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WHAT: Virginia Chamber Orchestra Presents “Tribute to Maestro Luis Haza”

WHEN: Friday, May 15th, 2009 at 8:15 P.M.

WHERE: Ernst Community Cultural Center
Northern Virginia Community College - Annandale Campus
8333 Little River Turnpike
Annandale, VA 22003

FEATURE: Mozart’s Sinfonia Concertante in E-flat major with Natasha Bogachek, violin, and Mahoko Eguchi, viola; tribute by Robert Aubrey Davis

TICKETS: available at door: seniors and groups, \$12; adults, \$18
advance purchase: seniors and groups, \$10; adults, \$15
all students admitted free
telephone 703-758-0179

Complimentary reception will follow. Additional information is available at www.virginiachamberorchestra.org

**NATASHA BOGACHEK, MAHOKO EGUCHI TO SOLO
WITH VIRGINIA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA**

Robert Aubrey Davis To Lead “Tribute to Maestro Luis Haza”

Violinist Natasha Bogachek and violist Mahoko Eguchi will share the spotlight as soloists with the Virginia Chamber Orchestra (VCO) in Mozart’s Sinfonia Concertante in E-flat major on Friday evening, May 15th, at 8:15 P.M.

The program, entitled “Tribute to Maestro Luis Haza,” will honor Haza’s highly successful tenure of over a decade as Music Director. Following Haza’s retirement at the conclusion of this season, Emil de Cou, Associate Director of the National Symphony Orchestra, will become the VCO Music Director. Robert Aubrey Davis will lead the tribute to Haza.

Davis is the nationally recognized producer and host of the “Millennium of Music” broadcasts. For over twenty-five years, he has hosted the arts discussion program “Around Town,” the winner of multiple Emmy awards, on WETA public television in Washington.

Natasha Bogachek and Mahoko Eguchi are members of the National Symphony Orchestra. Natasha Bogachek's past solo engagements include performances in her native Russia, the former Yugoslavia, France, and Finland; with orchestras such as the Sverdlovsk Philharmonic and Sibelius Academy Symphony, among others.

While in the United States, she has appeared as a soloist with the National Symphony, Knoxville Symphony, Centennial Philharmonic and Eclipse Chamber Orchestras, and has performed with various chamber music groups, including the Kennedy Center Chamber Players.

Mahoko Eguchi has performed throughout the United States and Japan, as well as in France, Italy, Austria and Switzerland. As a member of the Arianna String Quartet, she was a finalist at the first International String Quartet Competition of Bordeaux. She has appeared in many chamber music series including the Fortas Chamber Music Series at the Kennedy Center.

Ms. Eguchi has been heard in live broadcast performances in Osaka, Japan, and on NPR's "Performance Today" program. Her recording of George Frederick McKay's Suite for Viola and Piano was released in 2002 on the Naxos label.

The program will also include Mozart's Symphony No. 29 in A major, K. 201. The concert venue will be the Ernst Community Cultural Center, 8333 Little River Turnpike, on the Annandale Campus of the Northern Virginia Community College. Tickets will be available at the door, or at an advance discount rate by phoning 703-758-0179.

A complimentary reception honoring Maestro Haza will follow the concert in the adjacent Art Gallery. Ample free parking will be available in the Cultural Center lot. Additional information is available at www.virginiachamberorchestra.org.

The Virginia Chamber orchestra's mission is to perform fine music with the highest artistic integrity for the broadest possible audience, within the limits of fiscal responsibility.

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