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**GRAND RAPIDS ART MUSEUM ANNOUNCES
FALL SUNDAY CLASSICAL CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES SCHEDULE**

Twelve-Week Program Features Professional, Collegiate and Youth Ensembles Followed by an Artist Reception in the Museum East Court

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., September 4, 2008 – The Grand Rapids Art Museum (GRAM), a new leading cultural destination, presents the Fall Sunday Classical Chamber Music Series beginning September 14 and continuing through November 30, 2008. Ed Clifford, Music Director for the Grand Rapids Art Museum, organizes the twelve-week classical music series. Clifford is widely known for his work with the Grand Rapids Symphony as flutist, and for artistic programs organized through the Clifford Music Group.

The Fall Series is made possible by the National City Bank Endowment Fund and the media sponsor is Blue Lake Public Radio. The concerts are held on Sunday afternoons, from 2:00 to 3:00 pm, and feature a range of regional talent from professionally recognized area musicians to local college faculty and youth ensembles.

The concerts are held on Blodgett Balcony, where acoustics allow the music to be heard throughout the galleries. Programs and seating are available in the balcony area for those preferring to watch the musicians perform.

A Meet-the-Artists reception will follow each performance. The reception begins at 3:00 pm in the Main Level East Court, where complimentary snacks and a cash bar will be available. During youth concerts, additional soft beverages will be offered.

The Museum Café offers a Special Sunday Brunch menu beginning at 11:00 am. Parking is free in city lots on Sundays.

Facts at a glance:

- **Fall Sunday Classical Chamber Music Series, Grand Rapids Art Museum**
- **Professional, Collegiate and Youth Ensembles organized by Ed Clifford**
- **September 14 – November 30, 2008**
- **2:00 – 3:00 pm Concert**
- **3:00 pm Meet-the-Artists Reception with cash bar and complimentary snacks**
- **Sponsor: National City Bank Endowment Fund**
- **Media sponsor: Blue Lake Public Radio**

The Fall Sunday Classical Chamber Music Series 2008 Schedule is as follows:

- September 14** ***Quarteto Enigmato***
Judith Kempf, Flute
Joel Shekman, Clarinet
John Clapp, Bassoon
Erich Peterson, French Horn
All members of the Grand Rapids Symphony
- September 21** ***The Grand Rapids Guitar Quartet***
Brian Morris, Grand Rapids Community College Faculty
Andrew Bergeron, Grand Rapids Community College Faculty
Michael Stockdale, Cornerstone University Faculty
Jason Werkema, Cornerstone University Faculty
- September 28** ***Christopher Kantner and Friends***
Christopher Kantner, Principal Flute, Grand Rapids Symphony
Steven Thielman, Piano
Joseph Weinstein, Bass
Performing works by;
Claude Bolling
Darius Milhaud
Samuel Barber
- October 5** ***GVSU Music Shines***
Robert Byrens, Pianist, Grand Valley State University Faculty
Ashley Kochanski, Soprano
Nicholas Norris, Flute
- October 12** ***Ensemble Montage***
Repertoire
Messiaen, Theme and Variations, violin and piano
Carter, Esprit Rude/Esprit Doux, flute and clarinet
Carter, Elegy, cello and piano
Messiaen, Merle Noir, flute and piano
Carter, Woodwind Quintet
Messiaen, Quintet, string quartet

Christopher Martin, Violinist, Grand Rapids Symphony
Alexander Miller, Oboe, Grand Rapids Symphony
Mary Jane Miller, Viola, Grand Rapids Symphony
Christopher Kantner, Flute, Grand Rapids Symphony
HyeSook Kim, Piano, Calvin College Faculty
Richard Britsch, French Horn, Grand Rapids Symphony
Alicia Eppinga, Cello, Grand Rapids Symphony
Chip King, Bassoon
John Varineau, Clarinet, Grand Rapids Symphony
- October 19** ***James and Megan Crawford, Violinists***
Jamie Crawford, Concert Master, Grand Rapids Symphony
Megan Crawford, Violinist, Grand Rapids Symphony
- October 26** ***David Hall 'Marimba Man'***
David Hall, Percussionist, Grand Rapids Symphony,
Central Michigan University Faculty
- November 2** ***Joseph Conyers and Gene Hahn***

Joseph Conyers, Principal Bass, Grand Rapids Symphony
Gene Hahn, Violinist, Grand Rapids Symphony

November 9

The Tempest Project

Edward Clifford

Ensemble performs the score for the Grand Rapids Ballet's production of "The Tempest"

November 16

Kim-Scanlon Duo

Mary Scanlon, Pianist, Grand Rapids Community College Faculty

HyeSook Kim, Pianist, Calvin College Faculty

November 23

Arthur Campbell and Friends

Ensemble program Arthur Campbell with colleagues from the GVSU music department including:

Arthur Campbell, Clarinet, Grand Valley State University Faculty

Helen Marlais, Piano, Grand Valley State University Faculty

November 30

Focus on Youth

Program to be announced

Museum members receive free admission.

Admission for non-members:

\$8 Adult

\$7 College Student/Senior

\$5 Youth (age 6-17)

Children age 5 and under free.

For more information, please see website at www.artmuseumgr.org

About the Grand Rapids Art Museum

The mission of the Grand Rapids Art Museum (GRAM) is to provide a gathering place where people of all ages and backgrounds can enrich their lives through interaction with works of art in a thought-provoking and creative way. Established in the heart of downtown Grand Rapids, the new art museum is internationally known for its distinguished design and LEED Gold certified status. Established in 1910 as the Grand Rapids Art Association, GRAM has grown to include more than 5,000 works of art, including American and European 19th and 20th century painting and sculpture and over 3,000 works on paper. Embracing the city's legacy as a leading center of design and manufacturing, GRAM has a growing collection in the area of design and modern craft.

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