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**RENO CHAMBER ORCHESTRA PRESENTS THE
THIRD ANNUAL NEVADA CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL
DECEMBER 28-31**

The Reno Chamber Orchestra presents the third annual Nevada Chamber Music Festival December 28-31, 2006. This seven-concert series features world-renowned musicians performing masterworks of the chamber music literature in both afternoon and evening performances. The concerts will take place at South Reno United Methodist Church (200 DeSpain Lane in Reno, off Mt. Rose Highway and 1/2 mile west of Highway 395) and Nightingale Concert Hall, in the Church Fine Arts Building at the University of Nevada, Reno.

The 2006 Nevada Chamber Music Festival will include a special afternoon concert for families featuring music from the classic film "Fantasia," a celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Russian composer Dmitri Shostakovich, and a lively New Year's Eve celebration. Music by famous composers such as Mozart, Beethoven, Strauss and Tchaikovsky will be featured, as will lesser-known masterworks by the likes of Walter Piston, Josef Suk, and Sir Edward Elgar.

Among the acclaimed performers will be:

- _ Theodore Kuchar, Festival artistic director and violist;
- _ Pascal Roge, Grand Prix du Disque winning pianist;
- _ James Buswell, Grammy Award nominated violinist;
- _ Martin Chalifour, principal concertmaster of the Los Angeles Philharmonic;
- _ Three members of the Cleveland Orchestra – associate concertmaster Ellen dePasquale, principal violist Robert Vernon, and principal cellist Desmond Hoebig;
- _ Several musicians from the Reno Chamber Orchestra, including violinist Ruth Lenz, cellist John Lenz, and pianist James Winn.

The first Nevada Chamber Music Festivals were presented in 2004 and 2005 to large, enthusiastic audiences. One critic wrote "Kuchar's collection of exceptional musicians playing exceptional music brought forth a collection of stellar performances worthy of any of the world's great centers of culture," and referred to a concert as "electrifying and edifying listening." The Festival quickly won international acclaim from *The Strad*, a prestigious British magazine for string instrument players.

Theodore Kuchar, who is in his fourth year as Reno Chamber Orchestra music director, founded the Nevada Chamber Music Festival three years ago and serves as the Festival's artistic director. Kuchar said, "The Nevada Chamber Music Festival is very similar to The Australian Festival of Chamber Music, which I started fifteen years ago and which has become the pre-eminent chamber music festival in the southern hemisphere. We attract internationally renowned performers by scheduling the Nevada Chamber Music Festival in late December, when most musicians aren't otherwise engaged. Audience members are also often vacationing for the holidays during this time and have the opportunity to attend."

Scott Faulkner, RCO executive director, said "We at the Reno Chamber Orchestra are proud to be presenting the third Nevada Chamber Music Festival. The incredible caliber of music making, critics' reviews, and audience feedback suggest that this could become one of the most important chamber music festivals in the world."

Discounted passes good for admission to all Festival concerts are available, with new subscribers receiving a discount of nearly 50%. Tickets for individual concerts and reduced-price tickets for seniors and students are also on sale. Tickets can be purchased through the Reno Chamber Orchestra office, (775) 348-9413. More information on the Nevada Chamber Music Festival can be found at the Reno Chamber Orchestra's website, www.RenoChamberOrchestra.org/ncmf.

Founded in 1974, the Reno Chamber Orchestra provides the highest quality performances of repertoire written for smaller orchestra. It works to instill and promote the appreciation of chamber orchestra music among audiences diverse in age, backgrounds and interests throughout the region.

WHO: The Reno Chamber Orchestra

WHAT: The third annual Nevada Chamber Music Festival

WHEN: December 28-31, 2006

WHERE: South Reno United Methodist Church and Nightingale Concert Hall, Reno, Nevada

WHY: Some of the world's finest classical musicians performing chamber music masterworks

HOW: Get tickets at (775) 348-9413. Find out more at www.RenoChamberOrchestra.org/ncmf

[Qualified journalists and performance reviewers may call now to inquire about limited complimentary Festival passes or to schedule interviews. Images of Theodore Kuchar and the participating Festival musicians are available to the media. Please contact Chris Morrison, RCO Operations Manager, at 775.348.9413 or info@RenoChamberOrchestra.org.]