



CARMEL FAMILY LEGACY IN THE ARTS INSPIRES MUSICAL OUTREACH

On Sunday, April 22, at 3 pm, a group of musicians and actors from the Julliard School will present a program at Arts on the Lake, 640 Route 52, Lake Carmel, to benefit *Rayos de Canción*, a musical outreach program founded by Caterina Longhi, a student at Julliard and a graduate of Carmel High School.

The program will include a Bach Cello Suite, Piazzola's Duet for Flute and Tambourine, duets for Violin and Viola, a Mozart Flute Quartet, a dramatic skit and the story of the outreach program to Antigua in Guatemala.

Joining Ms. Longhi on a variety of instruments will be Julliard students Ian Sullivan, Caeli Smith and Matt Wright. Maria Longhi will join them in the flute quartet and the dramatic program will be provided by Kerry Warren and Danny Hernandez.

Caterina and Maria are members of a Carmel family of three generations of artists and musicians. Both their mother and grandmother are artists, and all three siblings, including an older brother Matteo, are classically trained musicians. Maria, who last month sang a lead role in Carmel High School's production of *H.M.S. Pinafore*, follows in her sister's footsteps by traveling every Saturday to the Mannes School of Music in New York City to advance her musical education.

When asked if she had advice for parents who wanted to foster such outcomes in their own children, Caterina said, "Tell them to start early, and to be willing to spend a lot of time and a lot of money." In her own case, private lessons began at age 4 at Westchester Conservatory. In addition to participating in the music programs of the Carmel schools, trips to classical music concerts were frequent for everyone in the family.

During the Sunday program, the performers will tell the story of *Rayos de Canción* ("Rays of Music") and its mission to bring music to developmentally disabled children in Guatemala. The children's positive, and sometimes surprising, reactions to the music and to the musicians inspired the performers to repeat the program in Guatemalan schools. The Julliard student musicians, who pay much of their own expenses, will be returning to Guatemala this spring. They will offer an 8-day performing arts camp to the children of the public schools in the city of Antigua.

The suggested donation to this benefit program is \$15, and refreshments with the performers will follow the performance. Tickets may be purchased in advance at www.artsonthelake.org. Reservations may be made to rsvp@artsonthelake.org or (845)228-2685.

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