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Music in the Vineyards Announces ‘Sweet 16’ Season *Chamber Festival Offers Award-Winning Artists Performing in Stunning Settings*

NAPA VALLEY, Calif., – This August, 35 renowned musicians from around the world will travel to the Napa Valley to perform in *Music in the Vineyards’* 16th annual chamber music festival. The three-week festival showcases a plethora of award-winning artists-in-residence performing in intimate winery settings with complimentary wine tastings at intermission.

The festival kicks off on Wednesday, August 4 in the Hudson House of Beringer Vineyards where the Enso String Quartet, nominees of the 2009 Grammy Award for Best Chamber Music Performance, will perform works by Ginastera, Haydn and Sibelius. The festival continues as several competition and award-winning musicians travel to the Napa Valley to perform. Trio Cavatina, winner of the coveted Naumberg Chamber Music Award, will perform on Wednesday, August 11 at the Hess Collection where a spectacular art gallery and crystal clear acoustics combine to create a magical setting. Individual

award winners making their *Music in the Vineyards* debut this season include violinist Nikki Chooi, winner of the 2009 Irving M. Klein competition, pianist William Wolfram, winner of the silver medal at both the William Kapell and the Naumberg International Piano Competitions and Italian pianist Alessandro Taverna, prize winner in both the Yamaha Piano e-competition and the London International Piano Competition.

On Sunday, August 15 Harvest Inn in St. Helena will make it’s debut as a *Music in the Vineyards* venue where guests will hear Grammy-award winning favorites, The Pacifica Quartet, perform pieces by Piston, Shostavovich and Schubert’s epic string quartet “Death and the Maiden” amidst the lovely al fresco setting of the Vineyard Terrace.

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Enso String Quartet makes festival debut



The Pacifica Quartet returns for a two-week residency

In April, *Music in the Vineyards* was prestigiously named as one of the seven best chamber music festivals in the country by *The Strad* magazine, which bills itself as the voice of the string world since 1890. "The Strad's recognition of our festival is a welcome validation of what we aim to do every August, which is to bring together remarkable talent to play great music in unique winery venues, for the benefit of our loyal audience," said Michael and Daria Adams, artistic directors of *Music in the Vineyards*.

In addition to the complimentary wine at intermission, a unique highlight of *Music in the Vineyards*' concerts is the insightful and witty commentary presented by Michael Adams. Before each piece, Adams gives audiences important and sometimes comical background information on the music and composer helping listeners experience the true meaning or nature behind each piece.

Music in the Vineyards will host another Family Concert at Meadowood on Sunday, August 8 at 2:00 p.m. The Enso String Quartet will teach children about melody, harmony and rhythm in a fun, engaging way with a program of



Children enjoying a Family Concert at Meadowood

string quartets by Haydn, Mozart, Bartok, Ravel and Danny Elfman – composer of music for *The Simpsons* and *Batman!*

The 16th annual season of *Music in the Vineyards* is made possible in part by a generous donation from Constellation Wines U.S. "We are proud to be a part of the *Music in the Vineyards* chamber music festival. Supporting the arts reflects Constellation's commitment to the community as well as Robert Mondavi's vision of embracing wine, food and the arts as part of a balanced lifestyle. To participate here in Napa Valley is special as it's the home of some of our distinctive wineries as well as many of our employees, customers and colleagues," said Chris Fehrstrom, Chief Marketing Officer of Constellation Wines U.S.

Music in the Vineyards offers open rehearsals on Thursdays during the festival as well as a closing night dinner celebration with the artists on Sunday, August 22 at Meadowood. Tickets for the concerts are on sale now and cost \$45 if booked by July 1, \$50 from July 2 onwards. For more information or a complete festival schedule, please call 707.258.5559, e-mail mitv@sonic.net or visit www.musicinthevineyards.org.



Co-Artistic Director Michael Adams

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Complete 2010 Festival Schedule:

Wednesday, August 4, 7:30 p.m.

