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**GREEN MOUNTAIN CULTURAL CENTER BLENDS THE BEAUTY
OF THE MAD RIVER VALLEY
WITH RENOWNED ARTISTS FOR THE 2007 SEASON**

Waitsfield, VT – The Green Mountain Cultural Center continues its dedicated commitment of promoting visual, performing, and culinary arts in Vermont’s Mad River Valley for the 2007 season. Located in the historically restored Joslyn Round Barn at the Inn at the Round Barn Farm, the Green Mountain Cultural Center is a non-profit organization entering its 18th year of creating the marriage of Vermont beauty with the unique talents of local artists and artists of international renown.

The season kicks off in June with the **Green Mountain Opera Festival**. Now in its second year, the festival runs June 4th – 24th, 2007 featuring both local and international vocal talent as well as a Young Artists Program. Events and performances take place at the Inn at the Round Barn Farm, the Lareau Farm Inn, Bundy Center for the Arts, and culminates with two fully staged productions of *Madama Butterfly* at the Barre Opera House. Complete information is available at www.greenmountainoperafestival.com.

The **17th Annual Photography Exhibit** opens Sunday, August 5th, 2007 and displays through Monday, September 3rd, 2007. Open daily and accepting donations, the Photography Exhibit includes works from local and regional artists and is judged by a panel of Vermont art and photography enthusiasts. Winning photographs will be included in the prestigious Art in the Round Barn Show held annually in September.

Piano students from the **Adamant Music School** perform their final concert of the season at the Joslyn Round Barn on Sunday, August 5th, 2007 at 7:30 pm. The Adamant Music School offers non-competitive piano study in an atmosphere of cooperative living and holding the final concert after a summer of study at the Inn at the Round Barn Farm has become a tradition to benefit the Green Mountain Cultural Center. Tickets are available by calling 802-496-7722 and more information on the school is available at www.adamant.org.

Taste of the Valley is fast becoming the Mad River Valley’s premier culinary event, showcasing the artistic talents of chefs, foodies, and other gourmet masterminds from every

corner of the Mad River Valley and beyond. Under the heart and soul direction of the Inn at the Round Barn Farm and Cooking from the Heart Catering's Executive Chef, Charlie Menard, Taste of the Valley will be held on Monday, August 6th, 2007 from 5:30 – 8:30 pm at the Joslyn Round Barn. Tickets are \$35 per person and include vouchers for the numerous tasty displays of culinary pleasures from around Central Vermont with all proceeds benefiting the Mad River Valley Festival of the Arts. More information is available at www.theroundbarn.com and tickets can be purchased by calling 802-496-7722.

Also celebrating its 17th anniversary year is the anticipated **Art in the Round Barn Show**, portraying some of Vermont and New England's finest professional and amateur artists. Selections will be judged by a juried panel of well-known New England artists. The show premieres with an Opening Reception on Sunday, September 23rd, 2007 from 4:00 – 7:00 pm in the Joslyn Round Barn with a reception featuring culinary fare by Cooking from the Heart Catering and a presentation followed by a meet and greet with several of the artists and judges. Tickets will be available as the event nears by calling 802-496-7722. The Art in the Round Barn Show is open daily through October 8th and donations are appreciated. For artists still interested in submitting work, entry forms are due on Friday May 11th and can be found, along with additional information, at www.theroundbarn.com.

*Located on 245 acres of Vermont mountains, meadows, and ponds in the beautiful Mad River Valley, lies the historic Round Barn Farm, a four season vacation retreat for lovers of the arts, history, the outdoors, and Vermont bed & breakfast escapes. The historic Round Barn, built in 1910 and renovated in 1988, is a magnificent venue playing host to community events, weddings, concerts, art exhibits, and conferences. It is also home to renowned catering company, **Cooking from the Heart** and the **Green Mountain Cultural Center**. The Inn at the Round Barn is a proud member of the **Professional Association of Innkeepers International**, the **Select Registry**, and is recognized for its environmental commitments as a **Green Hotel in the Green Mountain State**. The Inn at the Round Barn was a founding member of both the **Vermont Association of Wedding Professionals** and the **Vermont Fresh Network**. For more information, visit www.theroundbarn.com.*

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