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**Riverview Gardens, Decoda, and Lawrence University  
Partner to Bring Chamber Music to Fox Valley**

Appleton, WI – September 16, 2014 – Riverview Gardens, in collaboration with Decoda and Lawrence University, hosts an interactive chamber concert on Tuesday, October 14, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. at the Riverview Gardens Community Center, 1101 S. Oneida Street, Appleton, WI 54915. The concert is free and open to everyone.

Decoda is a New York-based ensemble whose mission is to make deep artistic connections in places where music is rarely heard. Lawrence professors Michael Mizrahi and Erin Lesser are members of the group. “Decoda concerts are highly interactive and a learning experience. Regardless of one’s background or circumstances, music doesn’t judge, music accepts and draws in everyone. Music is universal,” says Kelly Nutty, Director of Resource Management. “We are proud to partner with Decoda and Lawrence University, and we are grateful for a generous grant from the Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region, Inc. to make this a reality.”

Decoda is performing a private concert later that week for the men and women in Service Works, which is Riverview Gardens’ job-training program. Decoda also will perform at the Fox Valley Warming Shelter, the Freedom Food Pantry, and Jefferson Elementary School.

**About**

Riverview Gardens is a financially self-sustaining social enterprising, focused on job-training for people in need, using urban farming in a park-like setting. The dignity-building program focuses on building transferable work skills for individuals with barriers to sustainable employment, thereby addressing root causes of poverty and homelessness.

Decoda's mission is twofold—to present world-class chamber music performances and to make deep artistic connections in places where music is rarely heard.

Lawrence University, a nationally recognized liberal arts college and conservatory of music, is consistently ranked among the nation’s best private colleges. Lawrence draws its 1,400 students from 47 states and 50 countries.

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