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## ALL SEASONS CHAMBER PLAYERS CELEBRATE "AMERICAN CONNECTIONS"

### Free Concert at Edward Williams Hall

Hackensack, NJ (August 16, 2007) — The All Seasons Chamber Players will celebrate American composers in a free, public concert on Sunday, September 16 at 3 p.m. at FDU's Edward Williams Hall, 150 Kotte Place in Hackensack.

Prior to the concert, artist William Chaiken, who has been part of six Whitney Annual Shows, the Corcoran Biennial and the Carnegie International, will greet the public at a "Meet the Artist Reception" from 2-4:30 p.m. The exhibit of his acrylics on paper and canvas are at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Edward Williams Gallery until September 28, 2007.

His work is in the collection of the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, the San Joaquin Museum in California and in private collections worldwide. The exhibit at FDU is Chaiken's 27th one-man show.

The concert "American Connections," features a program that is both entertaining and accessible. It will open with Samuel Barber's Souvenirs Ballet Suite in its original version for piano duet. Other works will include Voices of My Homeland for Flute, Cello and Piano by Elisenda Fabregas, Arioso and Tarantella for Cello and Piano by Pulitzer Prize-winner Robert Ward.

The program will close with Trio No. 2 for Violin, Cello and Piano by Arthur Foote, a member of the "Boston Six," a group of well-known composers who wrote in the romantic tradition of 19th century Europe. Robert Lawrence will introduce each selection with entertaining program notes.

Now in its 27th season, the All Seasons Chamber Players has performed more than 500 concerts in the metropolitan area. The performers are all professional musicians who play with major area orchestras, Broadway shows and summer music festivals. They include flutist Brenda Sakofsky, violinist Robert Lawrence, cellist E. Zoe Hassman, and pianists Yoojin Oh of Jersey City and Jean Strickholm of Demarest. Steven Anderson of Edgewater is the ensemble's program consultant.

The concert on September 16 is presented by FDU's Cultural Arts Department. The public is invited to come as early as 2 p.m. to enjoy an art exhibit by Bill Chaiken entitled "Retrospective" in the Edward Williams Gallery.

This event is one of the ensemble's fifteen free, public Community Concerts, which are supported by the Bank

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Edward Williams Hall is located on Kotte Place, just south of the Bergen Academies on Hackensack Avenue.

For additional information call FDU at (201) 692-7028. A full schedule of All Seasons concerts is available by calling (201) 768-1331 or visiting [www.allseasonschamberplayers.org](http://www.allseasonschamberplayers.org).

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