



## NEWS Release

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### **Celebrate a City of Dreams and Dreamers**

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – The Capital City of the American South, Montgomery, Alabama, has always been fertile ground where grand dreams could, through talent, tenacity and teamwork, become reality.

During the winter of 2006, a group of friends gathered around a coffee table; discussed a shared dream of drawing new audiences into the world of classical chamber music; and orchestrated ClefWorks, a nonprofit organization that combines traditional and modern compositions with casual attire, interesting performance venues while often incorporating other art forms such as visual arts and dance.

Dubbed *Dream On*, the third major concert event will span from January 21-31, 2009 and encompass public performances, educational opportunities and outreach programs. At the heart of each program will be a celebration of the host city's storied history and visions for a vibrant future. Events will capture the dreams of the past that sparked momentous events, and dreams for the future that carry Montgomery to a place of prominence on the national stage.

Highlights of the Dream On 2009 season include a Children's Concert and a performance of an original work created by the winner of the 2008 ClefWorks Composition Competition.

Youngsters attending the Children's Concert touch musical instruments that might in the past have been "hands-off," interact with world-class musicians in a comfortable, casual setting, and find music fun and inviting. By involving children in the creative process, ClefWorks hopes to ignite a spark of lifelong appreciation and perhaps even passion for music.

The ClefWorks Composition Competition is a prestigious event that attracts talented composers from around the world. The event is designed to encourage the creation of original works for chamber music ensembles and to enable a new collaboration between performers and composers.

ClefWorks and the judges from the Penderecki String Quartet are pleased to award the first prize of the 2008 ClefWorks Composition Competition to Scott Robbins from Spartanburg, S.C., for his work "Quartet for Violin, Viola, Cello, and Piano (1999/2008)". Robbins will be present in January for a performance of his original work, which ClefWorks concert-goers will be the first in the world to hear.

For more information about the *Dream On 2009* concert series, please visit [www.clefworks.org](http://www.clefworks.org).

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