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### **Exciting Times at the Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra**

Orlando, FL. (March 1, 2010) – Exciting things are on the horizon for the Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra. As plans are made for the 2010-2011 season, we have some great news to share with the community.

The FSYO is excited to announce that it will open the 2010-2011 season with world renowned violinist Nadja Salerno Sonnenberg performing with the Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra. Electrifying performances, fearless interpretations and musical depth have established Ms. Salerno-Sonnenberg as one of the leading violinists of our time. She is also the Music Director of the NEW CENTURY Chamber Orchestra.

Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg's professional career began in 1981 when she won the Walter W. Naumburg International Violin Competition. In 1983 she was recognized with an Avery Fisher Career Grant, and in 1988 was Ovation's Debut Recording Artist of the Year. In 1999 she was honored with the prestigious Avery Fisher Prize, awarded to instrumentalists who have demonstrated "outstanding achievement and excellence in music." In May of that same year, Ms. Salerno-Sonnenberg was awarded an honorary Masters of Musical Arts from the New Mexico State University, the first honorary degree the University has ever awarded. An American citizen, Ms. Salerno-Sonnenberg was born in Rome and emigrated to the United States at the age of eight to study at the Curtis Institute of Music. She later studied with Dorothy DeLay at the Julliard School.

The 2010-2011 Opening Concert, featuring Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg, will be held on Sunday, October 17, 2010 at the Bob Carr Performing Arts Center. Tickets will go on sale August 15, 2010, with pricing as follows: FSYO family prices are \$8 for students & seniors and \$16 for adults. Community ticket prices will be \$12.50 for students & seniors and \$25 for adults. All seating will be General Admission, with the doors opening one hour in advance.

The FSYO is also pleased to announce that Music Director and Symphonic Orchestra conductor, Andrew Lane, will be devoting more of his time to advancing the music education programs that the FSYO provides, now that he has stepped down from his duties with the

Orlando Philharmonic. Maestro Lane has been a driving force in music education in the community for more than 10 years and is well known for his programming of interactive, engaging, fun, educational concerts, such as the Orlando Philharmonic's Darden Family Concerts and Young People's Concerts. Based on those concepts, the FSYO debuted its ***Journey to Genius*** concert this season, providing an interactive, family friendly concert designed to inspire young musicians. As Music Director, Mr. Lane is looking forward to growing the 53 year tradition of providing a quality music education experience for the students & families in Central Florida.

For more information, please visit our website [www.fsyo.org](http://www.fsyo.org) or call the FSYO office at 407.999.7800.

Established in 1957, the Florida Symphony Youth Orchestra sponsors music education training orchestras for young talented musicians. Comprised of four ensembles (Symphonic Orchestra, Philharmonia Orchestra, Prelude Orchestra, Overture Strings), the youth orchestra trains over 200 students from eight Central Florida counties, with musicians from third grade through 2<sup>nd</sup> year of college. For more information, please visit [www.fsyo.org](http://www.fsyo.org).

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