Beringer Vineyards (2000 Main St., St. Helena)

6:30 pm Pre-Concert Talk (Free)

7:30 pm Enso String Quartet

Ginastera: String Quartet no. 1

Haydn: Quartet in F minor, op. 20, no. 5

Sibelius: Quartet in D minor, "Intimate Voices"

Friday, August 6, 7:30 p.m.

Silverado Vineyards (6121 Silverado Trail, Napa)

Schumann: "Fairy Tales" for clarinet, viola and piano

Joachim: Three Hebrew Melodies for viola and piano

Brahms: Scherzo from "F.A.E." Sonata

Brahms: Quintet for piano and strings

Saturday, August 7, 5:00 p.m.

Silverado Vineyards (6121 Silverado Trail, Napa)

Boccherini: String Quartet, "The Aviary"

Borodin: String Sextet

Messiaen: "Quartet for the End of Time"

Sunday, August 8, 2:00 p.m.

Family Concert at Meadowood (900 Meadowood Lane)

A family-friendly concert hosted by the Enso String Quartet in this luxury resort followed by cake and juice on the lawn after the entertainment. Learn how music is built in a program of string quartets by Haydn, Mozart, Bartok, Ravel and Danny Elfman, who wrote *The Simpsons* and *Batman!*

Sunday, August 8, 5:00 p.m.

Silverado Vineyards (6121 Silverado Trail, Napa)

Dahl: "Concerto For Three" for violin, cello and clarinet

Brahms: Violin Sonata no. 3 in D minor

Dvorák: Piano Trio in F minor

Wednesday, August 11, 7:30 p.m.

The Hess Collection (4411 Redwood Road, Napa)

6:30 pm Pre-Concert Talk — Free

7:30 pm Trio Cavatina

Beethoven: Piano Trio in D major, "Ghost"

Gabriela Ortiz Torres: "Trifolium"

Brahms: Piano Trio in C major

Friday, August 13, 7:30 p.m.

Robert Mondavi Winery (Highway 29, Oakville)

Haydn: "London" Trio for flute, violin and cello

Gesualdo: Five Madrigals for string quartet arranged by

Bruce Adolphe

Hahn: Romanesque for flute, viola and piano

Schumann: Piano Quartet

Saturday, August 14, 5:00 p.m.

Frog's Leap Winery (8815 Conn Creek Road, Rutherford)

Duruflé: Prélude, Récitativ and Variations for flute, viola and piano, op. 3

Beethoven: String Trio in G major

Dohnányi: Piano Quintet

Sunday, August 15, 5:00 p.m.

The Harvest Inn (One Main Street, St Helena)

Piston: Quintet for flute and string quartet

Shostakovich: Prelude and Scherzo for string octet

Schubert: String Quartet, "Death and the Maiden"

Wednesday, August 18, 7:30 p.m.

V. Sattui Winery (1111 White Lane, St. Helena)

Shostakovich:

String Quartet no. 3 in F major

String Quartet no. 10 in A flat major

String Quartet no. 5 in B flat major

Friday August 20, 7:30 p.m.

Rubicon Estate (1991 St. Helena Hwy, Rutherford)

Chopin: Introduction and Polonaise Brilliance for cello and piano

Schoenberg: "Transfigured Night" for string sextet

Mendelssohn: Piano trio no. 1 in D minor

Saturday August 21, 5:00 p.m.

Markham Vineyards (2812 St. Helena Hwy North)

Gordon Getty: Four Traditional Pieces for string quartet

Martinů: Quartet for oboe, violin, cello and piano

Mendelssohn: Andante and Scherzo for string quartet, op.81

Elgar: Piano Quintet

Sunday, August 22, 5:00 p.m.

Clos Pegase (1060 Dunaweal Lane, Calistoga)

Piazzolla: "Oblivion"

Britten: Phantasy Quartet for oboe and string trio

Prokofiev: Sonata for 2 violins

Mendelssohn: String Quintet no. 2

Sunday, August 22, 8:00 p.m.

Closing Night Dinner at Meadowood

Celebrate the close of the 16th Season of Music in the Vineyards! Join the musicians for a closing night party under the stars complete with wine, hors d'oeuvres and a buffet dinner.

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