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**BRAVO! VAIL VALLEY MUSIC FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES ITS 23rd SEASON.
TICKETS ON SALE APRIL 5.**

Vail, CO. –Programming for the Bravo! Vail Valley Music Festival has just been announced, promising more music, diverse programming and a memorable season not to be missed.

Bravo! celebrates its 23rd season June 25 through August 3 in the picturesque Rocky Mountain setting of Vail, Colorado. The all-star lineup of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, The Philadelphia Orchestra, and the New York Philharmonic will highlight the 2010 season. More than 40 internationally renowned soloists and chamber musicians will also be heard.

The 2010 season kicks off June 25 with a recital by the multi-Grammy winning cellist, Yo-Yo Ma, and pianist Kathryn Stott at the Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater. Ma performed at President Obama's Inauguration and is one of the best selling recording artists in the classical field.

Bravo's artistic director Eugenia Zukerman says the Festival is honored that Yo-Yo Ma and his longtime piano collaborator Kathryn Stott will perform a recital together. Their program includes some of the most thrilling music ever written for cello and piano.

"I've known Yo-Yo for more than 30 years, and with all his accolades and fame, he has remained the approachable and modest person he was in his late teens," says Zukerman. "To hear him play in person is to be transported--don't miss the journey."

Bravo welcomes back the Dallas Symphony Orchestra after their much-lauded performances during the 2009 season, marking the first of a newly signed three-year agreement as a resident orchestra at the Festival. The orchestra will perform six different programs at the Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater, June 30-July 7, with their new and critically acclaimed music director Jaap van Zweden, and pop performances led by the multi-talented Jeff Tyzik.

Opening night of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra's residency features violinist Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg, who last performed with the Festival in 2008. The evening's program titled *Fanfare and Festivity* will honor the centenary of the renowned composer Samuel Barber (1910-2010) with a performance of his exquisite Violin Concerto played by the powerful Sonnenberg.

"Nadja gives electrifying performances with unique interpretations of music," says Zukerman.

The concert will also feature a fascinating coupling: *Fanfare for the Common Man* by Aaron Copland and *Fanfare for the Uncommon Women* by Joan Tower, this summer's Composer-in-Residence. The evening concludes with the brilliant Jaap van Zweden's fresh and passionate rendition of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony.

The Dallas Symphony Orchestra will also perform several pops concerts during their residency including the always popular *Patriotic Concert July 4*, *Nothin' But the Blues July 3* and *A Century of Broadway July 5*, all under the baton of Jeff Tyzik.

The annual patriotic concert, co-presented by the Vail Valley Foundation takes place at 2:00 p.m. July 4 and features conductor Jeff Tyzik and vocalist Doug Labrecque in a *Salute to Freedom*.

Broadway lovers shouldn't miss *A Century of Broadway July 5*, says John Giovando, Bravo's executive director, and music lovers of all genres should attend Dallas Symphony Orchestra's closing night July 7 when they finish with Beethoven's 9th Symphony.

The Philadelphia Orchestra, with Chief Conductor Charles Dutoit, returns to the Festival for a six-concert residency July 9-17. The orchestra opens with an evening entitled *Russian Revelry* with conductor Charles Dutoit and violinist Gil Shaham. Programming includes Rimsky-Korsakov's *Capriccio Espagnol*, Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto and Stravinsky's *Rite of Spring*.

"The elegant Gil Shaham performed with the Festival last summer and promises to once again engage the audience with a virtuosic performance" says Zukerman.

An exciting evening of Gershwin and Bernstein is scheduled July 11 with pianist Inon Barnatan. The festive evening will include Bernstein's Symphonic Dances from *West Side Story*. The orchestra closes its residency July 17 with Tchaikovsky's 4th Symphony and Mozart's Clarinet Concerto, featuring the orchestra's Principal clarinetist Ricardo Morales under the baton of Rossen Milanov.

The New York Philharmonic returns for its eighth annual summer residency July 23-30 performing six concerts. The New York Philharmonic has performed at the Bravo! Vail Valley Music Festival each summer since 2003. Alan Gilbert will conduct three concerts

at the conclusion of his first season as Music Director of the Philharmonic, leading works by Beethoven, Sibelius, Mozart, Mendelssohn, Tchaikovsky, and Rachmaninoff. The Orchestra's residence will also feature appearances by conductors Andrey Boreyko and Bramwell Tovey.

"The chemistry between Alan Gilbert and the musicians of the New York Philharmonic has created a palpable enthusiasm with our audiences around the world, which we are looking forward to sharing with our listeners at the Bravo! Vail Valley Music Festival," says Zarin Mehta, president and executive director of the New York Philharmonic. "The Orchestra enjoys returning to what has become a summer home away from home, where we are able to renew our friendships with our behind-the-scenes colleagues as well as the wonderful enthusiasm of the Vail audiences."

Opening night features Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 4 with pianist Jonathan Biss, who debuted in Vail in 2001 at age 20 and now is an international star. Following the piano concerto, the exceptional Maestro Alan Gilbert will unveil the Scandinavian secrets of Sibelius's Symphony No. 2, dubbed the "Symphony of Independence."

