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2008 CHESTNUT HILL CONCERTS SEASON ANNOUNCED AN ALL-BEETHOVEN FEST

MADISON, CT – Ronald Thomas, Artistic Director of Chestnut Hill Concerts, announced the 2008 season as *An All-Beethoven Fest*. Madison's historic First Congregational Church, 26 Meetinghouse Lane, is the setting for four Friday evenings at 8 pm in August - the 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd.

The season features the musical genius of Ludwig Van Beethoven's celebrated sonatas and piano trios, including, "Kreutzer", "Spring", "Ghost", "Archduke" and the popular "Moonlight".

August 1

Cello Sonata in C major, Op. 102, No. 1
Violin Sonata in C minor, Op. 30, No. 2
Piano Trio in D major, Op. 70, No. 1 "Ghost"

August 8

Piano Trio in E-flat major, Op. 1, No. 1
Piano Sonata in C minor, Op. 111
Violin Sonata in A major, Op. 47, "Kreutzer"

August 15

Piano Sonata in C-sharp minor, Op. 27, No. 2, "Moonlight"
Cello Sonata in D-major, Op. 102, No. 2
Piano Trio in E-flat major, Op. 70, No. 2

August 22

Violin Sonata in F major, Op. 24, "Spring"
Cello Sonata in G minor, Op. 5, No. 2
Piano Trio in B-flat major, Op. 97, "Archduke"

Attendees should expect nothing less than exceptional from the 2008 season performers. The internationally recognized musicians joining Mr. Thomas this summer include Steven Copes, Mihae Lee, Wilhelmina Smith, Pedja Muzijevic, Randall Hodgkinson, and Jennifer Frautschi. Pianist Derek Han makes his first appearance with the series on August 15th.

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Boxed picnic dinners prepared by New Haven's Anna's Catering and Gourmet Take-Out, applauded by the 2008 *New Haven Advocate* Reader's Poll, are available. A sampling of the menus includes gourmet creations such as, plum crostata, grilled salmon over a bed of pesto pasta, tequila lime chicken and a lemon tart.

Tickets are \$15 to \$25, \$8 with a student ID. Children and teens up to age 18 are free. Boxed picnic dinners are \$21 and include bottled water. For more information, call (203) 245-5736, or visit www.chestnuthillconcerts.org.

The 2008 season is sponsored by Stop & Shop and Yale-New Haven Hospital, with additional support from the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism.

About Chestnut Hill Concerts

Chestnut Hill Concerts was founded in 1969 by Dr. Elsa Redlich in Killingworth, CT. The concerts evolved from informal performances that were associated with Dr. Redlich's summer program, the Chestnut Hill Creative Arts Center for Children. She was eager to provide a venue for the then sixteen year-old violinist Yoko Matsuda. Many of the performers were drawn from the Yale School of Music who also served as faculty at the camp. From the beginning, the concerts sought to involve young people in experiencing fine classical music. That goal has persisted throughout Chestnut Hill's history.

The present Artistic Director, Ronald Thomas, has led the series since 1989. He has brought musicians and programs of both musical excellence and broad appeal. As Artistic Director and co-founder of the Boston Chamber Music Society he has succeeded in enhancing Chestnut Hill's growth, support and acclaim. In 1999 Chestnut Hill Concerts issued a 30th anniversary CD comprised of performances from the previous five years.