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NMSO to Perform Rachmaninoff's Second Symphony

Concerts to Include Bolcom Violin Concerto with Borivoj Martinic-Jercic

(ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., Jan. 28, 2010) – The New Mexico Symphony Orchestra's 2009/2010 Classics season continues Feb. 5 & 6, 2010 with two performances featuring Sergei Rachmaninoff's sweeping Symphony No. 2 and William Bolcom's Violin Concerto, featuring Borivoj Martinic-Jercic, Concertmaster of the Santa Fe Opera Orchestra. NMSO Music Director Guillermo Figueroa will conduct these performances.

Program: Rachmaninoff's Symphony No. 2 and Bolcom's Violin Concerto

Who: New Mexico Symphony Orchestra
Guillermo Figueroa, conductor
Borivoj Martinic-Jercic, violin

When & Where: Friday, Feb. 5, 8 p.m., Legacy Church in Albuquerque
Saturday, Feb. 6, 6 p.m., Legacy Church in Albuquerque

Tickets & Info: Tickets from \$10-\$60 at NMSO.org, 505-881-8999 or the NMSO Box Office (4407 Menaul NE, just east of Washington, in Albuquerque)

Student discounts of 20%—for those up to 12th grade or any age with valid student ID

Student Rush—will be sold at \$8 each, limited to two tickets per student with valid ID and available beginning 90 minutes prior to concert at the venue box office.

About Borivoj Martinic-Jercic

Recipient of the Yehudi Menuhin Award, violinist Borivoj Martinic-Jercic has enjoyed an illustrious career. Born in Zagreb, Croatia he graduated from Blagoje Berso Conservatory of Music in 1978, where he studied with Kristijan Petrovic. Mr. Martinic-Jercic received the Bachelor and Master of Music degrees from the University of Michigan, where he studied with Paul Makanowitzky and Ruggiero Ricci. His numerous solo and chamber music performances have taken him throughout the United States, Canada, Asia and Europe. In addition to appearances with the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra and the Detroit Contemporary Chamber Ensemble, "Boro" served as Concertmaster of the Phoenix Symphony for fifteen

years. He is currently Concertmaster of the Santa Fe Opera Orchestra, Music Director and Concertmaster of I Solisti di Zagreb, and Professor of Violin at the Zagreb Academy of Music.

About the Music

Sergei Rachmaninoff finished the first draft of his Symphony No. 2 on New Year's Day of 1907. It premiered in St. Petersburg, Russia on February 8, 1908, and was conducted by the composer himself. The symphony received enthusiastic public acclaim, giving Rachmaninoff back his confidence and erasing the stigma of the failure of his Symphony No. 1. His Second Symphony has become one of his most popular works.

William Bolcom's Violin Concerto in D was written for Romanian-born violinist Sergiu Luca, who gave the premiere performance with the Saarbrücken Radio Orchestra under the direction of Dennis Russell Davies on June 3, 1984. It is an eclectic composition with a rich blend of the wide variety of styles and genres Bolcom absorbed into his unique compositional voice. Twenty-five years after its premiere, the concerto is still finding new audiences.

About the NMSO

The New Mexico Symphony Orchestra is the official orchestra of the State of New Mexico, serving over 130,000 people each year through its Classics, Pops and Symphony Under the Stars series, as well as many free NMSO Family Concerts. The NMSO is the largest non-governmental provider of music education in New Mexico and has also been recognized by the Mellon Foundation for its innovative community engagement efforts. The NMSO is under the baton of Music Director Guillermo Figueroa and Resident Conductor and Chorus Director Roger Melone. For more information about the NMSO, visit nmso.org.

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