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TICKETS NOW ON SALE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CELLO FESTIVAL of CANADA

WINNIPEG - March 8, 2011 – Tickets are now on sale for a festival that will be a first of its kind in Canada.

The International Cello Festival of Canada, presented as a part of the Winnipeg Cultural Capital of Canada celebrations, will take place from **June 15 – 19, 2011**, in locations throughout the city, in locations throughout the city. This exciting, event will gather approximately 40 cellists to participate in a variety of chamber works for cello, in solo recitals and in performance of concertos with the Manitoba Chamber Orchestra and a gala presentation co-produced with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra.

The Winnipeg Cultural Capital of Canada program has teamed up with the Agassiz Music Festival to plan this one-of-a-kind event. Artists from Russia, Switzerland, Sweden, the United States, and China will join Canadian artists, many of whom are from Winnipeg, to take part in the festival. Yegor Djachkov, Denise Djokic, Shauna Rolston, Jian Wang, Natalia Gutman and Frans Helmerson are just a few of the names fans of cello music might recognize.

Ticket information can be found at the Winnipeg Cultural Capital website www.artsforall.ca, McNally Robinson Booksellers, or by calling 475-1779.

Festival Pass: \$109, Seniors \$99, Students \$40

Opening Concert with MCO \$25, Students \$10

(also available online at www.themco.ca)

June 16, 17, 18 evening Cello Suite Concerts \$22, Students \$10

Afternoon concerts \$10 to \$15 - available at the door

Masterclasses and Round Table \$5 - available at the door

Closing concert with WSO \$30, Students \$10

(also available at the WSO box office at (204) 949-3999)