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Reno Chamber Orchestra Presents Nevada Chamber Music Festival December 28-31

[Reno, Nevada – November 16, 2009] – The Reno Chamber Orchestra presents the sixth annual Nevada Chamber Music Festival December 28-31, 2009, featuring renowned musicians performing the masterworks of chamber music.

Among the acclaimed performers taking part in the seven-concert Festival will be:

- Festival artistic director and violist Theodore Kuchar;
- Grammy Award-nominated violinist James Buswell;
- cellist Wendy Warner, internationally renowned recording artist;
- Robert Vernon, long-time principal violist of the Cleveland Orchestra;
- several musicians from the Reno Chamber Orchestra – violinist Ruth Lenz, cellist John Lenz, bassist Scott Faulkner, and pianist James Winn.

The Festival will include a special afternoon concert for families and a lively New Year's Eve celebration. Concerts will take place at South Reno United Methodist Church and the University of Nevada, Reno's Nightingale Concert Hall.

Festival passes (transferable and good for all eight concerts) and individual concert tickets are both available. New subscribers receive substantial discounts on Festival passes, and everyone eighteen years of age and younger (and all full-time students) can attend any of the concerts for \$5. Tickets and more information, including details on all the Festival performers, are available at the Reno Chamber Orchestra office, (775) 348-9413, or at the Festival website, RenoChamberOrchestra.org/ncmf.

The Nevada Chamber Music Festival has attracted increasingly large and enthusiastic audiences since it made its debut in 2004. One critic has written "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 one concert as "electrifying and edifying listening." The Festival has won international acclaim from publications such as *The Strad*, a prestigious British magazine for string instrument players.

Theodore Kuchar, Reno Chamber Orchestra music director and the Festival's artistic director, said, "The Nevada Chamber Music Festival is very similar to The Australian Festival of Chamber Music, which I started some sixteen 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 Nevada Chamber Music Festival. The incredible caliber of music making, critics' reviews, and audience feedback suggest that our Festival is well on its way to becoming one of the most important chamber music festivals in the world."

Founded in 1974, the Reno Chamber Orchestra provides the highest quality performances of repertoire written for smaller orchestra and for chamber ensembles.

WHO: The Reno Chamber Orchestra

WHAT: The sixth annual Nevada Chamber Music Festival

WHEN: December 28-31, 2009

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

[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.]

THE MUSICIANS

Theodore Kuchar, NCMF Artistic Director and Violist

James Buswell, Grammy Award-nominated violinist

Ya-Fei Chuang, Piano Faculty, Boston Conservatory

Ellen dePasquale, Former Associate Concertmaster, Cleveland Orchestra

Scott Faulkner, Principal Bassist, Reno Philharmonic; Bassist, RCO

Amy Lee, Associate Concertmaster, Cleveland Orchestra

John Lenz, Professor of Music (emeritus), UNR; Principal Hornist, RCO and Reno Philharmonic

Ruth Lenz, Acting Concertmaster, RCO and Reno Philharmonic

Ronald Leonard, Former Principal Cellist, Los Angeles Philharmonic

Meng-Chieh Liu, Avery Fisher Career Grant-winning pianist

Alena Ondrisikova, Solo Violist, Janacek Philharmonic (Czech Republic)

Carol Ou, Music Faculty, New England Conservatory

Stephanie Sant'Ambrogio, Assistant Professor of Music, UNR; Former Concertmaster, San Antonio Symphony

Robert Vernon, Principal Violist, Cleveland Orchestra

Wendy Warner, Internationally renowned cellist

Orion Weiss, Internationally acclaimed concert pianist
James Winn, Professor of Music, UNR; Former Principal Pianist, New York City Ballet

THE CONCERTS

Monday, December 28, 7 p.m.
Masterworks Concert #1
Nightingale Concert Hall
Music by Mozart, Tchaikovsky and Mendelssohn

Tuesday, December 29, 2 p.m.
Family Concert
Nightingale Concert Hall
“The Day it Snowed Tortillas”

Tuesday, December 29, 7 p.m.
Masterworks Concert #2
South Reno United Methodist Church
Music by Turina, Brahms, and Suk

Wednesday, December 30, 12 noon
“Lunch with Beethoven and Brahms”
South Reno United Methodist Church

Wednesday, December 30, 2 p.m.
Afternoon Sonatas #1
South Reno United Methodist Church
Music by Ysaye, Martinu, Rachmaninov, and Mendelssohn

Wednesday, December 30, 7 p.m.
Masterworks Concert #3
South Reno United Methodist Church
Music by Dvorak, Goetz, Respighi, and Schumann

Thursday, December 31, 2 p.m.
Afternoon Sonatas #2 “Violin Showcase”
Nightingale Concert Hall
Music by Schulhoff, Strauss, and Busoni

Thursday, December 31, 7 p.m.
Masterworks Concert #4 “New Year’s Eve Celebration”
Nightingale Concert Hall
Music by Haydn, Mendelssohn, Martinu, and Faure

Programs and artists subject to change.