

CHAMBER PLAYERS TO PRESENT *'EVENING IN PARIS'* AT THE MOUNTAINVIEW
GRAND RESORT ON MAY 21, WITH SPECIAL GUEST ARTISTS, CELEBRATING THE
MUSIC AND FOOD OF FRANCE

On Sunday, May 21, at 5 PM, the North Country Chamber Players will present *'Evening in Paris'*: a gala celebration of the magnificent music and food of the “city of lights” featuring guest artists Stacey Shames, harp, Areta Zhulla, violin and award-winning Master Chef Arnd Sievers of the Mountain View Grand Resort.

Recognized as one of the world’s foremost harpists, Ms. Shames has won top prizes in national and international competitions, performed as a concerto soloist with the St. Louis Symphony and Munich Chamber Orchestra, among others, collaborated with many classical and popular stars, including Renee Fleming, Andrea Bocelli, Placido Domingo, James Galway, Madonna, Stevie Wonder, Tony Bennett and Barbara Streisand, and appeared on numerous recordings and TV broadcasts, including “Live from Lincoln Center”, the “Today Show” and “Late Night with David Letterman”.

Highly praised for her playing by critics from The New York Times and Chicago Tribune, the dynamic young violinist Areta Zhulla has been recently named “Young Artist of the Year” by the National Critics Association of Music and Drama in Greece, and is a recipient of the Triandi Career Grant, as well as the Tassos Prassopoulos Foundation Award. Ms. Zhulla has appeared as a soloist, recitalist and chamber musician throughout the United States, Europe, Canada and Asia, and is a member of the Lincoln Center Chamber Music Society 2. A protégé and teaching assistant of the legendary violinist, Itzhak Perlman, Ms. Zhulla was the featured artist of the month in last July’s *Interlude Magazine*.

Chamber Players Susan Palma-Nidel, flute, Allen Blustine, clarinet, Ronnie Bauch, violin, Ah ling Neu, viola and Chris Finckel, ‘cello will round out the performers.

The evening’s program will highlight some of the most beautiful music ever written, including Claude Debussy’s *Clair de lune*, Camille St. Saen’s *The Swan*, Gabriel Faure’s *Sicilienne* and Maurice Ravel’s brilliant *Introduction and allegro* for harp, flute, clarinet and strings.

The one hour concert will be followed by a full sit-down French dinner prepared by the culinary staff of the Mountain View Grand Resort under the direction of Chef Sievers, a certified Master Chef and winner of the Chef’s Excellence Award from the Culinary Institute of America in Napa Valley, California. Seating for this special event is limited. Reservations are now being accepted and can be made by calling 603-444-0309.
