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New Classical Concert Series in Fremont, “Music at the Mission” Announces its 2005/2006 Season in partnership with the San Jose Cathedral Foundation

Concert Venues: Mission San Jose, 43300 Mission Blvd. Fremont, CA 94539

& Cathedral Basilica, St. Joseph 80 S. Market, San Jose, CA 95113

FREMONT, CA - Newly formed in January of 2005, Music at the Mission is an exciting new classical concert series that brings innovative and lively concerts to historic Mission San Jose in Fremont. Music at the Mission hopes to help raise the awareness that society cannot adequately thrive without art music. It is for that reason that they aim to present a wide array of exceptional classical concerts that would challenge, provoke, inspire and amuse. From the cutting of arts education in schools to the bankruptcies of orchestras around the nation, Music at the Mission believes it is imperative that society continue to be nurtured in the arts.

The September 15th and 17th opening concerts will be the first time that Music at the Mission will be partnering with the San Jose Cathedral Foundation. Their upcoming season promises to be a spectacular mix of artists and programs that are grounded in the classical genre.

The 2005/2006 Concert Season will open with two shared performances by acclaimed concert organist, Gail Archer and "elegant chamber jazz group", The Ira Stein Trio on Thursday, September 15th at the St. Joseph Cathedral Basilica in San Jose and Saturday, September 17th at Mission San Jose in Fremont. Explore Mission San Jose's history as Gail Archer gives a special pre-concert talk and performs mission era music on Mission San Jose's own period Spanish pipe organ. Then learn how the old influences the new as the Ira Stein Trio presents jazz improvisations based on the

music of J.S. Bach. On November 19th, the electrifying Turkish violinist and associate concert master of the San Antonio Symphony, Ertan Torgul, will be joined by concert pianist and artistic director, Aileen Chanco in a performance of neo-romantic violin/piano duo works by Richard Strauss, Aaron J. Kernis and Turkish composer, Fazil Say. On December 2nd and 3rd, Music at the Mission will present two nights of a very special concert: "Music and the Spoken Word" involving music and narration inspired by three classic tales. A bull discovers he is a pacifist, the "Big Bad Wolf" is in need of psychotherapy and the devil is working on his violin chops. Renowned actor, David Ogden Stiers will be the narrator for the evening and principal bassist of Symphony Silicon Valley, Bill Everett will perform and narrate Jon Deak's "BB Wolf". The program will also present "Ferdinand the Bull" by bay area composer, Mark Fish, and "A Soldiers Tale" by Igor Stravinsky. On April 21 and 22, "New York's most daring, genre-bending string quartet sensation", Ethel will be the special guests for the evening. Although rooted in classical music, they have been hailed as "a mighty amplified force...style, breadth, power, chops and the rock'n'roll spirit". [-Andante.com] "Ethel created a world in which classical music had never grown distant, a world in which it was as fresh and direct as crowds dancing in the street" [The Wall Street Journal]

Concert tickets can be purchased online by visiting Music at the Mission's website at www.musicatthemissionmsj.org or www.ticketweb.com. Ticket prices to the September, November and December concerts are \$25 General and \$20 Student/Senior. All concerts begin at 8:00 PM, followed by champagne and dessert receptions. April concert tickets will be available in December.

Special Food and Concert Event Package for the Sept. 17th Concert in Fremont
On September 17th, Pearl's Café in Fremont will be celebrating their 20th Anniversary. In support of Music at the Mission, they are offering a discount to Music at the Mission concert patrons attending that nights concert. Package tickets include food and entertainment at Pearl's Café and a Gail Archer/Ira Stein Trio concert ticket. Events will begin at 4:00PM with a grand buffet of savory bites in Pearl's Café located at 4096 Bay St. Package prices are: \$52 for General, \$47 for Student/Senior and \$35 for 12 and under. Please call (510) 656-2364 to make your reservations and purchase these package tickets.

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MUSIC AT THE MISSION PRESENTS:

Thursday, September 15 at Cathedral Basilica, St. Joseph, 80 S. Market, San Jose, CA 95113

7:15pm Pre-Concert Talk, 8:00 PM Concert

Gail Archer, Concert Organist and The Ira Stein Trio

Saturday, September 17 at Mission San Jose, 43300 Mission Blvd. Fremont, CA 94539

7:15pm Pre-Concert Talk, 8:00 PM Concert

Gail Archer, Concert Organist and The Ira Stein Trio

Tickets: \$25 General Admission, \$20 Student/Senior

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