



FESTIVAL MIAMI 2007 PRESENTS A WORLD OF MUSIC!

24TH GALA SEASON FEATURES 23 CONCERTS

Coral Gables, FL – (June 14, 2007) The University of Miami Frost School of Music announces an excitingly eclectic lineup of concerts for Festival Miami's 24th gala season from **September 29 through November 10, 2007**. South Florida music lovers can enjoy six weeks of performances by world-renowned artists and nationally acclaimed Frost School of Music students and faculty.

Festival Miami 2007 offers another stellar season with music from all over the world, including timeless classics and world premieres.

Festival Miami kicks off on September 29 when the **Frost Symphony Orchestra**, conducted by **Thomas Sleeper**, is joined by celebrated pianist **Gabriela Montero** for Rachmaninoff's passionate *Piano Concerto No. 2*. The evening also includes the world premiere of **Lansing McLoskey's** *Chanson pour cordes*, and the elemental powers of Beethoven's *Symphony No. 7*.

On October 11, Festival Miami has the distinct pleasure of introducing renowned pianist and new Dean of the Frost School, **Shelly Berg**, in a celebration of the school's faculty with collaborative performances across a wide spectrum from classical music to jazz. This program features Dean Berg performing with the **Bergonzi String Quartet**, **Ross Harbaugh**, **Craig Morris**, **Robert Weiner**, **Luciano Magnanini**, **Esther Jane Hardenburgh**, **Randall Dollahon**, **Gary Keller**, and **Don Coffman**. Selections include works of Schumann, Poulenc, Piazzolla, Boling, Fauré, and the Great American Songbook.

Some Festival Miami highlights include performances by the **Ramsey Lewis Trio**, featuring three-time Grammy winning pianist **Ramsey Lewis**; guitarist **Manuel Barrueco**; **Maria Schneider** and the **Frost Concert Jazz Band** conducted by **Dante Luciani**; jazz vocalist **Carmen Lundy** joins the **Frost Jazz Vocal I Ensemble**, **Larry Lapin** director; **Cuartetango String Quartet** joined by tango dancers on the stage; the world premiere of **David Maslanska's** *Trombone Concerto* by the **Frost Wind Ensemble**, **Gary Green** conductor; the elegant "Les Musiciens" **Paris Trio**, the **Naples Philharmonic Baroque Soloists**; the

Bergonzi Quartet; pianists **Kevin Kenner** and **Grzegorz Frankowski** for an evening of Piazzolla and Chopin; two-time Grammy winner **Hansel y la Orchestra Calle Ocho**; the swinging Brazilian **Nosso Trio**; and trail blazing blue grass with the **Casey Driessen Trio**.

Festival Miami closes with two performances on **November 9 and 10** of **Helmuth Rilling**, conducting the **Frost Symphony Orchestra**, and the **Frost Chorale** and **Collegium Musicum**, conducted by **Jo-Michael Scheibe** and **Donald Oglesby**, combine musical forces to present Hadyn's masterpiece, *The Creation*. Featured guest soloists include soprano **Helen Donath**, tenor **Lothar Odinius**, and bass **Nathan Berg**.

Community outreach is an important facet of Festival Miami's educational and cultural mission and several concerts offer free admission to the public. The Frost School of Music also extends an invitation to the community to attend all the wonderful master classes Festival Miami guest artists conduct while on campus. These classes are free and open to the public, and a complete list will be available on the *Festival Miami* website (separate release to be sent at a later date.)

Ticket prices range from \$10 - \$50 per person, and opening and closing nights also offer a specially priced \$60 per person ticket, which includes a VIP reception. The Festival Miami Advance Ticket Sales Office phone number is (305) 284-4940 and is located at the McKnight Building, 5807 Ponce de Leon Boulevard. Hours are Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. To order tickets online visit www.festivalmiami.com or email festivalmiami.music@miami.edu for additional information.

All performances are held at the acoustically acclaimed 600-seat Maurice Gusman Concert Hall located at the Phillip and Patricia Frost School of Music, 1314 Miller Drive, on the University of Miami's Coral Gables Campus (unless otherwise noted in the attached schedule). For more information on the Frost School of Music visit www.music.miami.edu.

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