Other soloists performing with the New York Philharmonic include the Philharmonic's Principal cellist Carter Brey, soprano Nicole Cabell, saxophonist Branford Marsalis and pianist Alexander Gavrylyuk. Brey performs Tchaikovsky's *Variations on a Rocco Theme* July 25. That evening is entitled *Slavic Sensations*, and also includes Rachmaninoff's 2nd Symphony. Cabell joins the orchestra July 28 for an evening entitled *The Elixir of Love*, and the orchestra's residency closes July 30 with *The Sounds of Eastern Europe*, featuring Brahms' *Hungarian Dances* (arranged by Dvořák) and Tchaikovsky's *Marche Slave* as well as Liszt's first piano concerto performed by Gavrylyuk.

The Chamber Music Series also takes place throughout the 23rd season of Bravo, including an exciting world premiere by the award-winning Composer-in-Residence Joan Tower July 20. Other chamber concerts scheduled both at the Vilar Performing Arts Center in Beaver Creek and the Vail Mountain School include pianist Inon Barnatan, violinist Anne Akiko Meyers, pianist Orion Weiss, cellist Zuill Bailey, flutist Eugenia Zukerman, violinist Chee-Yun and harpsichordist Kathleen McIntosh. The Rossetti and Daedalus String Quartets will also perform during the Bravo Chamber Series and this summer's young artists in residence are M5, a brass quintet from the Manhattan School of Music and the Aeolus String Quartet from the University of Texas in Austin.

The Free Family Concert presented by Community Banks of Colorado and Vail Resorts once again features the National Repertory Orchestra under the baton of Carl Topilow July 15, at 11:00 a.m. Several other free community concerts and music education events, part of Bravo's Music Matters, will take place all summer long throughout the Eagle Valley

Tickets go on sale April 5 and can be purchased online at www.vailmusicfestival.org or through the box office 877.812.5700. Tickets for the orchestral performances at the

amphitheater range from lawn seating at \$23 to covered pavilion seating at \$48, \$60, \$63 and \$85 depending on the concert and seating preference. Children 12 and under receive free lawn admittance to all amphitheater concerts. Chamber concerts are complimentary or \$27, depending on the performance. The Yo-Yo Ma recital costs \$40 for lawn seating \$100 for reserved seating and \$150 for premium reserved seating.

The Bravo! Vail Valley Music Festival celebrates its 23rd season June 25 through August 3 with a recital by Yo-Yo Ma and Kathryn Stott, and concerts by the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, The Philadelphia Orchestra, the National Repertory Orchestra, the New York Philharmonic and Bravo's chamber musicians. Relish the artistic excellence of the Festival and its many musicians in the reserved seating sections or relax on the lawn with friends, family, a picnic basket and wine at the Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater. Enjoy the inspiring sounds of chamber music at the intimate Vail Mountain School, Vilar Performing Arts Center and other venues throughout the Vail Valley. From instrument petting zoos to intimate soirées; from Tchaikovsky to Broadway Pops, the Festival has it all in the glorious setting of the Rocky Mountains. For a Festival lineup and to purchase tickets visit www.vailmusicfestival.org or call 970.827.5700

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About Bravo! Vail Valley Music Festival

Executive Director: John Giovando
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In 1987 the Bravo! Vail Valley Music Festival was created by John Giovando, an attorney with a love of classical music, and acclaimed violinist, Ida Kavafian, who together had already established a successful chamber music festival in New Mexico. They brought musicians from *Music from Angel Fire* to present chamber music concerts in the Vail Valley. These performances started small—at one of the first concerts the musicians actually outnumbered the audience! Eugenia Zukerman, renowned flutist, author and television commentator joined the Festival as Artistic Director in 1998, and has since guided the artistic growth of the Festival. Through world-class performances, dedicated leadership and generous support from the community, the Festival has grown from a handful of attendees to an annual audience of more than 60,000. More than 50 acclaimed soloists visit the Vail Valley to perform in chamber ensembles and as soloists with resident orchestras. The Bravo! Vail Valley Music Festival is the only festival to host three world-class orchestras in residence.

The Bravo! Festival runs from June through August, presenting the highest level of music making in spectacular Vail Valley venues. During these brief summer months, the Festival touches the lives of thousands of people, many of who come to the area

specifically to experience the pleasures of the Festival and the beauty of the majestic Rocky Mountains.

Now in its 23rd season, the Bravo Festival has reached the highest level of artistic excellence. The 2010 season will feature three world class orchestras—the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, The Philadelphia Orchestra and the New York Philharmonic, as well as world-renowned soloists and chamber musicians June 25—August 3, 2010.

Yo-Yo Ma and Kathryn Stott Recital

Friday, June 25, 2010

Dallas Symphony Orchestra

Wednesday, June 30, 2010-Wednesday, July 7, 2010

The Philadelphia Orchestra

Friday, July 9, 2010—Saturday, July 17, 2010

National Repertory Orchestra

Thursday, July 15, 2010

New York Philharmonic Orchestra

Friday, July 23, 2010-Friday, July 30, 2010

Chamber Music Series

June 12-August 3, 2010