

2011 HIGHLIGHTS AT THE CATSKILL MOUNTAIN FOUNDATION



Tosca, Hi-Def Opera at the Mountain Cinema



WHERE THE PERFORMING ARTS, FINE ARTS, CRAFTS, MOVIES, BOOKS, GREAT FOOD AND GOOD FRIENDS MEET

PROGRAMS

- The **Piano Performance Museum** reopened this year under its new **Artistic Director Kenneth Hamrick**, with a magnificent performance highlighting different pianos with the music from their relevant period. The museum is now the home of the Steven E. Greenstein piano collection, and features over 20 historic pianos, some of them from the time of Mozart and Beethoven. Most of the pianos are playable and visitors on guided tours are encouraged to try them out. Last spring we hosted a visit by teachers and students from the Hunter Elementary School who learned about the pianos in our collection in the context of their favorite musicians that they were studying, and during the summer the students from the Amati Music Festival had a hands-on tour of the pianos in the collection.



Photo by Al Sayegh

- For the eighth year, we offered a seven-week summer arts program for children at our **Sugar Maples Center for Creative Arts**. Almost 100 local children participated in the program, and once again, most of them benefited from our scholarship program, funded by the Windham Chapter of the Foundation.



- Our performing arts series included over **15 different live performances**, including a standing room only return appearance by the Second City.



- We offered **over 100 films in our three-screen cinema** at the Doctorow Center in the Village of Hunter. Our combination of foreign, independent and Hollywood films was viewed by an audience of almost 10,000 over the course of the year.

- Our partnership with the Japanese organization Shumei expanded this year with the creation of a new **Farm Fellows program**. Eight students from around the U.S., Japan and Canada came to work on our farm to learn about Shumei's unique Natural Agriculture philosophy and practice. This is at the core of the Foundation's sustainable living program.



- The **Podell Library and Art Collection** at our Sugar Maples campus continued to grow with the addition of almost 1,000 books and a dozen new pieces of art purchased by Albert Podell for the collection. The library and art collection are open and free to the public five days a week from Memorial Day Weekend through Columbus Day.

- The **Guide magazine** continued this year, in its 11th year of operation since the Foundation took it over in the year 2000. The *Guide* provides the primary outlet for promoting CMF events throughout the year. The Guide continued its presence in the region with approximately 100,000 copies of the magazine distributed over the course of the year.

RESIDENCIES



- During the summer we hosted the **Catskill High Peaks Music Festival**, led by **Artistic Director Yehuda Hanani**. Accomplished young musicians came from around the world to study with Yehuda and with the other faculty who joined him for this program. We presented three spectacular concerts as part of this festival. The music was extraordinary, but equally exciting was the way the musicians were welcomed into the homes and hearts our community. The High Peaks Festival promises to offer a vibrant artistic presence on the Mountaintop for years to come.

- The **Amati Music Festival** returned with a new pilot project created in partnership with EduChina and the Catskill Mountain Foundation. Next year this pilot project will expand, with up to 100 promising young students from China staying at our facilities for intensive programs in music education, American style.



- The **Orchard Project** theater consortium returned to our facilities during the month of June. In just a few years, this residency program has developed a far-reaching reputation in the theater community as a valuable supporter of theater companies and incubator of new works. Last year dozens of theater companies participated, some coming from as far away as Russia.
- The **Hudson River Fellowship**, led by the renowned painter **Jacob Collins**, was again in residence at our facilities during the month of July. About 20 young painters from around the world used our magnificent mountaintop landscape as their studio for the month, and it was a pleasure to see them throughout our area capturing the surrounding beauty on their canvases.
- The **Ensemble Studio Theater Youngbloods** group from NYC enjoyed two retreats at our facilities during the course of the year.

FACILITIES



- After 10 years of planning and construction, interrupted by a global recession, the spectacular new **Orpheum Performing Arts Center** opened this year. We are deeply grateful to the architectural team of Hugh Hardy and Geoff Lynch for designing such an impressive performing arts center for our Mountaintop community, and are looking forward to working with the newly formed **Friends of the Orpheum** to bring exciting dance, theater and music performances to be enjoyed by the entire community.

- We demolished the former dining building at **Sugar Maples** and renovated the old Marshall house, further improving the appearance of the campus while creating new housing for our Farm fellowship/intern program.



The Windham Chapter is a division of the Catskill Mountain Foundation led by second homeowners inspired to enrich our mountaintop community. In 2011, the Windham Chapter board has made an extraordinary contribution to the Town of Windham by raising almost \$600,000 to help fund recovery efforts of residents and business owners from the devastation of Hurricane Irene. The Windham Chapter supports arts, education, recreation and other community priorities in Windham and the surrounding Mountain Top. Since its founding, the Windham Chapter has given nearly \$3 million to a wide variety of projects. The Catskill Mountain Foundation's Sugar Maples Center for Creative Arts is located in the Town of Windham, and is one of the many recipients of funding from the Windham Chapter.

This year the Catskill Mountain Foundation opened **Catskill Mountain Printing Services**, a for-profit operation, to handle all of our own printing needs in the most cost effective manner, and also to provide cost effective printing services to others in the community. Please consider referring your printing needs to Catskill Mountain Printing Services. All profits from this operation will be used to support the annual operating costs of the Catskill Mountain Foundation.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2012 PERFORMING ARTS SEASON



JANUARY

Donna Jean Godchaux Band

January 27, 2012

Orpheum Performing Arts Center, Tannersville

FEBRUARY

A Night at the Opera:

Phoenicia International Festival of the Voice

February 18, 2012

Orpheum Performing Arts Center, Tannersville

Professor Louie and the Crowmatix, the Rock of Ages Horns, The Ronstadt Generations and More!

February 19, 2012

Orpheum Performing Arts Center, Tannersville

JUNE

Capitol Steps

June 2, 2012

Doctorow Center for the Arts, Hunter

Schubert and Gershwin

with Anthony Turner, baritone and Kenneth Hamrick, piano

June 9, 2012

Piano Performance Museum

Doctorow Center for the Arts, Hunter

OMNY Taiko

June 30, 2012

Orpheum Performing Arts Center, Tannersville

JULY

OMNY Taiko

July 1, 2012

Windham Civic Center, Windham

Appalachian Spring: Traditional Music and Dance of the Appalachian Mountains and Aaron Copland's Masterpiece Appalachian Spring

July 7, 2012

Doctorow Center for the Arts, Hunter

National Dance Institute

Mountaintop Summer Residency Performance

July 28, 2012

Orpheum Performing Arts Center, Tannersville

AUGUST

Franz Liszt Celebration

with Mark Huggins, violin and Kenneth Hamrick, piano

August 4, 2012

Piano Performance Museum

Doctorow Center for the Arts, Hunter

Catskill High Peaks Festival—Classical Hollywood: Cinematic Piano and Classics from the Silver Screen

August 19, 2012

Doctorow Center for the Arts, Hunter

Catskill High Peaks Festival—Fascinatin' Rhythm

August 25, 2012

Orpheum Performing Arts Center, Tannersville

OCTOBER

Kenny Barron Jazz Concert

October 13, 2012

Piano Performance Museum, Doctorow Center for the Arts

NOVEMBER

Early Music New York

Istanpitta: Medieval Dances from Italy, France and England

November 3, 2012

Doctorow Center for the Arts, Hunter

Windham Chamber Festival Orchestra

Robert Manno, conductor; Nancy Allen Lundy, soprano

November 24, 2012

Doctorow Center for the Arts, Hunter

SAVE THE DATE!

Catskill Mountain Foundation Annual Benefit
at the Orpheum Theater - July 14, 2012