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“A Concert for the Arctic” at Wilton Library Saturday, Oct. 18

Wilton, CT – Hearts will be warmed and minds will be awakened on Saturday, Oct. 18 at Wilton Library as internationally acclaimed musicians Eugenia Choi and Henry Wong Doe perform classical selections for violin and piano by Saint Saens, Franck, Ligeti and others to help highlight the threat of global warming in the Arctic. The “Concert for the Arctic” takes place in the Brubeck Room from 7:30 – 9 p.m. The concert benefits Clean Air-Cool Planet and the library’s environmental collections.

Described as a “sensational force” by *La Republique* (France) and a “technical virtuoso” by the *Berliner MorgenPost* (Germany), Miss Choi regularly plays at major musical centers venues such as Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall, the Kravis Center in Palm Beach and Vienna’s Saal-Mozarteum. This summer she has been appearing as guest first violinist with the Borealis String Quartet, whose August concerts in Birmingham, Alabama were described by critic Michael Huebner as “a majestic tour de force and the most visceral chamber music playing I’ve heard in many years.” Miss Choi performs on a 1694 violin by Antonio Stradivarius.

Mr. Wong Doe, whose playing has been described as “pianism in a whole different league, namely: art” and “virtuosity in the service of expression” by Tel Aviv’s *Ha’aretz* newspaper is a winner of “Audience Favorite” prizes at the Rubinstein and Busoni International Piano Competitions. He has played at many major international venues including New York’s Lincoln Center and the Sydney Opera House and has several times been featured as a soloist with the Auckland Philharmonia Orchestra. In November, he makes his debut appearance at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall. Mr. Wong Doe teaches at Hunter College and the Silvermine School of Music in Norwalk. He and Miss Choi are both recent doctoral graduates of Juilliard and play together often. In 2004 they were top prize winners in the Swedish International Duo Competition.

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The recital will be introduced by Adam Markham, founding CEO of the non-profit environmental organization Clean Air - Cool Planet, with a short film on a recent expedition to Svalbard in the Norwegian high Arctic in which both he and Choi participated. The trip was co-organized by Clean Air - Cool Planet, Lindblad Expeditions, *National Geographic* and the Aspen Institute to enable more than 100 leaders from business, labor, religion, policy and science to see first-hand the impacts and threat of global warming in the high Arctic. Participants included President Jimmy Carter, e-bay CEO Meg Whitman, Senator Tom Daschle, former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Google co-founder Larry Page.

Suggested donation for the concert is \$15 adults, \$5 children. A reception with the artists follows the performance. Reservations are highly recommended. Pre-registrants must arrive by 7:20 p.m. to be assured seating. After 7:20 p.m. and if space is available, wait-listed and walk-in registrants will be admitted. For reservations, directions and information, visit www.wiltonlibrary.org or call (203) 762-3950. Wilton Library is located at 137 Old Ridgefield Road in the heart of Wilton Center. For further information on Clean Air – Cool Planet or the musicians, visit www.cleanair-coolplanet.org; www.eugeniachoi.com; and www.henrywongdoe.com/index.htm.

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Caption: Violinist Eugenia Choi and pianist Henry Wong Doe perform classical music selections in “A Concert for the Arctic,” Saturday, Oct. 18, 7:30 p.m. at Wilton Library. Suggested donation -- \$15 adults; \$5 children -- to benefit Clean Air - Cool Planet and Wilton Library’s environmental collection. For information, directions and reservations: www.wiltonlibrary.org; (203) 762-3950. The library is located at 137 Old Ridgefield Road in the heart of Wilton Center.