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THE COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOOL PRESENTS MARGARET MILLER AND FRIENDS AS THE THURSDAY NIGHT RECITAL SERIES BRINGS THE NEW YEAR INTO HIGH GEAR

Colorado Springs, Colo. – The Colorado Springs School's (CSS) seventh season of the Thursday Night Recital Series continues in the Louisa Performing Arts Center on January 10th with ***Margaret Miller and Friends***. The chamber music performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will feature the renowned violist, Margaret Miller with musical friends, flutist Paul Nagem, violinist Jeri Jorgensen and pianists Mark Arnest and Sara McDaniel. The program will display all aspects of the viola while providing a tour through five eras of musical history with selections by Telemann, Devienne, Brahms, Bax and Martinu.

Not only are the performers close friends, but they are also among the *Who's Who* of classical music in the region.

"Margaret is a superb partner for chamber music. She has that quality that distinguishes a fine chamber musician: the ability and willingness to make the other player look good," says Jeri Jorgensen.

Tickets are \$15 and \$10 for students and senior citizens. To purchase or for additional information call 475-9747, ext. 510 or sallen@css.org.

The CSS Visiting Artist Program will showcase the visual works of Mark Brasuell in the Gallery in Louisa on the night of the Thursday Night Recital Series. The Thursday Night Recital Series and the Visiting Artist Program are a part of collaborative artistic outreach which enrich student study, support the local arts scene and welcome the community and neighbors to The Colorado Springs School campus.

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To learn more about CSS and artistic events open to the public, please contact Director of Communications, Jessica James at (719)434-3506 or visit www.css.org.

About Margaret Miller

A native of Detroit, Margaret Miller holds degrees from Indiana University and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee where she was teaching assistant to Jerry Horner, violist of the Fine Arts Quartet. As a member of the Da Vinci Quartet for 18 years, Ms. Miller toured throughout Colorado and the U. S., and recorded for the Naxos American Classics label. Since leaving the DaVinci Quartet in May 2003, Ms. Miller has joined the studio faculties at Colorado State University, Colorado College, Pikes Peak Community College and the Colorado Springs Conservatory. She also maintains a thriving private studio and is a coach for the Colorado Springs Youth Symphony Association. She is a founding board member of the Rocky Mountain Viola Society, and is a judge and clinician for the Pikes Peak Young Composers Competition.

About Jeri Jorgensen

A founding member of the Da Vinci Quartet – an award-winning ensemble that performed nationally and internationally for 24 years and was headquartered here in Colorado Springs. Ms. Jorgensen debuted on the Thursday Night Recital Series last season and will perform in three of our five programs this season. She collaborated with Ms. Miller for 18 years. She is a performance faculty member at Colorado College.

About Paul Nagem

Flutist and principal for the Colorado Springs Philharmonic, Phil is arguably the finest classical musician in the Pikes Peak Region. He is a performance faculty member at Colorado College. He has performed solos for every leading musical organization in the region.

About Sara McDaniel

The heart and soul of her instrument, the piano, in Southern Colorado is a specialist in chamber music and ensemble performance. She has been a soloist for the Chamber Orchestra of the Springs and has her own piano studio. McDaniel is past president of the *Pikes Peak Music Teachers Association* and Colorado's first nominee for *Music Teachers National Association's Teacher of the Year*.

About Mark Arnest

While Mr. Arnest is known principally as the music and art critic for the Gazette, he is a fine pianist and a composer whose works are frequently performed in the region. He has performed in four previous Thursday Night Recital Series concerts.

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About the Thursday Night Recital Series

The Thursday Night Recital Series, nominated and recipient of numerous community awards including Best Classical Musical Small Ensemble – *A Celebration of Debussy* (one of three nominees) and Best Classical Music Solo Performance – Judeth Shay Burns for *La Belle Epoque* (award-winner) at this past September's Pike Peak Arts Council Awards (PPACS). Sponsors for this season's series include **Springs Magazine, KCME-FM-887, and Pianos New & Used**. The Series is presented by The Colorado Springs School with artistic direction provided by David Sckolnik.

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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