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**PHILLIP RUDER MAKES HIS LAST APPEARANCE WITH  
THE RENO CHAMBER ORCHESTRA IN APRIL 14 AND 15 CONCERTS**

Phillip Ruder plays his final concerts with the Reno Chamber Orchestra on Saturday, April 14 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 15 at 2:00 p.m. at the University of Nevada, Reno's Nightingale Concert Hall. Ruder, long time concertmaster of the Chamber Orchestra and one of the most respected musicians in the Truckee Meadows, will perform as soloist in Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante with the Orchestra and Maestro Theodore Kuchar, who will both conduct and act as viola soloist. Also featured in these concluding concerts of the Orchestra's 2006-2007 season is music by Salieri, Martinu and Handel. Tickets and more information are available by calling (775) 348-9413 or at [RenoChamberOrchestra.org](http://RenoChamberOrchestra.org).

Ruder, who is also a faculty member at the University of Nevada, Reno, concertmaster of the Reno Philharmonic, and member of the chamber group Argenta, will be retiring at the end of the season. In March 2004 he was awarded the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Governor's Arts Award for Excellence in the Arts. He made his solo debut with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra at age twelve. Before coming to Reno he served for twenty-one years as concertmaster of the Cincinnati Symphony, after holding the same post with orchestras in New Orleans, Dallas, and Santa Fe.

Theodore Kuchar, the music director of the Reno Chamber Orchestra, has recently completed recording three compact discs of the music of Czech composer Bedrich Smetana with the Janacek Philharmonic Orchestra of Ostrava, Czech Republic. The discs will be issued shortly on the Brilliant Classics label.

The Reno Chamber Orchestra has recently announced its 2007-8 season. Theodore Kuchar, returning for his fifth season as RCO music director, will conduct four of the five concert pairs, including special season-concluding performances of Mozart's Requiem. Guest artists include violinist Martin Chalifour, concertmaster of the Los Angeles Philharmonic; internationally-renowned pianist Fabio Bidini; and Avery Fisher Career Grant-winning pianist Meng-Chieh Liu. Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon performances are once again featured, and new subscribers receive 50% off their season tickets.

The Nell J. Redfield Foundation has provided funding for these concerts. This program has also been funded, in part, by a grant from the Nevada Arts Council, a state agency and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. These concerts have also been made possible, in part, by the support of the City of Reno Arts and Culture Commission.

The Reno Chamber Orchestra, founded in 1974, 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. Visit the RCO at [www.RenoChamberOrchestra.org](http://www.RenoChamberOrchestra.org).

*[High-quality images of Phillip Ruder and Theodore Kuchar are available to the media. Please contact Chris Morrison, RCO Operations Manager, at 775.348.9413 or [info@RenoChamberOrchestra.org](mailto:info@RenoChamberOrchestra.org).]*