Artist Program from the Washington National Opera.

April 23: Piano Trios performed by Marc Ramirez and Olivia Hajioff (marcolivia), violins and viola, with Gregory Sioles, piano.

June 4: Next Generation. Competition winners from the Levine School of Music. This concert of young musicians has become a popular tradition in Waterford.

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Free Guided Walking Tours

Weather permitting, free guided walking tours of the village will leave at 2pm from the Old School prior to each concert and lecture.

Directions

From Washington, DC:

Take Rt. 7 West to Rt. 9 West to Route 662 (Clarke's Gap Road) to Waterford.

From Baltimore:

Take Rt. 70 West to Rt. 15 South to Lucketts, VA, Right on Rt. 662 (Stumptown Road) to Waterford.

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