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The Mann Center Presents
The Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia Sept. 25 at 8 p.m.

Celebrating 75 Years of Live Music in the Park:

***Join the Chamber Orchestra for the Mann's Final Concert of the Season --
a Night of Fun, Family, Fanfare & Fireworks!***

PHILADELPHIA PA – Sept. 7, 2010 – The Mann Center for the Performing Arts proudly welcomes The Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia and the debuts of their incoming Music Director Dirk Brossé and the stunning Venezuelan pianist, Gabriela Martinez on Saturday, Sept. 25. The evening will feature selections from Mozart and Chopin, celebrating the 200th anniversary of the composer's birth in 1810, as well as the world premier of "Fanfare for Philadelphia," an original Brossé work written in honor of the city of Philadelphia.

In keeping with the Philadelphia Fanfare theme for the evening, the concert serves the dual role of opening The Chamber Orchestra's season while also providing the grand finale for The Mann Center's 2010 season. As a special gift, concert goers who complete a brief survey on-site will be able to receive a special CD ROM of music by The Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia. The evening will conclude with a display of fireworks.

"I am excited for the Chamber Orchestra's performance of Mozart and Chopin at the Mann Center. It's an honor to be working with Gabriela for our debut at this terrific venue and providing this great city with my gift to its people, 'Fanfare for Philadelphia,' during the Chamber Orchestra's season opening weekend. I am looking forward to a

brilliant performance with a wonderful fireworks display and a night under the stars with many new friends,” said Brossé

The Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia

A founding resident company of The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, The Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia is a 33-member ensemble founded in 1964 by Marc Mostovoy, and has a well-established reputation for distinguished performances of repertoire from the Baroque period through the twenty-first century. For this performance, The Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia will be performing Mozart’s Mozart Le Nozze di Figaro, K 492 (Overture), Chopin’s Piano Concerto No. 2, Mozart’s Symphony No. 41, K.551 (“Jupiter”) and Brossé’s Fanfare for Philadelphia (World Premiere).

Dirk Brossé

Dirk Brossé has conducted all the leading Belgian orchestras, as well as numerous other around the globe. Brossé is a versatile and prolific composer. He has written some 200 works, including concerti, oratorios, lieder, chamber music and symphonic works, that have been performed all over the world and have been recorded in more than 40 countries.

Dirk Brossé has been awarded the title “Cultural Ambassador of Flanders” and the Flemish Government’s ‘Gouden Erepenning’ award for merit. He is a member of the executive board of the Belgian authors’, composers’ and publishers’ association SABAM, an Advisory Board Member of the independent think tank ‘Itinera Institute’ and a Board Member of the ‘African Childrens’ Choir’.

Gabriela Martinez

Born in Caracas, Venezuela, 22-year-old pianist Gabriela Martinez has already amassed an impressive list of recital and concerto performance credits. Since making her orchestral debut at age 7, Ms. Martinez has appeared as soloist with the Stuttgarter Philharmoniker, Symphonisches Staatsorchester Halle, Tivoli Philharmonic, New Jersey Symphony, Fort Worth Symphony, the Longwood, Super World, and Juilliard Orchestras, as well as all the major Venezuelan Orchestras.

A Semifinalist at the XII Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, Ms. Martinez also received a "Jury Discretionary Award. As winner of the 2003 Anton Rubinstein International Piano Competition in Dresden, she also wins the prestigious "Audience Award. At age 17, Ms. Martinez won the Piano Concerto Competition at The Juilliard School with Prokofiev's Second Piano concerto, and the New Jersey Symphony's Young Artist Auditions.

THE CHAMBER ORCHESTRA OF PHILADELPHIA

DATE: SEPTEMBER 25, 2010 – 8:00 PM

TICKETS: \$25, \$15, Lawn \$10

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ABOUT THE MANN CENTER

Accessible, attractive, festive and fun, The Mann Center for the Performing Arts presents diverse, world class entertainment in a casually elegant and relaxing setting at affordable prices. The venue underwent extensive renovations in 2007, enhancing the uniquely wonderful Mann Center experience for its 173,000 visitors annually.

The summer home of the Philadelphia Orchestra since the 1930's, The Mann Center for the Performing Arts, located in Philadelphia's beautiful Fairmount Park, continues its rich tradition as Delaware Valley's premiere outdoor cultural arts center. Concerts and programs encompass all musical genres from pop, jazz, r & b, rock and contemporary, to dance theater, opera and classical. Dine under the stars at Stephen Starr's Crescendo, our tented restaurant overlooking the spectacular Philadelphia skyline, or spread out a picnic blanket on the lush lawn of The Mann. There are several bars and concession stands for food and beverages as well as an Encore booth for concert keepsakes.

2010 Summer Season at The Mann

9/15	CAKE
9/17	Pavement with special guest Kurt Vile
9/22	The New York Pops with Mark Nadler – Fireworks
9/25	The Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia with Fireworks

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