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Press Release

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**Internationally-acclaimed pianist Barry Douglas will join the Eastern Music Festival Orchestra
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Greensboro, NC- Celebrated pianist, **Barry Douglas** will join the Eastern Festival Orchestra at Eastern Music Festival on **Saturday, July 10th, 2010 at 8pm** in the **Dana Auditorium at Guilford College** (5800 W. Friendly Ave., Greensboro, NC 27410) as part of the 2010 **Lincoln Financial Festival Orchestra series** conducted by **Gerard Schwarz**. **Douglas** will take the stage with Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2 in C minor, op.18. The evening will also include a **world premier performance** of Just Dance by composer Bright Sheng and Beethoven's Symphony No. 7 in A major, op.92. The following Monday, July 12, 2010 at 8pm, Douglas will join EMF faculty in an intimate chamber setting as part of the UNCG Chamber Series at Recital Hall, UNCG School of Music. Tickets may be purchased by going to www.EasternMusicFestival.org, at the EMF Box Office (232 S. Elm Street), by calling Triad Stage at 336.272.0160, and toll free at 866.579.TIXX. Reserved seating for the Lincoln Financial Festival Orchestra series performance can be purchased for \$51 for and \$41 general admission. UNCG Chamber Series tickets are general admission and may be purchased for \$25.

The internationally celebrated pianist has been described as "a supremely talented and genuine artist." Since being the first non-Russian to win the gold medal at the 1986 Tchaikovsky International Piano Competition since Van Cliburn in 1958, Barry Douglas has soared to the top of the classical piano world. He has enjoyed a fantastically successful career as an orchestral soloist, recitalist, chamber musician, conductor, and festival director.

The *Advertiser* has hailed, "Douglas has great power in his playing but uses it sparingly, with commensurately greater effect." He has enjoyed International acclaim performing with a number of the world's top orchestras including Berlin Philharmonic, Leipzig Gewandhaus, the Philadelphia, Chicago, Cleveland, and Los Angeles orchestras, the Tokyo Symphony, the Israel Philharmonic; and all of the major orchestras in London.

In 2009, Douglas performed with the Seattle Symphony, Halle, Radio Sinfonie Orchestra, Berlin Philharmonic, Melbourne Symphony, and others. This year, as well as performing at Eastern Music Festival, Douglas will perform around the UK, with the St. Petersburg Symphony, and with the BBC Symphony Orchestra. Other engagements include the

Atlanta Symphony, China Philharmonic, and Brussels Philharmonic. Do not miss this opportunity to hear one of the world's top pianists in two performances at EMF!

Join musicologist Dr. Greg Carroll and composer Bright Sheng prior to Saturday evening's performance for Musically Speaking at 7pm in the Moon Room at Dana Auditorium to learn more about that evening's repertoire and the premier of Just Dance. Also, enjoy a musical prelude prior to the performance at 7:15pm on the front lawn of Dana Auditorium.

Barry Douglas' appearance with the Festival Orchestra is proudly sponsored by Pace Communications and DMJ- Davenport, Marvin, Joyce & Co., LLP.



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About Eastern Music Festival

The Eastern Music Festival's mission is to promote musical enrichment, excellence, professional collaboration, innovation, and diversity through a nationally-recognized teaching program, music festival, concerts, and other programs which will enhance the quality of life, health, and vitality of our region.

The Eastern Music Festival and School, founded in 1961 in Greensboro, North Carolina by Sheldon Morgenstern, is an internationally-renowned classical music festival and institute for young musicians that runs for five weeks each summer. The institute accepts students ages 14 through 22 from around the country and the world. The EMF faculty consists of world-class performing artists selected from top orchestras and music schools nationally and internationally. Gerard Schwarz serves as the music director and principal conductor for the Festival, and also serves as music director of the Seattle Symphony Orchestra. The 2011 season will mark Eastern Music Festival's 50th anniversary in the Piedmont.

The 2010 season is sponsored in part by the United Arts Council of Greater Greensboro, the North Carolina Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts, Piedmont Music Center (Steinway Pianos), Continental Airways – the official travel sponsor of EMF, News & Record, the O.Henry and Proximity Hotels – the official hotels of EMF, Print Works Bistro, and WFDD-FM.

Tickets

Tickets are available online 24/7 through the tickets link at www.EasternMusicFestival.org. Tickets are also available at Eastern Music Festival's Box Office at Triad Stage (232 S. Elm Street), by calling 336.272.0160, and toll free at 866.579.TIXX.

**Triad Stage service fees will apply to all ticket purchases.*

For more information about EMF or its programs or to download the 2010 Season Brochure, please visit www.EasternMusicFestival.org, or call toll-free: 1-877-833-6753

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