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I Musici De Montreal To Play The Cal Poly Theatre

I Musici de Montréal Chamber Orchestra has been lauded for its virtuosity and panache. The 16-member orchestra, led by founder Yuli Turovsky, will perform at the Cal Poly Theatre on Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2004 at 8 p.m.

In reviewing an I Musici de Montréal concert, the Washington Post declared, "The flavor was international…the playing terrific…I Musici and Mr. Turovsky proved themselves to be winning, persuasive artists of the highest caliber."

Cal Poly Arts presents I Musici de Montréal with an evening program of Anton Bruckner's "String Quintet in F Major," Ernest Bloch's "Three Jewish Pieces" with conductor Yuli Turovsky as the featured cellist, and Tchaikovsky's "Serenade for Strings in C major, Op.48."

Under the dynamic direction of Maestro Yuli Turovsky, I Musici de Montréal has performed in some of the greatest halls in the world. Public enthusiasm and critical acclaim for the distinctive sound of the orchestra confirm I Musici de Montréal's importance on the world’s musical stage.

I Musici de Montréal performs a vast repertoire extending from the baroque to the contemporary. The orchestra performs over 100 concerts per season throughout the world, including three prestigious series in Montreal, making I Musici de Montréal among the most important touring orchestras in Canada.

I Musici de Montréal has released 41 CDs that are distributed in more than 50 countries around the world. These recordings have won the orchestra and Maestro Turovsky many awards, including a Diapason d’Or for their 1988 recording of Shostakovitch’s "14th Symphony" and a 1992 Penguin Guide Rosette for their "Concerti grossi, opus 6" by Handel.

In December of 1998, the Conseil Québécois de la Musique gave two Opus Awards to the orchestra for Recording Event of the Year and Best Recording/contemporary music for a grouping of works by Gorecki, Pärt and Schnittke.

In 1999, I Musici de Montréal was awarded the Grand Prix des Arts by the Montreal Urban Community for their exceptional contribution to music presentation in and around Montreal.

In August, 2001, BBC Music Magazine named I Musici de Montréal’s recording of Miaskovsky, Schnittke and Denisov their "CD of the Month," calling it a "Russian Tour de Force."

In April, 2002, I Musici was nominated for Canadian Juno Award as Best Classical Album of the Year after having already won a Juno for their recording of Ginistera, Villa-Lobos, and Evangelista. The orchestra’s latest release, "The Modern Cello," has also received rave reviews.

A pre-concert lecture will be held by Cal Poly Music professor Alyson McLamore, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Philips Recital Hall.

Tickets for the performance are $32 & $38, with student discounts available, and may be purchased at the Performing Arts Ticket Office, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. To order by
phone, call (805) 756-2787; to order by fax: (805) 756-6088. Order on-line at www.pacslo.org.

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