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MUSIC AT KOHL MANSION PRESENTS CANADA'S BOREALIS STRING QUARTET
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8th AT 7 PM

PROGRAM:

Respighi, Quartetto Dorico, Op. 144

Kelly-Marie Murphy, "Ashes"

Beethoven, String Quartet in e minor, Op. 59, No. 2, "Razumovsky"

Pre-Concert Talk at 6 PM with Kai Christiansen.

Post-Concert Reception: Complimentary wine and refreshments with the musicians.

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

TICKETS:

\$42 Adult; \$39 Senior; \$15 Gen X&Y (*30 and under - New*)

Seating is by **general admission**. The Box Office opens one hour prior to concert.

(Call 650.762.1130 for information on 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, October 2, 2009 – **Music at Kohl Mansion** continues its 27th annual series of chamber concerts at the historic Kohl Mansion with the return of Canada's **Borealis String Quartet** on Sunday, November 8th, 2009 at 7 pm. Founded in Vancouver, British Columbia in the fall of 2000 and rapidly establishing a stellar reputation, the Borealis created a national sensation as the only classical ensemble televised on the Great Canadian Music Dream Competition hosted by the CBC (Canadian Broadcasting Corporation). Consequently, they were invited to perform for the Prime Minister of Canada at the Canada Day Celebrations on Parliament Hill in front of an audience of over 75,000.

As well as extensive performing, the quartet is frequently heard on CBC Radio and other radio stations across North America and Asia. The Borealis has filmed music videos for Bravo Television, one of the largest

arts stations in Canada, which were also debuted at the Vancouver International Film Festival. Their critically acclaimed CD entitled "Classic Borealis" recorded for Skylark Records was nominated for a Western Canadian Music Award.

After their initial success in Taiwan in 2006, the Borealis was generously loaned a quartet of fine Italian instruments from the CHIMEI Culture Foundation, one of the leading string instrument collectors in the world. The instruments the Borealis performs on are a Giovanni Battista Rogeri violin (Cremona, 1698), a Lorenzo Storioni violin (Cremona, c 1780), a Pietro Giovanni Mantegazza viola (Milano, 1791), and a Lorenzo Storioni cello (Cremona, 1778).

As String Quartet-in-Residence at the University of British Columbia, the Borealis presents a series of concerts and gives master classes and chamber music coachings each season at the School of Music in addition to their international performances and regional outreach activities.

Musicologist **Kai Christiansen** will offer a free pre-concert talk at 6 PM in the Kohl Mansion Library.

Adopt an Instrument: For the third consecutive season, Music at Kohl Mansion will partner with Bay Area nonprofit **Music in Schools Today** (MuST) to place donated instruments in the hands of public school children. Members of the audience are invited to help tomorrow's artists today, by donating or pledging musical instruments they no longer use. Instruments will be collected at all Chamber, Family and Children's Concerts this season. The value of donated instruments is tax-deductible. Learn more at www.musicatkohl.org or 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 integral 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.

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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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