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SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2008 AT 3 PM

Spring Counterpoint

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> Lynn Owen, soprano Max Lifchitz, conductor The North/South Chamber Orchestra

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PROGRAM 2

Monday, May 5, 2008 at 8 PM

Cinco De Mayo Celebration

JOSE LEZCANO Tango Overture AWILDA VILLARINI Plena—Bomba **CARLOS CHAVEZ** Canciones Tradicionales del Ecuador

MAX LIFCHITZ Sonetos Sagrados RAFAEL ADAME Mariachi Guitar Concerto

Patricia Caicedo, soprano William Anderson, guitar Max Lifchitz, conductor The North/South Chamber Orchestra

PROGRAM 3

MONDAY, MAY 19, 2008 AT 8 PM

Solos and Ensembles

VICTORIA BOND Sacred Sisters **KENNETH FROELICH** Rewind **ELIZABETH BELL** L'Neiges d'Antan **MAX LIFCHITZ** Yellow Ribbons No. 46 CARLOS SALZEDO Harp and Piano Sonata

> Renée Jolles, violin Susan Jolles, harp Max Lifchitz, piano

PROGRAM 4

TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2008 AT 8 PM Ethnic Echoes

MARY JEANNE VAN APPLEDORN Ayre * HAYG BOYADJIAN

HILARY TANN Shakkei **MAX LIFCHITZ** Intervención

James Pellerite, Native American flute Virginia Shaw, oboe

Claudia Schaer, violin Max Lifchitz, conductor The North/South Chamber Orchestra

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PROGRAM 5

Tuesday, June 17, 2008 at 8 PM **Brush Strokes**

ELEANOR CORY O'Keeffe's Flora **LEI LIANG** Brush Strokes Verdichtungen DOMINIQUE SCHAFER **GREGG WRAMAGE** Symphony No. 1

> Max Lifchitz, conductor The North/South Chamber Orchestra

PROGRAM 6

Tuesday, June 24, 2008 at 3 PM Season Finale

CHRISTOPHER JAMES

Five Sappho Fragments **BINNETTE LIPPER** Circles of Light **CHRISTOPHER DIETZ** Gharra

MAX LIFCHITZ Confrontación Melissa Fogarty, soprano Rita Porfiris, viola

Claudia Knafo, piano Max Lifchitz, conductor The North/South Chamber Orchestra

SPECIAL EVENT

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2008 AT 3 PM

Harold Schiffman at 80

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