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Dream On 2009 ClefWorks announces January Concert Details

MONTGOMERY, AL – *ClefWorks*, Montgomery's new chamber music group, starts the New Year with two distinctly different performances scheduled for January 29 and 31 in the recently renovated downtown space of 129 Coosa, as well as a free Children's Concert at First Baptist Church, also on Jan. 31.

The ClefWorks Dream On 2009 event is a full music festival that begins Jan. 21 and continues through Jan. 31 and includes a number of educational and outreach activities. This is the first full ClefWorks festival since the "Premiere Season", which was held August 2007. In the interim, ClefWorks patrons enjoyed the "Stay Tuned" mini-event with two concerts in August 2008. Performances for the new season will include classical favorites mixed with jazz and some new music.

Thursday's "Dance and Romance" Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. and features, among others, Piazolla's *Le Grand Tango*, Adams' *Rag the Bone*, Slavonic and Hungarian dances by Brahms and Dvorak and a piano quartet by Schumann. Concertgoers can start their night of romance early by dining in downtown restaurants offering special treats for *ClefWorks* patrons. Visit www.clefworks.org for more information.

Saturday evening's concert also is set for 7:30 p.m., when audience members will "Celebrate Montgomery" with friends, a little Gershwin, *ClefWorks* award winning composer Scott Robbins and the melodies of *American* by Dvorak. The performance will incorporate photography by Robert Fouts, allowing patrons to *Touch the Music and Hear the Art* as they enjoy selected scenes from Montgomery's past and present. Blue jeans are the night's suggested attire as concertgoers enjoy music, downtown fun and the excitement of the new alleyway project.

Players for the January 29 and 31 performances include returning Montgomery Symphony Orchestra violin fellows Andy Simionescu and Ben Sung, along with former cello fellow Hrant Parsamian. Other world-class performers are John Pickford Richards from the Alarm Will Sound ensemble; August concert favorite, pianist Xak Bjerken; and Kevin Manderville. Tickets go on sale at Brewbaker Motors and the Junior League of Montgomery beginning today. For more ticket information, please visit www.clefworks.org.

The free Saturday morning Children's Concert is open to youngsters ages pre-K through elementary school, and provides a chance for them to participate and create through a variety of hands-on activities exploring musical instruments, composition, and musical performance. In addition, there will be artwork on

display created by students in Montgomery and River Region schools, participating in the *ClefWorks Celebrate Montgomery!* art contest. This Children's Concert begins at 10 a.m. at First Baptist Church, located at 305 S. Perry Street.