



Music Conservatory of Westchester's Ninth Annual Golf Classic Raises \$80,000

Armonk, NY (July 9, 2010) – The Music Conservatory of Westchester's Ninth Annual Golf Classic and Award Dinner was held on Monday, June 28, 2010 at the Whippoorwill Club in Armonk, NY. Sixty-two golfers and seventy-four dinner guests helped raise \$80,000 for the Conservatory's scholarships and tuition assistance programs.

Following the Classic, John and Patricia (Patty) Bottomley were honored for their decade of outstanding service and dedication to the school. Former MCW Executive Director Lisa Deutsch presented the couple with an original landscape painting and expressed her thanks for the many ways their commitment has been valued by the Board and staff. The Bottomleys are avid supporters of the Conservatory and invaluable advocates in the school's fundraising efforts since they moved to Rye ten years ago. John joined the Board of Trustees in 2000 and Patty has been involved as a co-chair of the Golf Classic since its inception in 2001.

Proceeds from this year's event will be matched in the amount of \$75,000 by The Ernst C. Stiefel Foundation. As a non-profit, the Conservatory must raise \$700,000 annually to support programs which are not covered by tuition alone, including financial assistance for the school's low-income families. The Golf Classic is the Conservatory's largest fundraising event.

"John and I applaud all the Music Conservatory of Westchester accomplishes in providing the highest quality music education for thousands of eager and talented Westchester students each year," said Patty Bottomley. "The school's 80 professional faculty members inspire, guide, and teach our children with passion and panache. Bravo!"

This year's event gained major support from individuals and corporate sponsorship from:

- ◆ **Hole in One Sponsor:** John & Patty Bottomley
- ◆ **Birdie Sponsors:** Entergy and The Rockefeller Group
- ◆ **Par Sponsors:** Lisa & John Deutsch; Nancy Goodman; Laurence Keiser, Stern Keiser & Panken, LLP; TD Bank; KPMG; Clarfeld Financial Advisors; GSE Systems, Inc.; The Fibar Group; Al Thoben - D'Arcangelo & Co., LLP; Lasberg Construction Associates, Inc.; and Subaru Distributors Corp.

First Place in the Golf Classic went to the Lasberg Construction Associates, Inc. foursome, which included Lee Lasberg, John Lennon, Tim Miller, and John Tolomer. The GSE Systems Inc. team of Jerome I. Feldman, James Eberle, Larry Gordon, and John Moran tied for second with the Marks, Paneth & Shron, LLP team of Tom Engelhardt, Donald Payton, Harry Bright and Mack Cunningham.

“Funds raised at the Conservatory’s annual Golf Classic allow area youth to explore their passion for the performing arts regardless of their financial means,” said Carol Shiffman, Executive Director of the Music Conservatory of Westchester. “We are grateful to our sponsors, committee members, and participants who helped make this year’s event a tremendous success. A special thank you also goes to our event honorees, John and Patty Bottomley, who have been instrumental in our fundraising efforts since the Classic began.”

The Golf Classic Committee was co-chaired by Lee Lasberg and Laurence Keiser with Patty Bottomley, Jon Chattman, Lisa Deutsch, George Drapeau, Terry J. Feldman, Harry Bright, Fatima Mendez, Chris Meyer, Michele Rella, and Carol Shiffman.

The Music Conservatory of Westchester is at 216 Central Avenue in White Plains, NY. They can be reached at (914) 761-3900 or by visiting www.musicconservatoryonline.org. The Conservatory’s 2010-11 Course Catalogue is available at www.musicconservatory.org/music_conservatory/index.html. Follow the Conservatory on Facebook (Westchester MusicConservatory) and Twitter (@MusicCW), or check their new blog (www.musicconservatoryblog.org) for the latest news and updates.

About the Music Conservatory of Westchester

The Music Conservatory of Westchester (www.musicconservatoryonline.org) is a non-profit community school of the arts, providing outstanding music, musical theatre, and music therapy

programs for students of all ages and abilities. The Conservatory's 36,000-square-foot facility in White Plains offers a Recital Hall and 43 acoustically designed classrooms and teaching studios – all available to rent. Their comprehensive programs include performing ensembles, musicianship classes, music therapy, student performances, rock band, master classes, workshops, and more. All students receive free admission to the Conservatory's annual "Live on Central" concert series of faculty recitals and children's concerts. This year, the Conservatory awarded \$110,000 in scholarship support and tuition assistance to more than 115 of its students. The Conservatory is chartered by the New York State Board of Regents, a member of the National Guild of Community Schools of the Arts, and is one of only 19 non-degree granting institutions in the country to be fully accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music.