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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WHITE PINE FESTIVAL

INAUGURAL FESTIVAL INCLUDES 26 EVENTS OVER FOUR DAYS, JUNE 20-23

STILLWATER, Minn. and HUDSON, Wis. – With the inaugural White Pine Festival less than a week away, there are still plenty of opportunities to get involved. Volunteering even a few hours of your time is a great way to support the arts in your community, meet new people, and take part in the creation of an exciting new tradition in the St. Croix Valley.

The first White Pine Festival consists of 26 events in Stillwater and Hudson from June 20 to 23, most of which will focus on classical music and poetry. Volunteers are needed to help with everything from ushering and ticket sales to last-minute marketing. In addition to free admission to selected festival events, volunteers will receive a White Pine Festival t-shirt and an invitation to a post-festival volunteer appreciation event.

Those interested in signing up to help or learning more about the festival's volunteer opportunities should e-mail volunteer@whitepinefestival.org or call 651-439-6777.

This year's featured artists include acclaimed poets Tony Hoagland and Roger Bonair-Agard, harpsichordist Layton "Skip" James, the St. Petersburg String Quartet and several others.

The festival will explore the relationship between music and poetry from a variety of perspectives and in events ranging from concerts and poetry readings to lectures, riverside chats, writing workshops, master classes and walking tours.

Tickets are on sale now and may be purchased either online at www.whitepinefestival.org or in person at the Valley Bookseller in Stillwater (217 Main St. N.) or the Phipps Center for the Arts in Hudson (109 Locust St.), or by telephone through Brown Paper Tickets at 1-800-838-3006. Apart from writing workshops and a handful of spotlight performances, festival events are free and open to the public, though some free events require pre-registration.

Artist biographies and a complete festival schedule are included along with this press release and can be found, along with host of other festival information, online at www.whitepinefestival.org.

ABOUT THE WHITE PINE FESTIVAL

The White Pine Festival will present a week-long series of world-class artistic and intellectual events each summer amid the natural beauty of the St. Croix River Valley, beginning in 2007.

The festival will explore challenging ideas from a wide range of artistic and intellectual perspectives, including music, literature, visual art, history, poetry, nature, science and philosophy. Festival participants will be encouraged to view art and the world in new ways, and to approach the task with the vitality, humor and candor one finds in conversations among close friends.

The inaugural festival will run June 20-23 and use several venues in and around Stillwater and Hudson to host events centered around classical music and the literary arts. Festival tickets may be purchased online at www.whitepinefestival.org or in person at the Valley Bookseller in Stillwater (217 Main St. N.) or the Phipps Center for the Arts in Hudson (109 Locust St.), or by telephone through Brown Paper Tickets at 1-800-838-3006.

The White Pine Festival would not be possible without the support of the numerous individuals, businesses and foundations who believe its vision, and the partner organizations that are helping to realize it: Arcola Mills, ArtReach Alliance, Boutwells Landing, Hudson Public Schools, Stillwater Area Schools, the Phipps Center for the Arts and the Stillwater Public Library.

For more information visit www.whitepinefestival.org.

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