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WORLD-RENOWNED VIOLINIST BORIS GARLITSKY PERFORMS AT COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

Fort Collins, CO – The School of the Arts at Colorado State University is honored to welcome exceptional violinist Boris Garlitsky for a concert on Apr. 7 at 7:30 p.m. where he will be accompanied by his wife pianist Elena Garlitsky and Colorado State faculty Ron Francois, violin and Barbara Thiem, cello. Mr. Garlitsky will also give a master class on Apr. 8 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. that is free and open to the public to observe. Both events are in Griffin Concert Hall of the University Center for the Arts at 1400 Remington St.

Tickets to 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 also available at the door one hour before performances begin.

In this extraordinary evening of music, Mr. Garlitsky will perform Ysaye's "Sonata for violin solo #6"; Brahms' "Viola Sonata Op. 120 in E Flat Major" in a transcription by Brahms for violin and piano, with his wife pianist Elena Garlitsky; Prokofiev's "Sonata For Two Violins" with Colorado State faculty and violinist Ron Francois; and Mendelssohn's "Trio in C Minor" with his wife Elena and Barbara Thiem.

Critics from around the world praise Mr. Garlitsky's talents. *Le Soir* of Belgium writes, "Boris Garlitsky's charisma is glaringly obvious. And how! A first violin of such imposing presence is a blessing for any ensemble." Ivan Hewitt from London's *The Daily Telegraph* commends, "Rozhdestvensky's beat was being filtered through the expressive body language of the orchestral leader, Boris Garlitsky. How beautifully he played his numerous solos in this piece." Tom Sutcliffe of *The Times* says, "The London Philharmonic Orchestra, impeccably beautiful throughout, was led with sublime distinction by Boris Garlitsky."

Mr. Garlitsky, born in Russia, began to play the violin at age six with his father at the Special Music School of Moscow. He gave his first concert with an orchestra at the age of 13 and was a pupil of Yuri Yankelevich at the Moscow Conservatory. After winning the Paganini Competition in Italy in 1982, he toured as a leader and soloist with the Moscow Virtuosi ensemble throughout the world.

As a soloist, he has performed at the Musikverein in Vienna, at the Avery Fisher Hall in New York and at the Tchaikovsky Hall in Moscow under the direction of composers such as Semkov, Steinberg, Krivine and Jurowski. He has been invited to numerous international music festivals and, as a

chamber musician, has collaborated with Gidon Kremer, Truls Mørk, Anne-Sophie Mutter, Maria João Pires, Antonio Meneses and Pinchas Zukerman, amongst others.

Mr. Garlitsky has made guest appearances as the leader of major orchestras such as the London Symphony Orchestra, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Royal Opera House Orchestra, Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and 'Super World' Orchestra.

Since 1990, Mr. Garlitsky has lived in France and, from 1991 to 1999, was Concertmaster of the Orchestre National de Lyon. He is currently a Professor at the Paris Conservatory and is frequently invited to host master classes throughout the world. Since 2001, he has been Artistic Director of the Summer Academy of Violin in Troyes in France. Since September 2003, he has been the Leader of the London Philharmonic Orchestra. More information about Mr. Garlitsky is available at <http://www.lpo.co.uk/about/garlitsky.html>.

In his concert at Colorado State, Mr. Garlitsky will be joined by his wife Elena Garlitsky who was also born in Russia and studied at Moscow Central School of Music and graduated at a Doctoral Level from the Gnessine Academy of Music and Pedagogics. Mrs. Garlitsky has performed most of the greater chamber music work for piano and violin, piano trio and quartet throughout Russia, Europe and the United States. She has been invited to appear as a soloist at international festivals such as Radio France, Schleswig-Holstein in Germany, and Pablo Casals in France. She is permanently invited by the London Philharmonic Orchestra to perform in their Chamber Contrasts Series in Wigmore Hall.

Mr. Garlitsky will also be joined by two talented Colorado State Music faculty members: Coordinator of the String Division Ron Francois who will perform on violin, and Artist in Residence Barbara Thiem who will perform on cello. Additional information about Francois and Thiem may be found at: <http://www.music.colostate.edu/faculty/bios/francois.asp> and <http://www.music.colostate.edu/faculty/bios/thiem.asp>.

In addition to the concert, Mr Garlitsky will give a violin master class from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Apr. 8 where the public is invited to observe him perform and provide hands-on instruction to top, select Colorado State violin students in an open, informal setting.

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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