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Atlantic Classical Orchestra Announces 2010 Vero Beach Chamber Music Series

August 1, 2009, Fort Pierce, Florida--- After an extremely successful debut season, the Atlantic Classical Orchestra is again partnering with the Vero Beach Museum of Art for a series of chamber music concerts in 2010. Featuring members of the orchestra and special guest performers, host Maestro Stewart Robertson has put together a season of music that is quintessential ACO- all-time favorites and classics of the chamber music repertoire combined with little-known and newly discovered gems sure to please every musical palate.

“We are extremely happy to be continuing our successful Chamber Music Series in collaboration with the Vero Beach Museum of Art,” states Larry Kopp, ACO Executive Director. “Our first season of concerts was extremely well received and we hope to expand upon our successes in 2010. Maestro Robertson and members of the ACO have put together a season of chamber music that is, if anything, more diverse and interesting than last year’s concerts. They will truly be a treat for Treasure Coast music lovers.”

In 2010, the ACO is presenting three series concerts, Sundays at 4:00 pm, in the Vero Beach Museum of Art’s intimate 250-seat Leonhardt Auditorium. All concerts in the series have a regional or national theme- Russian, Czechoslovakian and Scandinavian. And every concert features a post-concert wine and cheese reception which allows patrons the opportunity to meet and get to know host Maestro Robertson and artists.

“Maestro Robertson has put together three concerts with a thematic basis,” states Kopp. “The programs are based on music coming from composers from single country or region, all-Russian, all-Czech and all-Scandinavian. And they combine both well-known works and the less familiar into a entertaining and informative whole, the hallmark of ACO concerts!”

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The Series begins on Sunday, January 31st, 2010, with an all-Russian program featuring the ACO's virtuoso Concertmaster, Leonid "Lenny" Sigal, with special guest pianist Kimball Gallagher. The program is a natural for the Moscow born and trained Sigal, who is also Concertmaster of Connecticut's Hartford Symphony Orchestra during his time away from the ACO. Works will include Prokofiev's Sonata #2 for Violin and Piano; Igor Stravinsky's Divertimento after *The Fairy's Kiss* for Violin and Piano; and two shorter works by Tchaikovsky, his *Serenade Melancolique* and *Valse-Scherzo*. With compositions by masters of 19th and 20th Century Russian music this is a concert not to be missed!

February brings with it the ACO's second Chamber Series Performance on Sunday, February, 21st, 2010, featuring the music of two 19th Century Czech masters- Smetena and Dvorak. On the program are Bedrich Smetena's Piano Trio in G Minor and Antonin Dvorak's Piano Trio #3 in F Minor. This performance sees the return of ACO Principal Cellist Ian Maksin to the ACO's Chamber Music, this time as a member of the Chicago-based Armitage Trio. Other members of this world-class ensemble are Jeff Yang, Violin, and George Lepauw, Piano.

The final concert of the 2010 Chamber Music Series, March 7, 2010, presents the type of program that only Maestro Robertson and the ACO can bring to Treasure Coast audiences- a program of little-known musical gems by Sacndinavian Composers. Works by Niels Gade, Jon Leifs, Wilhelm Stenhammer and Christian Sinding for piano and strings are on the program, as well as songs by Jorma Kilipinen. Featured performers will be members of our very own ACO and Young Vocal Artists from the Florida Grand Opera.

The ACO's 2010 Vero Beach Chamber Music Series. Three concerts of classics, musical favorites and little-gems just waiting to be discovered.

"We are extremely happy to be able to present these world-class performances to Treasure Coast audiences," states Kopp. "They definitely fill a void in the performing arts scene in our community and allow audiences the opportunity to hear and get to know better some of our virtuoso musicians in an intimate setting outside of orchestra performances. Great music, great performances and great people... you just can't go wrong!"

For more information concerning the ACO, an interview with Music Director Stewart Robertson or Executive Director Larry Kopp, or more information on the artists performing as part of the Chamber Music Series, please contact Director of Communications Silvia Longa at (772) 460-0850. For additional information please visit the orchestra's website located at www.acomusic.org. The ACO office is located at 415 Avenue A, Suite 301, Fort Pierce, and is open 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday. Mail should be sent to 415 Avenue A, Suite 301, Fort Pierce, FL 34950. For more information about the Atlantic Classical Orchestra or its events, call the Orchestra office at (772) 460-0850 or fax (772) 460-0851. E-mail to marketing@acomusic.org. Press and advertising information can be obtained through the Symphony office as well.