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THE ALEXANDER STRING QUARTET RETURNS TO MUSIC AT KOHL MANSION
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2009 at 7 PM WITH AN EVENING OF BEETHOVEN QUARTETS

PROGRAM:

Beethoven, String Quartet in F Major, Op. 18, No. 1

Terry Riley, Mythic Birds Waltz

Beethoven, String Quartet in F Major, Op. 59, "Razumovsky", No. 1

Pre-Concert Talk at 6 PM by Kai Christiansen.

Post-Concert Reception: Meet the artists at complimentary post-concert reception.

Adopt-an-Instrument: Bring your used instruments to donate to children in public schools.

TICKETS:

\$42 Adult; \$39 Senior; \$20 Student.

Seating is by **general admission**. It is recommended that patrons arrive early for best seating.
(Call 650.762.1130 for information on priority reserved seating and other member benefits.)

PURCHASE TICKETS:

Mail: Music at Kohl Mansion, 2750 Adeline Drive, Burlingame, CA 94010.

Phone: 650.762.1130 / Fax: 650.343.8464.

Online: www.musicatkohl.org/tickets. Full Season Subscription still available.

LOCATION:

Great Hall, Kohl Mansion, 2750 Adeline Drive, Burlingame, CA.

Directions: 650.762.1130 / www.musicatkohl.org/guide.

Parking is convenient and complimentary. Music at Kohl Mansion is wheelchair accessible.

Burlingame, CA, January 11, 2009 – **Music at Kohl Mansion** welcomes the return of the **Alexander String Quartet** on Sunday, February 8 at 7 pm. Having celebrated its 25th Anniversary in 2006, the Alexander String Quartet (Zakarias Grafilo, violin; Frederick Lifestiz, violin; Paul Yarbrough, viola; and Sandy Wilson, cello) has performed on four continents, establishing the quartet as one of the most prominent and respected quartets in the world. Widely admired for its interpretations of classic string quartets, including works by Beethoven, Mozart,

and Shostakovich, the Alexander is also a strong advocate of new music, evidenced by over 25 commissions and numerous premiere performances.

The February 8 program features two Beethoven quartets, *String Quartet in F Major, Op. 18, No. 1* and *String Quartet in F Major, Op. 59, "Razumovsky", No. 1*, from the Alexander's highly acclaimed Beethoven quartet cycle performances and discography. California composer Terry Riley's *Mythic Birds Waltz* rounds out the evening. Musicologist **Kai Christiansen** will give a free pre-concert talk at 6 PM in the Kohl Mansion Library.

At home in San Francisco, the members of the Alexander String Quartet are a major artistic presence, serving as Ensemble in Residence of San Francisco Performances and as directors of the Morrison Chamber Music Center at the School of Music and Dance in the College of Creative Arts at San Francisco State University. The members of the quartet are also frequent guest artists for the Music at Kohl Mansion Music Education Program, providing live performances, lectures, workshops, master classes, seminars and hands-on coaching for music students in San Mateo County.

Adopt an Instrument: For the third consecutive season, Music at Kohl Mansion is collaborating with Bay Area nonprofit **Music in Schools Today** (MuST) to collect musical instruments for public school children. Audience members are invited to support tomorrow's artists today by donating or pledging musical instruments they no longer use. A collection booth will be set up at all Chamber and Family Concerts this season. The instrument's value is tax-deductible. More information at www.mustcreate.org.

About Music at Kohl Mansion: Located just 15 miles south of San Francisco, Music at Kohl's Chamber Music Series has been a favorite of music lovers from as far away as San Jose, Marin County and East Bay communities for over a quarter-century. Housed in a beautiful 1912 Tudor-style estate in Burlingame, Music at Kohl has earned a solid reputation among musicians as a favorite place to perform, both for its splendid acoustics and warm, enthusiastic audiences. Since 1993, Music at Kohl has reached out to provide quality music education programs in local schools. Family and Children's Concerts have also become an essential part of Music at Kohl, integrating a consistently outstanding series of artists and repertoire for audiences of all ages. Programs are made possible by generous contributions from individuals, business and foundations. Major in-kind support is provided by the San Mateo Daily Journal. The Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport is the Official Hotel of Music at Kohl Mansion.

Information: www.musicatkohl.org or 650.762.1130. **High resolution photos:** www.musicatkohl.org/press.

All programs, artists and repertoire are subject to change.

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