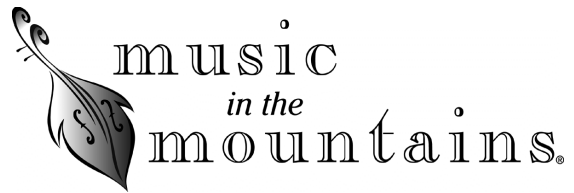


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MUSIC IN THE MOUNTAINS CELEBRATES ITS 24TH SUMMER FESTIVAL SEASON HOSTING 41 CONCERTS AND EVENTS

DURANGO, CO., May 4, 2010 – Music in the Mountains celebrates its 24th season featuring orchestra, chamber and conservatory performances of classical and world music. A host of concerts and events are slated in venues set in the spectacular San Juan Mountains of southwest Colorado and northwest New Mexico from July 10 through August 1, 2010.

Deemed as one of the longest running classical music festivals in the southwest, Artistic Director Gregory Hustis and Music Director and Conductor Guillermo Figueroa promise to take audiences on a musical adventure through the classics. World-class musicians travel from across the globe to join together and form the Festival Orchestra, and this season they will perform music from the classical masters to sounds of the traditional East Coast.

Among the Festival's distinguished guest artists are virtuoso violinists Vadim Gluzman and Dmitri Berlinsky, Israeli pianist, Aviram Reichert, outstanding oboist, Erin Hannigan, legendary pops conductor Carl Topilow, and Cape Breton fiddler, Natalie MacMaster.

Conservatory Music in the Mountains Artistic Director Arkady Fomin draws more than 150 students and faculty enabling students to work with musicians of international rank and perform with young artists from around the world.

Artist and Colorado native Lance Mumma's artwork, "San Juan Flowers" is featured in the Festival's 2010 promotional materials. The work has been donated by Toh-Atin Gallery in Durango and will be auctioned at the Pops Night Benefit Dinner and Concert at Durango Mountain Resort July 22.

The three-week Festival runs from July 10 through August 1, 2010. Tickets may be purchased online at www.musicinthemountains.com, in person at the Festival Office, 1063 Main Avenue and the Community Concert Hall Ticket Office, 707 ½ Main Avenue in Durango or by calling (970) 385-6820. Group and Series ticket discounts are available. Pagosa Springs concert tickets may also be purchased at the Pagosa Springs Chamber of Commerce, 402 San Juan in Pagosa Springs.

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Music in the Mountains is a fully integrated festival of orchestra, chamber music and young artists' performances in conjunction with Conservatory Music in the Mountains. Its year-round Music in the Mountains Goes to School program reaches thousands of elementary and secondary school students in the Four Corners region through hands-on instruction and free concerts. A 501(c)(3) corporation, Music in the Mountains is supported through contributions from foundations, businesses and individuals, locally, regionally and nationally.

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