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October 12 Concert Opens Chamber Orchestra of the Triangle Season

The Chamber Orchestra of the Triangle will kick off its 2008-2009 season with a concert on October 12. The concert will be held at the Carolina Theatre in Durham at 3 p.m.

CHAPEL HILL, NC, October 09, 2008 **/24-7PressRelease/** -- The Chamber Orchestra of the Triangle (www.thecot.org) will open its 2008-2009 concert season on Sunday, October 12. The 3 p.m. performance will be held at the Carolina Theatre in Durham and highlight 20th century Italian music.

Concert performances include: Ermanno Wolf-Ferrari's "Suite Concertino for Bassoon, Strings and two Horns," Ferruccio Busoni's "Divertimento for Flute and Orchestra," Alfredo Casella's "Serenata for Small Orchestra," Arrigo Pedrollo's "Concertino for Oboe and String Orchestra" and Nino Rota's "Concerto for Strings."

"The excitement surrounding the new season is fantastic," says Lorenzo Muti, artistic director and conductor of the Chamber Orchestra of the Triangle. "What better way to begin our season than with a blend of Italian compositions."

The 2008-2009 season marks Muti's 20th year as conductor and artistic director of the orchestra. Muti's selections of unique and rarely performed pieces are the hallmark of the ensemble.

In addition to the October 12 concert, the 2008-2009 season includes performances on November 16, featuring guitarist Robert Belini; January 18, 2009, featuring symphonies by Haydn and Mozart; March 15, 2009, featuring violinist Jing Qiao, first-prize winner of the orchestra's 2008 Competition for Young String Soloists; and May 17, 2009, featuring violinist Benjamin Beilman, second-prize winner of the competition.

Ticket information can be found at www.thecot.org or by calling the Carolina Theatre Box Office at (919) 560-3030.

About the Chamber Orchestra of the Triangle:

Since 1982, The Chamber Orchestra of the Triangle has been received with genuine respect and enthusiasm by music critics and the community. Today, it is considered one of the finest professional ensembles in North Carolina and the Southeast. With its elite corps of musicians, the orchestra continues to present a well-chosen and unusual repertoire that delights audiences and evokes high praise from critics. That standard of excellence has become the hallmark of the orchestra and has distinguished each succeeding season. The 2008-2009 series marks its 26th concert season. For more information, visit www.thecot.org or call (919) 942-3179.

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