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**AFTER A KNOCKOUT 22nd SEASON,
THE BRAVO! VAIL VALLEY MUSIC FESTIVAL GEARS UP FOR 2010**

Vail, CO. – Just when you thought it couldn't get any better, the Bravo! Vail Valley Music Festival announces an unparalleled 2010 season. The all-star line up of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, The Philadelphia Orchestra and the New York Philharmonic will dominate the 2010 season, running from June 25 to August 3, 2010, punctuated with more than 40 internationally renowned soloists and chamber musicians.

The 2010 season kicks off with a not-to-be-missed recital by the multi-Grammy winning cellist, Yo-Yo Ma, and pianist Kathryn Stott. The 75-minute recital will take place at the Gerald R. Ford Amphitheater and promises to be a once-in-a-lifetime performance. The program includes Brahms's Sonata No 1 and Gershwin's Prelude No. 2.

The recital includes some of the most thrilling music ever written for cello and piano, says Eugenia Zukerman, Bravo's Artistic Director. "To hear Yo-Yo play in person is to be transported—don't miss the journey," says Zukerman.

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, a combination of both classical and pop performances led by Maestro van Zweden.

Opening night of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra's 6-concert residency features violinist Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg, who last performed with the Festival in 2008. The evening's program titled *Fanfare and Festivity* includes Barber's Violin Concerto and Beethoven's 5th Symphony.

Sonnenberg recently finished her first season as the Music Director of the New Century Chamber Orchestra and will continue to hold that position this year.

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

The Dallas Symphony Orchestra will also perform several pops concerts including the ever popular *Patriotic Concert* July 4, and *A Century of Broadway* July 5.

The Philadelphia Orchestra with Chief Conductor Charles Dutoit also returns to the Festival for a six-concert residency. The orchestra opens up with *Russian Revelry* July 9 with violinist Gil Shaham. Programming includes Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto and Stravinsky's *Rite of Spring*.

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 The Philadelphia Orchestra featuring Inon Barnatan on piano. The festive evening will include Bernstein's Symphonic Dances from the *West Side Story*. The orchestra closes its residency July 17 with Tchaikovsky's 4th Symphony featuring Principal Clarinetist Ricardo Morales and Conductor Rossen Milanov.

The New York Philharmonic, also returning as resident orchestra, will perform six concerts July 23 through the 30th. Opening night features Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 4 with pianist Jonathan Biss, a young 3rd-generation musician whose enthusiasm for the piano is making him well known in the music scene, says Zukerman.

Other soloists performing with the New York Philharmonic include Cellist Carter Brey, Soprano Nicole Cabell, Saxophonist Branford Marsalis and Pianist Alexander Gavrylyuk. Cabell joins the orchestra for an Operatic evening of Rossini's *La Cenerentola* Overture which is based on the tale of Cinderella. Gavrylyuk closes the orchestra's residency July 30 with a program titled *The Sounds of Eastern Europe*, featuring Brahms's *Hungarian Dances* and Tchaikovsky's *Marcheslave*.

The Chamber Music Series also takes place throughout the Festival with an exciting world-premiere by Composer-in-Residence Joan Tower July 20. Several other chamber concerts scheduled both at the Vilar Performing Arts Center in Beaver Creek and the Vail Mountain School include soloists Inon Barnatan on piano, Anne Akiko Meyers on violin, Orion Weiss on piano, Zuill Bailey on cello, Eugenia Zukerman on flute, and Kathleen McIntosh on Harpsichord. The Rossetti String Quartet and the Daedalus String Quartet will also perform during the Bravo Chamber Series.

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.

Bravo! brings another spectacular season of music featuring the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, The Philadelphia Orchestra and the New York Philharmonic with the magnificent Rocky Mountains as a backdrop from June 25-August 3, 2010. 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 Festival venues throughout the 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. Bravo! Vail Valley Music Festival...Where Music Happens! For a Festival lineup and to purchase tickets visit www.vailmusicfestival.org or call 970.827.5700

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