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Building Community Through the Arts

ESO's Guest Artist Master Class Series features violinist Jaime Laredo

Elgin, IL – Violinist, violist and conductor Jaime Laredo hosts the third of four one-on-one coaching seminars as part of the Elgin Symphony Orchestra's Guest Artist Master Class Series Saturday, March 27th from 2-4pm in Community Room A-B-C at the Gail Borden Public Library in downtown Elgin. Mr. Laredo will spend the afternoon coaching Elgin Youth Symphony Orchestra musicians including the Maud Powell String Quartet.

The ESO's Guest Artist Master Class Series provides young musicians one-on-one coaching by professional musicians featured as guest artists at Elgin Symphony Orchestra concerts. The 2009-2010 Series concludes on May 1, 2010 with violinist Jennifer Frautschi. In addition to Jaime Laredo, the series this season has featured clarinetist Carl Topilow and pianist Joyce Yang. The Elgin Symphony Orchestra has presented educational opportunities for students of all ages since its formation in 1951. Over the past six decades the ESO has continued to adapt its programs for the needs of surrounding schools and communities. The support received from corporate sponsors, teachers, students, parents and schools helps continue the growth of the ESO's educational offerings. For more information on the ESO's Education programs, call (847) 888-0404.

Beethoven 7 at the Elgin Symphony Orchestra

Jaime Laredo joins ESO's Concertmaster Isabella Lippi in a dazzling performance of Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante and leads the Elgin Symphony Orchestra in Beethoven's Symphony No. 7! Laredo has stunned audiences as soloist, conductor, recitalist and chamber musician for almost 50 years, inspiring critics to write "In the 1920's it was Yehudi Menuhin; in the 1930's it was Isaac Stern; and last night it was Jaime Laredo."

Performance times are Friday, March 26th at 8:00pm at Schaumburg's Prairie Center for the Arts, and at downtown Elgin's Hemmens Theatre Saturday, March 27th at 8:00pm and Sunday, March 28 at 3:30pm.

For more information, call the ESO Box Office at (847) 888-4000 Monday-Friday, 10am-5pm, or visit www.ElginSymphony.org. To stay up-to-date on all ESO events, visit www.facebook.com/ElginSymphonyOrchestra. Groups of 10 or more qualify for discounted tickets – speak to a Box Office representative for more details.