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Princeton Symphony Orchestra and Princeton Adult School Join Forces

Guest Conductors to Lead *More Than A Concert* Lecture Series

Classes offer an intimate look at PSO's Guest Conductors

Princeton, NJ, September 29, 2008... Princeton Adult School, in a joint program with the Princeton Symphony Orchestra, is once again offering its popular lecture series, *More Than A Concert*. Held on two **Wednesday evenings, November 5, 2008 and January 14, 2009 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**, the lectures will examine the repertoire to be performed at the Princeton Symphony Orchestra's classical subscription series concerts. This year's lectures will be given by the guest conductors who will lead PSO's 2008-2009 classical concert series. With the PSO in the second phase of its search for a new music director, these lectures provide an opportunity to explore the individual philosophies of these conductors as they present their interpretation of the works they have chosen to perform at PSO's classical concert series.

Offered in two ways (with PSO concert tickets included, or without for those who have already purchased their own), the lectures will be held at Princeton United Methodist Church, on the corner of Nassau and Vandeventer Streets. Enrollees may also attend the Saturday morning dress rehearsals for the concerts. Rehearsals and concerts are held at Richardson Auditorium, Alexander Hall, Princeton University. **To enroll for the fall lecture series, call the Princeton Adult School at 609-683-1101, or visit the website at www.princetonadultschool.org, click on Lectures, and scroll down to page 2. Just click *Enroll Now* and follow the instructions.**

For the first lecture, on Wednesday, November 5, 2008, **Tito Muñoz**, Assistant Conductor of the Cleveland Orchestra and Conducting Fellow of the League of American Orchestras, will talk about PSO's November 9th concert, *Princeton, It's Revolutionary!* A musical celebration of the 225th anniversary of the year 1783 when Princeton was the nation's capital, works by **Haydn**, **Verdi** and **Shostakovich** have been programmed to illuminate what it was like to be in Princeton that year. Highlighted by **Steven Isserlis'** performance of Haydn's 1783 masterpiece, *Cello Concerto in D Major*, this concert will also include the overture to Verdi's opera *La Forza Del Destino*, and Shostakovich's monumental Tenth Symphony.

The second lecture, on Wednesday, January 14, 2008, will feature guest conductor **Mei-Ann Chen**, Assistant Conductor of the Atlanta Symphony. She will discuss PSO's January 18, 2009 concert, *Princeton Commissions a Concert!*, when soloist **David Krakauer** will premiere **Paul Moravec's** *Clarinet Concerto*. The PSO recently received a *Citation of Excellence from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts* for commissioning and presenting this piece. This concert also includes **Dvorak's** delightful *Wind Serenade in Op. 44 in D minor*, **Rossini's** dramatic *La scala di seta* and **Mendelssohn's** masterful *Fourth Symphony*.

The *More Than a Concert* lecture series will continue in March and April, 2009 for the winter term of the Princeton Adult School, again tracking the Princeton Symphony's classical concert series. Registration for the winter term will be posted at the PAS website. For more information about the Princeton Symphony Orchestra, please go to www.princetonsymphony.org.