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FOR RELEASE

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Odeon Chamber Orchestra to Perform

Free concert on May 31

Bay Chamber Concerts will present the Odeon Chamber Orchestra in a free concert on Sunday, May 31 at 2:30 p.m. at the Rockport Opera House. Along with string orchestra works by Mozart and Dvorak, this concert will feature student performances by the Collins Cove Quintet, the Kraeftig Trio and the Calliope String Quartet. This honorary concert is given in memory of one of Odeon's most dedicated and loving benefactors, Mrs. Eleanor L. Poe Barlow, by her daughter Poesy Barlow.

Repertoire to be performed on Sundays' program includes works of Shostakovich, Moszkowski and Field as well as Piazzolla's riveting Piano Trio "Primavera Portena-Tango." Ástor Pantaleón Piazzolla was an Argentine tango composer and bandoneón player. His oeuvre revolutionized the traditional tango into a new style termed nuevo tango, incorporating elements from jazz and classical music. An excellent bandoneonist, he regularly performed his own compositions with different ensembles. In 1953 Piazzolla entered his Buenos Aires Symphony in a composition contest, and won a grant from the French government to study in Paris with the legendary French composition teacher Nadia Boulanger. Performing the tango for this concert are Josie Davis, violin; Nikolai Renedo, cello and Wilson Bristo, piano.

The Collins Cove Quintet, Kraeftig Trio and Calliope String Quartet are made up of students from the Midcoast who have been studying chamber music over the past year, coached by Kathie and Marc Johnson of Cushing. The Johnsons are well known to Bay Chamber Concerts audiences as the artistic directors of the Next Generation Summer Chamber Music Program. Along with her professional career as a pianist, Kathie teaches piano from her home studio. Marc, having retired as cellist of the world-renowned Vermeer Quartet, is a member of the music faculty at Boston University.

The Odeon Chamber Orchestra also draws its membership from the broader Midcoast area. The orchestra is directed by Gilda Joffe, graduate of The Juilliard School of Music and former first violinist of the Swedish Radio Orchestra under the baton of Esa-Pekka Salonen, and guest artist Mike Reynolds, cellist of the Muir Quartet and artistic director of Bay Chamber Concerts Fall Foliage Adult Chamber

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Music Weekend. The Odeon Chamber Orchestra is unique in format as the ensemble performs without a conductor.

All the Odeon Orchestras perform at least twice a year in concerts free and open to the public, and offers members a variety of musical ensemble opportunities. String musicians interested in joining the Odeon Strings Program for the fall 2009 sessions should contact Gilda Joffe at Bay Chamber Concerts' office or via email to gilda@baychamberconcerts.org. Scholarships are available.

Bay Chamber Concerts is a 501(c) (3) registered non-profit organization. Admission to the Odeon Chamber Orchestra concert is free. For more information call the box office at (207) 236-2823 or visit www.baychamberconcerts.org.

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Date: Sunday, May 31st, 2009 at 2:30 p.m.

Location: Rockport Opera House, 6 Central Street, Rockport, ME 04856

Title: Odeon Chamber Orchestra Spring Concert

Performers: Odeon Chamber Orchestra

Description: Come and listen to the amazing talents of the Odeon Chamber Orchestra. These young musicians will inspire you with their exciting repertoire and high level of artistic performance.

Price: Free.

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