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Online Music Academy, Sax Quartet, Retreat and Arts Center Team Up for Summer Musical Offering

Bloomsburg, PA – Summer musical camps abound in Central PA. This year, one additional and unique opportunity for a talented group of students becomes a reality. “Chamber music provides students a rare opportunity to grow both as an ensemble performer and a soloist. Add to that the popularity of the saxophone and the combination creates a wonderful learning and listening experience for all. That’s why the Summer Saxophone Quartet Workshop 2010 was created” says Mark Burke, event organizer.

Four students will be participating in this year’s inaugural event. Students include three graduating seniors 1 from Hughesville High School, 1 from Selinsgrove High School, 1 from Danville High School and 1 sophomore from Montoursville High School. Students were chosen based on their track record at county, district, regional and state band festivals. “The student musical community is a tight knit group in our area. I think people would be amazed at how well this group of students stays connected using social media. In fact, that’s how this group of students came together” says Burke. “They all know each other. After talking with the students it was clear, this group would be fun to work with and they gain a lot from the experience.”

Not only is the event a unique opportunity for students to perform in and learn from participating in a Sax Quartet, the event is made possible through a unique set of partners. Burke is the CEO and Founder of viaAcademies, one, if not the nation’s first online music academies dedicated to providing musical experiences to students through the web. Burke’s Saxophone Quartet, the Keystone Saxophone Quartet will also join the students on stage for the final concert. “When I thought of where we could host the event, I immediately knew the answer. Central Oaks Heights in Lewisburg is a long-time supporter of music in our area. Their mission, the mission of viaAcademies and the Keystone Sax Quartet align perfectly” says Burke. “Through viaAcademies we reach out to students who do not have access to the music instruction they desire. The Keystone Sax Quartet’s mission is *Promoting Music in our Schools and Communities, for LIFE!* Giving the students this musical experience at Central Oaks Heights, an incredibly beautiful and inspiring, natural setting added the capstone to our plans.”

The students will perform a concert Friday, July 16th at 7:00 at Central Oaks Heights.

You can learn more about viaAcademies at www.MakeMusicClick.com, the Keystone Sax Quartet at www.keystonesaxquartet.homestead.com and Central Oaks Heights at www.centraloakheights.org.