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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Wilton Library's Connecticut's Own music series begins Oct. 5**

Wilton, CT – Wilton Library's popular Sunday afternoon concert series, Connecticut's Own, begins with a performance by the Connecticut Chamber Orchestra on Oct. 5, from 4 – 5 p.m. The orchestra is an ensemble of artists performing masterworks of all periods with Sayard Stone, music director and conductor and Bernice Stochek Friedson, concertmaster, violin soloist and assistant conductor of the orchestra. The afternoon program, "From Bach to Broadway," includes selections from Bach, Mozart, Brahms, Tchaikowsky and Lowe, among others. The orchestra's members for this performance include Denise Chividian and Corinne Metter on violins, Miriam Giannone on viola, Charlotte Moulyn on cello and Milton Beisiegel on double bass. The orchestra has been an entity since 1962, when it was first directed by Sayard Stone.

Mr. Stone, music director and founder of the Connecticut Chamber Orchestra, has conducted orchestras in over a dozen European countries, Canada and Mexico. He studied at the Juilliard School of Music, and has directed the Queens Symphony Orchestra and co-directed the Manhattan Opera Theatre. He is also artistic director for the "America's Youth in Concert" festival at Carnegie Hall. Maestro Kousevitsky and Leonard Bernstein were Mr. Stone's teachers when he studied at Tanglewood. For the past 39 years, he has been a member of the music faculty at the University of Connecticut.

Bernice Stochek Friedson trained in New York at the Juilliard and Mannes Schools of Music. She gave her first recital at the age of seven, performed in solo recitals in the tri-state area and on WQXR and WNYC. She has been concertmaster for the Bridgeport Symphony, Danbury Symphony, Connecticut Ballet and Connecticut Grand Opera Orchestra and currently performs with the Greater Bridgeport Symphony as well as other area ensembles. A Westport resident, she teaches

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in her home and at the MACH School of Music in Bridgeport, where she is a string and chamber music specialist. She plays exclusively on a violin made by her father, Samuel A. Stochek.

The Connecticut's Own series is on specific Sunday afternoons at 4 p.m. in Wilton Library's Brubeck Room. Additional dates in the music series are Nov. 9 Igor Lovchinsky; Feb. 1 Double Reed; March 1 Rex Cadwallader; and May 3 Amore Trio. The concerts are free with advance registration strongly recommended due to the community's overwhelming enthusiasm for the series. Pre-registrants must arrive by 3:50 p.m. to be guaranteed seating. After 3:50 p.m. and if space is available, wait-listed and walk-in registrants will be admitted. To register, visit [www.wiltonlibrary.org/events](http://www.wiltonlibrary.org/events) or call (203) 762-3950. Wilton Library is located at 137 Old Ridgefield Road in the heart of Wilton Center.

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**Caption:** Conductor Sayard Stone and Concertmaster and violin soloist Bernice Stochek Friedson will perform with the Connecticut Chamber Orchestra at Wilton Library's Connecticut's Own Sunday concert series opening on October 5<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m.