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Pianist Derek Han Performs With The Reno Chamber Orchestra October 17 and 18

[Reno, Nevada – October 9, 2009] – Internationally renowned pianist Derek Han has agreed on short notice to step in as guest soloist in the Reno Chamber Orchestra's concerts on Saturday, October 17 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 18 at 2:00 p.m. at Nightingale Concert Hall on the University of Nevada, Reno campus. Mr. Han, already popular with northern Nevada audiences through his performances at the Reno Chamber Orchestra's annual Nevada Chamber Music Festival, is a last-minute replacement for Pavel Kaspar, who encountered visa problems and was not able to travel to the United States from his native Czech Republic.

Mr. Han will perform Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 4 with the RCO and music director Theodore Kuchar, in a program that also features Handel's Concerto Grosso, Op. 6/1 and the Chamber Symphony, Op. 73a by Shostakovich.

Tickets and more information are available by calling (775) 348-9413 or at RenoChamberOrchestra.org. Discounted tickets are available for seniors and groups of four or more, and everyone eighteen and younger and all full-time students can attend for \$5. A limited quantity of specially priced \$20 tickets is also available.

Born in the United States of Chinese parents, Derek Han currently serves as Associate Artistic Director of the La Musica International Chamber Music Festival in Sarasota, Florida. A prolific recording artist, his discography includes the complete piano concerti of Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven, concerti by Mendelssohn, MacDowell, Tchaikovsky, Chopin, Rachmaninov and Shostakovich, the complete Mozart Violin Sonatas, and other chamber works. He is a graduate of the Juilliard School who launched his international career by winning First Prize and the Gold Medal at the Athens International Piano Competition in 1977. Past seasons have included major tours of the United States, the United Kingdom, Europe, South America, and South Africa. Recent engagements include appearances as soloist with orchestras in Hong Kong, Frankfurt, Kiev, Berlin, Moscow, Budapest, and London. He has been a frequent collaborator with Theodore Kuchar, RCO music director and conductor, including several appearances in the Nevada Chamber Music Festival, which the Reno Chamber Orchestra presents every December.

Theodore Kuchar is one of the most prolifically recorded conductors of his generation, with over 100 CDs to his credit. Along with his positions as Music Director and Conductor of the Reno Chamber Orchestra and Artistic Director of the RCO's Nevada Chamber Music Festival, he also serves as Music Director and Conductor of the Fresno Philharmonic, Principal Conductor of the Janacek Philharmonic (of Ostrava, Czech Republic), and Resident Conductor at the Kent Blossom Music Festival, the educational institution and summer home of The Cleveland Orchestra.