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**The Greenwich Arts Council  
announces the  
New GAC POPS Concert Series**

The Greenwich Arts Council has embarked on a totally new and exciting direction for its annual musical gift to the community. In response to the failing and no longer safe or usable condition of the Pappas Pavilion, GAC executive director, Frank Juliano has proposed a series of three separate and distinct concerts, in various venues throughout Greenwich, starting this June and ending in August. Thanks to new and creative partnerships with the participating artistic entities, the three concerts will allow the Arts Council to present a diverse program of musical styles, from classical to folk to theatre.

On Saturday evening, June 9, the GAC will present an evening of classical music featuring the Greenwich Music Festival, under the direction of co-founders Ted Huffman and Robert Ainsley. The theme of the program will be "music from the natural world" and will feature artists from the Festival alongside young musicians from the community. Greenwich Academy will co-sponsor this event, which will be held in the Massey Theater at the Academy's Wallace Performing Arts Center.

Then on Sunday, July 15, the Arts Council will present an outdoor, wall-to-wall folk concert. The format will be an all-day folk music festival, curated and hosted by radio personality Bob Sherman, whose legendary folk program, "Woody's Children," can still be heard weekly on WFUV out of Fordham University. The concert will feature headliners Christine Lavin and Tom Chapin as well as up-and-coming performers. The hours and location for this unique event will be announced soon.

The last concert of the series will introduce an exhilarating partnership with the Barrington Stage Company from Pittsfield, MA. For over 11 years, the award-winning BSC has led in productions of classic and new plays and musicals. In 2004 the BSC had its largest success to date with the acclaimed Tony award-winning musical hit, "The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee." In August, Barrington Stage and the Greenwich Arts Council will cooperate with the Greenwich Library in presenting an evening of theatre music, performed by B'way and Off B'way musicians, in the Library's Cole Auditorium.

"We are delighted by this opportunity to re-invent the POPS in an exciting way," said Juliano, "and we look forward to reaching a broader audience and to supporting and nurturing our new artistic partners as well." As with the preceding POPS, the New GAC POPS concert series will be offered free to the public. Corporate underwriters and/or individuals interested in donating to the new series should contact the GAC office at 203-622-3998.

For more information about our events and programs, please call the Greenwich Arts Council office at 203-622-3998 or check the GAC website at [www.greenwicharts.org](http://www.greenwicharts.org).

The Greenwich Arts Council promotes the arts by nurturing artists and building audiences.

(captions for attached images: 1) Performers from the Greenwich Musical Festival; 2) Tom Chapin - photo credit, Paul Carretta; 3) Christine Lavin, photo credit, Irene Young; 4) Cast members from BSC's production of *Elegies*; 5) Donna McKecknie in BSC's production of *Follies*).