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LAS CRUCES SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA TO PRESENT
"CLASSICS THREE" CONCERTS
Series Features Special Concert in Silver City, NM

The Mimbres Region Arts Council in partnership with the Grant County Community Concert Association is pleased to bring the Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra to the WNMU Fine Arts Center Theatre in Silver City on December 2, 2011.

The Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Maestro Lonnie Klein, presents its third Classics concert series of the season in early December: December 2nd (7:30 p.m.) in the Fine Arts Center Theater on the campus of Western New Mexico University in Silver City. The Classics Three cycle features internationally acclaimed violinist Stefan Jackiw, performing Beethoven's Violin Concerto in D major, Op. 61. The orchestra completes the program with Verdi's Overture to *Nabucco* and Dvořák's Symphony No. 9 in E minor, *From the New World*.

Symphony conductor, Lonnie Klein shares that the "LCSO gives its heart and soul for each performance. My goal is to touch your imagination, and make time stand still for you in the most grand and glorious ways". Lonnie Klein is committed to performing music of our time. Since his appointment, the LCSO has given world premieres of new music especially commissioned for the orchestra. Noted composers include Peter Inness (Scotland), Reinhard Seehafer (Germany), Oliver Payan (Mexico), Steve Chatman (Canada) and American composers Joan Tower, Bill McGlaughlin and Joseph Schwanter. In 2005 and 2007, the LCSO was featured on National Public Radio's Performance Today, which was heard in all 50 states and on Sirius Radio. In June 2006, Klein was invited by Joan Tower to discuss the LCSO performances of her new work *Made in America* at the American Symphony Orchestra Leagues annual conference in Los Angeles.

From his inaugural concert with the Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra at New Mexico State University in October 1999, Music Director Lonnie Klein has led the orchestra to new levels of

artistic excellence, with high audience acclaim, rave reviews and ten consecutive sold-out seasons. Joseph Schwantner, noted American composer, said, "Lonnie's industry and energy knows no bounds and he has propelled the orchestra into an ensemble that possesses great musical integrity and an ability to engage new and challenging music in a manner that is truly exceptional."

Violinist Stefan Jackiw is recognized as one of his generation's most significant artists, captivating audiences with playing that combines poetry and purity with an impeccable technique. Hailed for "talent that's off the scale" (*Washington Post*) Jackiw has appeared with the Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, New York, Philadelphia, and San Francisco symphony orchestras, among others. This past season he toured with the London Philharmonic, appearing in London and Madrid under Yannick Nézet-Séguin, and in Seoul under Vassily Sinaisky. His solo performance with the YouTube Symphony Orchestra at the Sydney Opera House in March was seen live on YouTube by over 30 million people worldwide.

The Sunday Times of London writes: "Stefan Jackiw does not deliver a preconceived interpretation, glazed and showy, but seems to invent it as he goes along. His sound is intimately detailed and apparently delicate, yet easily fills the hall. His technique, of course, is masterful."

Born in Boston in 1985 to physicist parents of Korean and German descent, Stefan Jackiw began playing the violin at the age of four. A graduate of Harvard University and New England Conservatory, he received the prestigious Avery Fisher Career Grant in 2002. An active recitalist and chamber musician, Jackiw's acclaimed debut recording of the Brahms Violin Sonatas is available on the Sony label.

This program is sponsored by Edward Jones Investments/James Edd Hughs of Silver City. Additional sponsors include the Holiday Inn Express Silver City and Silver City Radio. For tickets to the Las Cruces Symphony Orchestra contact the MRAC offices at 1201 Pope Street in Silver City , call 575-538-2505, or visit us online at www.mimbresarts.org or Grant County Community Concert Association at 575-538-5862 or visit www.gconcerts.org.

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