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UPDATED RELEASE: SPECIAL GUEST VOCALIST AMY SUE HARDY

A SUMMERTIME SPECIAL: THE SECOND ANNUAL CONCERT ON THE QUAD FEATURES THE KEN MILLER BAND AT THE COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL



Colorado Springs, Colo. – The Colorado Springs School (CSS) invites the public to the 2nd Annual Concert on the Quad on Sunday August 17th, 2008 from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Once again, **Ken Miller**, Director of Entertainment for the Broadmoor Hotel, has put together a great evening of music. The lead will be taken by the **Ken Miller Band**: (Ken Miller pianist, composer and arranger; **Scott Webring**; bass and **George Thompson**; drums) with added soloists **Brad Eastin**, saxophone; **Wayne Wilkinson**, guitar; and special guest vocalist **Amy Sue Hardy**. **Laurie Gabriel** and the **Aspen Strings** will also add their trademark silky sound to the evening.

“We’re all delighted to be making our contribution to The Colorado Springs School. I’ve always been glad to bring music to the campus. I think the educational program they offer is sensational,” said Miller. “Last year’s concert was a dream, and we’re going to be more intimate this year. I can promise that when our jazz combo is added to Laurie’s strings and Amy Sue adds her voice and theatrical personality to the mix, we will be putting out a sound that will be absolutely beautiful.”

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“This is a great setting for a tremendous party and with Ken’s music added to the natural beauty and perfect concert and picnic setting off the terrace of the Trianon, we will again be presenting a truly spectacular summertime event,” said Kevin McTernan, Director of Advancement at The Colorado Springs School.

Deluxe Admission is \$100 which includes premium table seating and a gourmet dinner buffet with a selection of bottled beer and wine. **General Admission is \$25** for open picnic seating on the lawn of The Colorado Springs School quad. Those who purchase general admission tickets are encouraged to bring their own picnic dinner, beverages, blankets, and lawn chairs. Sponsors of the evening include: Gazette Charities, Pianos New and Used and Senger Design Group.

All proceeds will benefit the continued restoration of Colorado Springs’ magnificent 101 year old architectural structure, the historic Trianon on The Colorado Springs School campus. Currently, two major initiatives are underway in the historic Trianon’s restoration plan. The school is working with Senger Design Group to upgrade and advance learning spaces and classrooms for the Middle School while maintaining the historic charm and integrity of the building. Additionally, the school is working to replace the historic Trianon’s 72 windows with "low-E", double-pane, and energy efficient glass while also restoring the window woodwork and moldings to their original glory. To date, one window has been completed as part of the window pilot project.

General Admission and the Deluxe Admission for the Concert on the Quad are available by calling the school at 475-9747, visiting the Trianon on The Colorado Springs School Campus at 21 Broadmoor Ave. during regular business hours, and online at www.css.org/ConcertOnTheQuad.aspx. Walk-up guests may purchase general admission on the evening of the concert.

To learn more about CSS and the Concert on the Quad, please contact Director of Communications, Jessica James at (719)434-3506 or visit www.css.org.

About Ken Miller

As a pianist, composer and arranger, Ken Miller began his musical journey playing the trumpet and keyboard. He served in the military as a member of Fort Dix Army Band and then studied jazz trumpet at the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music and composition at the Juilliard School. It was the Air Force Band that brought him to Colorado as chief composer and arranger for the Air Force Band of the Rockies.

As a free-lance composer, Ken began composing for Pro Music where he has had over 200 titles published. His compositions have been featured on Friends, Saturday Night Live, Walker Texas Ranger, Fiesta Bowl Promo, NBC Europe, NBC Nightly News, Cartoon Network and the 1996 Academy Awards.

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Ken started playing in The Penrose Dining Room of the historic Broadmoor Hotel in 1990 where he is currently the Director of Entertainment.

About Amy Sue Hardy

Amy Sue Hardy is proud to claim Colorado Springs home after a long stint as a pop star living the Hollywood dream. She is a Billboard-charted recording artist signed to Hollywood Records, Walt Disney Corporation's own record label. Her voice can be heard in the soundtracks to *Bowfinger*, *The Parent Trap*, *The Wedding Planner*, *102 Dalmatians*, and *Pokemon 2000*. In her years with Hollywood Records, she toured with such artists as Britney Spears, Mandy Moore, and Christina Aguilera. She also starred in numerous movies and television shows including her own Buena Vista Television sitcom, *Nobody's Angel* also doing guest spots for the ABC sitcom *Boy Meets World* and the Disney movie *Model Behavior* with Justin Timberlake. Now, with her amazing husband Tim and their two sons, Amy Sue continues to live out her dream of performing with world class artists, performers and musicians here in Colorado Springs with the Colorado Springs Philharmonic, the Colorado Festival of World Theatre and the Broadmoor Pops Orchestra under Ken Miller. This past year she had the great pleasure of performing a pops concert with Thomas Wilson and Chris Lawson for Oregon's Sunriver Music Festival. In 2006, The Denver Post nominated Amy Sue for Best Actress in a musical for her portrayal of Mabel in the *Pirates of Penzance*. Her portrayal of Roxie Hart in *Chicago* for the REP at the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center earned her two honors, the Gazette's Best Performance in a Musical Award and the Pikes Peak Arts Council's Award for Best Actress. Amy Sue earned a degree in music education from the University of Illinois - Champaign/Urbana where she was awarded a full talent scholarship.

About The Colorado Springs School (CSS)

CSS offers an experiential educational curriculum for preschool – 12th graders. Through superior academics and mentoring, The Colorado Springs School prepares students to think independently and to meet the needs of a dynamic world with leadership, ingenuity, problem-solving skills, and personal integrity.



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