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The Stars Shine at The Woodlands Music Camp on July 7 and 14

Wexford, PA – The community is invited to see some of The Woodlands’ brightest shining stars during the annual “Starlight Serenade” and “Bringing Out the Stars” concerts, featuring the participants of the *Notes from the Heart* music camps. On Friday, July 7, “Starlight Serenade” presents performances by the adult participants of The Woodlands’ *Notes from the Heart* music camp. “Bringing Out the Stars” highlights the talents of the youth and teen campers, ages 13 to 21, the following week, on Friday, July 14. Both performances begin at 7:00 pm on The Woodlands’ campus, and are open to the public free of charge.

The Woodlands is a nonprofit organization with a resort-style campus that provides educational and recreational programming for children and adults with disability and chronic illness.

Internationally and locally known musicians, conductors, and educators return as *Notes from the Heart* Music Camp faculty this year. Lilly Abreu is a vocal recording artist and teaches Voice at Carnegie Mellon. Andrew Clark is Director of Choral Activities at Harvard University. Edward Cumming is the Director of Orchestral Activities and Associate Professor at The Hartt School. Allison Fromm is the founding director of Joyful Noise, a New Jersey and Delaware chorus of adults with developmental disabilities and acquired brain injuries, which has become a national model for similar ensembles.

Woodlands’ Music Camp Coordinator, Patrick Joyal, encourages community members to attend the concerts. “Our performances are a unique, all-inclusive experience for performers and audience members alike.”

Notes from the Heart began in 1999 when the founders of the music program identified the need to bring the joy, confidence, and universal expression of music to children with disabilities and chronic illnesses. In its seventeenth year, *Notes from the Heart* expanded to include a second week-long camp for adults, in addition to a year-round Music Ensemble program. The music program offers a wide variety of activities. Campers can learn to sing and play instruments, study music appreciation and theory, and even compose their own musical pieces.

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About The Woodlands

It is the mission of The Woodlands to enrich the lives of children and adults with disability and chronic illness by providing adapted therapeutic programs that support and strengthen the development of skills in socialization, creative expression, environmental awareness, recreation, and spirituality at its fully-accessible Wexford, PA facility. Further information and a schedule of Woodlands’ programming are available at www.mywoodlands.org.

