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VANGUARD CONCERTS OPENS 50th ANNIVERSARY SEASON WITH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA KREMLIN, NOV. 4

(DAYTON, OHIO) – October 17, 2011 – Vanguard Concerts opens its 50th anniversary season with the 17-piece Chamber Orchestra Kremlin, performing on Friday, November 4, at 8 p.m. in The Dayton Art Institute's NCR Renaissance Auditorium.

Founded in 1991 by Misha Rachlevsky, Chamber Orchestra Kremlin has been critically acclaimed as one of Russia's finest string ensembles, if not one of the best in the world. The orchestra, consisting of some of Russia's finest young string players, has carved a niche for itself under the creative baton of founder and music director Rachlevsky. Whether it is the ensemble's highly acclaimed albums or its mesmerizing concerts, Chamber Orchestra Kremlin's warmth and high energy create addictive performances that stay with listeners long after the last note has been played.

Russia has been popularly known for many things – among the most famous are rockets and violins. The Orchestra is renowned for the latter, but its music takes audiences soaring as if somehow there is a connection to the former.

The German newspaper *Frankfurter Allgemeine* described one of the Orchestra's performances by saying: "The Chamber Orchestra Kremlin is a truly world-class ensemble made up exclusively of virtuosos. Misha Rachlevsky's charismatic conducting style presented the audience an unforgettable evening, and the ecstatic audience in turn elicited five encores from the orchestra."

Misha Rachlevsky has molded these young players into a sonorous whole, amazingly greater than the sum of its 17 parts. Conducting with his eyes closed, it has been said that he is connected like a wire to each player and pulls from each a flawless execution that astounds audiences. Through Rachlevsky's leadership, the Chamber Orchestra Kremlin has achieved the blending of both the historical character and the present-day vitality of Russia's musical talent.

With 17 years of excellence under its belt, a devoted audience in its home base of Moscow, an award-winning catalog of over more than 30 CDs and an increasing demand for performances internationally, Chamber Orchestra Kremlin enthusiastically continues its busy schedule of concerts, festivals, recordings and touring.

Chamber Orchestra Kremlin's program in Dayton will consist of:

- *Two Elegiac Melodies for String Orchestra*, Edvard Grieg
- *Chamber Symphony*, Dimitri Shostakovich
- *Contrapunctus No. 1 from the Art of the Fugue*, J.S. Bach
- *Kol Nidrei*, Max Bruch
- *Concerto in D minor for Two Violins*, J.S. Bach
- *String Quartet No. 2 in A minor*, Felix Mendelssohn

Tickets for Chamber Orchestra Kremlin's performance are on sale now and priced at just \$25 for adults and \$15 for students. Season tickets for the entire Vanguard Concerts 50th anniversary season are priced at just \$95 for adults and \$45 for students.

Season and individual concert tickets may be purchased in advance at Hauer Music Co. (120 S Patterson Blvd. in downtown Dayton), the Wright State University Center Box Office, and McCutcheon Music Store (38 Marco Lane in Centerville), online at www.daytonartinstitute.org/vanguard, or by phone at 937-436-0244 or 937-512-0144. Tickets may also be purchased at The Dayton Art Institute the night of the concert.

For more information about this and other programs at The Dayton Art Institute, please visit www.daytonartinstitute.org or call the museum at 937-223-5277. Be sure to also visit The Dayton Art Institute on Facebook (facebook.com/daytonartinstitute) and Twitter (twitter.com/daytonart) for additional information and exclusive offers.

ABOUT THE DAYTON ART INSTITUTE

As one of the Miami Valley's premier fine art museums, The Dayton Art Institute offers a full range of programming in addition to exhibiting its collection. The galleries and Museum Store are open Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m., with extended hours on Thursday until 8 p.m. Suggested admission to the museum's permanent collection is \$8 adults, \$5 seniors and groups, free for museum members, students (18+ w/ID) and youth under 17. Some special exhibitions, programs and events may carry an additional charge and include admission to the museum's permanent collection as part of that price. Free parking is available at the museum and the facility is fully accessible to physically challenged visitors. CAFÉ MONET by Elegant Fare serves lunch Wednesday through Saturday, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and Sunday, noon – 2:30 p.m. For more information, please call 937-223-4278 or visit www.daytonartinstitute.org. The Ohio Arts Council helped fund this organization with state tax dollars to encourage economic growth, educational excellence and cultural enrichment for all Ohioans. The DAI also receives support from the Montgomery County Arts and Cultural District.

ABOUT VANGUARD CONCERTS

Vanguard Concerts is a non-profit organization founded in 1962 by Vince and Elana Bolling to present world-class chamber music at The Dayton Art Institute, following the lead of such major institutions as New York's Metropolitan and Frick Museums, and those of Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, Philadelphia and Los Angeles.

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