

## Players to spin 'musical magic' in Gilbertsville

### Staff Report

Players from Magic Mountain Music Farm in Morris will perform chamber music in the First Presbyterian Church of Gilbertsville at tonight and Saturday.

The musical organization and church will celebrate their 11th anniversary as co-producers of the Festival of Classical Music, Summermusic '03.

The two different concerts, which start at 7:30 p.m., will include music as far back as Beethoven and as recent as Penderecki, presenters said.

The festival is the culmination of two weeks of preparation at Magic Mountain Music Farm.

The Millennium Strings practice in an idyllic, distraction-free environment to deepen their relation to their art and explore new techniques for tapping their creative energies, Magic Mountain organizers said.

Other musicians are Scott Anderson, principal clarinet of the Honolulu Symphony, and pianist Cullan Bryant, who appears regularly with members of the major metropolitan orchestras. Bryant also tours internationally with violin virtuoso Midori.

Artists travel from thousands of miles to participate in the festival. This year some of the artists include Valerie Dimond, violist, Dallas Symphony; Kate Stenber, violinist, Del Sol String Quartet and San Francisco Symphony; Susie Lee, cellist, Honolulu Symphony; and Beverley Spotton, violist, Canadian Ballet and Opera Orchestra.

Admission to the concert is free, but donations are accepted.



A piano quintet practices at Magic Music Mountain Farm on West Hill Road in Morris on Wednesday. From left are violinists Kate Stenberg and Kirsten Davis, pianist Cullan Bryant, cellist Mary Alice McCann and on the viola is Beverley Spotton.

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