

## **Spruce Peak Chamber Music Society**

*Overview: A series of 3-4 chamber music concerts per year in Stowe.*

The Spruce Peak Chamber Music Society is committed to bringing Stowe, Vermont, area audiences the finest performances of an extraordinary repertoire and to creating transformative education programs that benefit community members of all ages. In addition to 3-4 evening concerts per year, the performers go into local schools and play portions of their programs, talk about the music and answer questions. They also visit the Vermont Youth Symphony and Green Mountain Youth Symphony.

The purpose of the Chamber Music Society in Stowe is to bring world-class musicians from New York, Berlin, Montreal, and places beyond to the mountains where top classical performances are rarely heard. The concerts are held in the beautiful new (1998) state-of-the-art Performing Arts Center right at the Stowe ski village a Mt. Mansfield.

The intimacy of the setting allows for a direct connection between the audience and musicians. Currently the audience sits on the stage, but we hope to expand to gradually fill the auditorium. Our audience has grown to about 100+ from about 70 people at the first concert. Word has spread that this is a unique experience.

On the educational side, the musicians have received very enthusiastic responses from school children and youth orchestra members attending their programs. One middle school student wanted to begin violin lessons immediately!