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SEATTLE CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY ANNOUNCES 2008 SUMMER FESTIVALS

The Seattle Chamber Music Society (SCMS) announces its 2008 Summer Festivals in north Seattle and on the Eastside, July 7- August 15. The Festivals feature six weeks of chamber music programmed by Artistic Director Toby Saks, including 17 different main series concerts and 17 different pre-concert recitals. Additionally, there will be two family concerts and an emerging artist concert. The 27th season of the *Summer Festival at Lakeside School* takes place July 7 – August 1, 2008 at Lakeside School, 14050 1st Avenue NE in north Seattle and the fourth *Summer Festival at The Overlake School* takes place August 6 – 15, 2008 at The Overlake School, 20301 NE 108th Street in Redmond. Each of the main series concerts at Lakeside School and The Overlake School features 10-14 artists from the Festival roster in works for different configurations of chamber ensembles who rehearse and perform together *only* for these concerts.

The roster of artists during the six weeks of the festivals features 37 internationally acclaimed artists. They include principals of the New York Philharmonic, Cleveland Orchestra, and Detroit, San Francisco, San Diego, Oregon, and Seattle Symphonies, and the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra; top prizewinners of the Naumburg, Tchaikovsky, and Queen Elisabeth International Competitions, the Avery Fisher Career Grant, and the Grammy Awards; and soloists with the Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, and National Symphonies and the Vienna, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Moscow, and Berlin Philharmonics.

Complete programming and artists roster is attached.

New This Year!

- The **Monday, July 21st** concert at Lakeside School will feature a **special world premiere** of Jeffery Cotton's *Trio for Flute, Viola, and Harp*. The trio will be performed by flutist Lorna McGhee, violist David Harding, and harpist Heidi Krutzen. The work is the second piece commissioned by the recently formed SCMS Commissioning Club, a group of over 30 members who have made a multi-year financial commitment to support the premiere of new chamber music each year.

- Two artists will be making their Seattle Chamber Music Society debuts this summer at the Summer Festival at Lakeside School in July: **Violinist Jun Iwasaki** is the new concertmaster of the Oregon Symphony. **Bassoonist Seth Krinsky** is the principal bassoon of the Seattle Symphony.
- The free **pre-concert recitals at Lakeside School** will be moved to the larger, air-conditioned St. Nicholas Hall, to accommodate the long lines and standing room only crowds that have marked these popular recitals.
- All 12 main series concerts in the 2008 Summer Festival at Lakeside School and all five main series concerts in the 2008 Summer Festival at The Overlake School will be **broadcast live at 8:00 PM** on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings, July 7- August 1 and August 6- 15 on **Classical KING-FM 98.1**, reaching over 10,000 listeners each evening.

Special Concerts

Family Concert

As part of its outreach to young people, SCMS presents two Family Concerts in Seattle and on the Eastside, “Blast! The Power of Brass,” on Tuesday, July 29 at the Lakeside School in north Seattle and Tuesday, August 12 at The Overlake School in Redmond. These concerts will feature the Seattle Brass Company, including SCMS French horn player Jeffrey Fair and some of the area’s best brass musicians, in an introduction to the members of the brass family. The 45-minute performance begins at 7:00 pm, and is especially suited for children ages 6-10. The concert is preceded by free hotdogs and lemonade outside on the lawn at 6:00 pm. General admission tickets are only \$8.00.

Emerging Artist Concert

The 10th annual **Monika Clowes Memorial Emerging Artist Concert** on Thursday, July 24 at 7:00 pm at the Lakeside School in north Seattle, features cellist Gabriel Cabezas, a Young Concert Artists 2008 International Auditions prizewinner. Cabezas, born in Chicago in 1992, has been a soloist with the Cleveland Orchestra, the Detroit Chamber Winds and was invited to open the 2008 official season of the National Symphony Orchestra of Costa Rica. This concert is sure to be inspiring for young music students (ages 12-16) and their families. General admission tickets are \$10.00, new lower price this season!

Music Under the Stars

The Summer Festival’s popularity is signified by audiences that frequently exceed 100 percent of capacity. To make these concerts more accessible, SCMS offers a free admission *Music Under the Stars* program in which the live pre-concert recital and main series concert is broadcast over speakers to an audience seated on the lawn outside the concert hall. Audience members may hear (not see) the

performances while sitting on blankets or folding chairs brought from home. Programs and intermission refreshments are provided. *Music Under the Stars* has steadily gained in attendance every year, and each night an additional 75-225 people (nearly 1,800 in 2007) enjoy the Festival concerts through this outreach program.

Picnics and Box Dinners

Summer picnics on the lovely campus lawns are a special part of the Summer Festival. Audience members may pack their own picnic baskets, or they may pre-order from Lakeside Food Service at Lakeside School or Gretchen's Shoebox Express at The Overlake School. A selection of box dinners are available for pickup after 5:30 pm (menus are mailed along with tickets). Desserts and beverages are also available for purchase before each concert.

Open Rehearsals

Middle school and high school music students and their teachers may attend open rehearsals free of charge. A schedule of open rehearsals will be available in June by calling the Festival administrative office at (206) 283-8710.

Ticket Information

Summer Festival at Lakeside School: Subscriptions (5 percent discount) for all 12 concerts are \$480, 8 concerts for \$320, or four concerts for \$160. Single tickets are \$42, \$36 (limited availability), and \$31, or \$16 for young music lovers ages 25 and under or students with ID. All seats are reserved for main series concerts. Tickets for the July 24 Emerging Artist Concert are \$10 for general admission. Tickets for the July 29 Family Concert are \$8 for general admission.

Summer Festival at The Overlake School: Subscriptions (5 percent discount) are available for all five concerts for \$200 or three concerts for \$120. Single tickets are \$42 or \$38, or \$16 for young music lovers ages 25 and under or students with ID. All seats are reserved for main series concerts. Tickets for the August 12 Family Concert are \$8 for general admission.

Subscriptions are on sale now with the deadline for priority seating for subscribers on May 1, 2008. Single ticket orders may be made now but will be held for processing after May 1, 2008. Call the Festival box office at (206)-283-8808 for a ticket brochure or to order tickets, or order online at www.seattlechambermusic.org.

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