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### **Historic Saranac Lake Announces Summer Bartók Concert Schedule -- Bartók Summer Series in its 15<sup>th</sup> Year**

SARANAC LAKE, New York. June 23, 2010. Historic Saranac Lake announced the line-up for the summer Bartók Series, marking the 15<sup>th</sup> year that the owners of Cobble Spring Farm, in Bloomingdale, have graciously hosted concerts to support the Bartók Cabin in Saranac Lake.

On Friday, July 16 Violinist, Isabelle Magnenat, concert mistress of the Berne (Switzerland) Orchestra and pianist Jamie Alexander will be joined by Paul Wexler, clarinetist of the St. Louis Symphony and the Lake Placid Sinfonietta for a rare performance of "Contrasts" by Béla Bartók. This work was commissioned, performed and recorded by Benny Goodman in 1939.

On Thursday, July 29, talented students from the Meadowmount Summer Music School will perform a Bartók Quartet among other works.

On Monday, August 23 Gap Mangione is back once again to highlight the series. He will delight with his colorful, exciting playing, his choice jazz and pop repertoire, and personal charm and charisma.

Cobble Spring Farm is located at 743 Fletcher Farm Road, in Bloomingdale, NY. Concerts begin at 7:30. Reservations are required. Call Historic Saranac Lake 891-4606, or email [amy@historicsaranaclake.org](mailto:amy@historicsaranaclake.org). A donation of \$20 is requested at the door.

Béla Bartók was one of the greatest composers of the twentieth century. One of the first ethnomusicologists, Bartok studied the folk music of his native Hungary and the surrounding region. He incorporated elements of Eastern European folk music into his modern compositions.

In 1945 the great composer spent the last summer of his life in Saranac Lake, writing two pieces, his Third Piano Concerto and Viola Concerto. Sixty years later, Bartók's reputation has soared, and the cabin on Riverside Drive where he stayed has been saved from near collapse.

The Bartók Cabin is privately owned. Historic Saranac Lake oversees the building and shows it to visitors by appointment. Individuals or small groups interested in visiting the Bartók Cabin should contact Historic Saranac Lake.

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