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COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY SPECIAL MUSIC EVENT QUARTET IN RESIDENCE, THE *BORROMEO STRING QUARTET*

Fort Collins, CO – The Colorado State University Music Department is thrilled to have quartet in residence and very special guest, the *Borromeo Sting Quartet*, return to the CSU campus for a third year. The *Borromeo String Quartet* will be in concert on Friday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Griffin Concert Hall at the University Center for the Arts located at 1400 Remington St.

Tickets for the concert are \$15 for the public and \$5 for Colorado State students and youth ages 6 to 17. Tickets are available from the Campus Box Office in the Lory Student Center, by phone at 970-491-4849, or online at www.csutix.com. Advance purchase is highly recommended, though tickets are available at the door one hour before performances begin.

Don't miss the *Borromeo Sting Quartet's* impressive performance of the complete cycle of Bartok quartets – a rarely heard musical experience!

In addition to the concert, during their stay the Quartet will conduct masterclasses for CSU student ensembles on Thursday, April 17 at 5:00 p.m. in the Casavant Concert Hall at the CSU Music Building, Oval Drive on the CSU Campus. The MasterClass Series at Colorado State University School of the Arts features the world's finest performers in their genre and are FREE and open to the public. Observe these amazing artists perform as well as provide hands-on instruction to top select CSU students in an open, informal setting.

About the Borromeo String Quartet

Since their explosive debut in 1989 the Borromeo have become one of the most sought after string quartets in the world and perform over 100 concerts each season across three continents. Considered "Simply the best there is," by the Boston Globe, the critically acclaimed quartet is Nicholas Kitchen, violin; Kristopher Tong, violin; Mai Motobuchi, viola; and Yeeseun Kim, cello. Audiences and critics alike have championed the Quartet's revealing explorations of both classical and contemporary literature and its affinity for making challenging repertoire approachable.

The Borromeo have performed at the world's most illustrious concert halls and music festivals and continue long-standing residencies at the Isabella Stuart Gardner Museum ("one of the defining experiences of civilization in Boston" *Boston Globe*), the Tenri Cultural Institute ("one of New York's best kept secrets" *N.Y. Sun*), Dai-Ichi Semei Hall in Tokyo, and the Cape Cod Chamber music Festival, where first violinist Nicholas Kitchen serves as Artistic Director. In 2007 they were named winners of the *2007 Avery Fisher Career Grants*.

Pre-College Chamber Music Festival

Colorado State University is proud to host the 5th Annual Pre-College Chamber Music Festival, a two-day instructional intensive for the regions best high school string quartets, which concludes with a FREE

concert on Saturday, April 19 at 3:00 p.m. in the Griffin Concert Hall, University Center for the Arts at 1400 Remington Street, Fort Collins. Prizes will be awarded.

During the festival, the *Borromeo Sting Quartet* will coach participating pre-college quartets in individual sessions; additionally, a pre-college quartet masterclass will be held on Saturday, April 19 at 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. This event is FREE and open to public.

Sponsors

The *Borromeo Sting Quartet's* residency is sponsored in-part by Hilton Hotels. The Pre-College Quartet Program is sponsored in-part by the American Chamber Music Society. The Colorado State University School of the Arts is grateful for these contributions.

For a full performance and event calendar, more information, and to sign up for a free event e-newsletter, visit www.CSUSchooloftheArts.com.

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